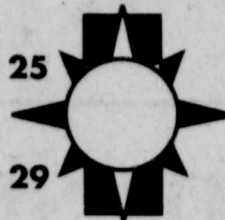


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**Scared of His Own Shadow?**  
Prairie Dog Pete "tests the waters" Monday before he gives his final prediction on spring's beginning.

## Pete: Lubbock's own little forecaster

By Laura Hensley  
Staff Writer

**I**n the cold winter morning haze, the small prairie dog town eases alive. Prairie Dog Pete sticks his head out of his hole to make his weather prediction.

Most of the time people rely upon a trained weatherman to offer the forecast, but today many people look to another source to get the news.

Groundhog's Day is a yearly tradition when wildlife gets a chance to become weathermen and the world watches and waits to find out if winter is over or if

spring is just around the corner. Most meteorologists do not heed the Groundhog Day predictions. Arthur Doggett, Texas Tech atmospheric science professor says the day is purely fun.

"I don't put much faith in it," Doggett said. "I wouldn't make any sound predictions based on it."

Doggett said Lubbock has seen a fairly mild winter and he says conditions will probably remain the same.

"I don't know if my guess is any better than the groundhog's, but we will probably see an early spring this year," Doggett said.

The famed Punxsutawney Phil in Gobbler's Knob, Pa., receives national attention each year as thousands of people gather to observe whether or not he will see his shadow.

Groundhog Day derived from a

Roman and German tradition called Candlemas Day. On this day it was determined if any animal came out of its underground hibernation on that day, and the sun was out, there would be six more weeks of winter.

In 1887, a group gathered in Philadelphia to record the first Groundhog Day and has the tradition has exploded.

The day is even celebrated locally with Lubbock's own Prairie Dog Pete.

Prairie Dog Pete may not be quite as famous as his counterpart in Philadelphia, but over the past few years his fame has grown locally. Many local news weather teams report his yearly awakening no matter how irrelevant to the actual weather it may be.

"There are always crews out filming it," said Roger Freeman, Lubbock

parks maintenance supervisor. "As far as our involvement with it, we don't go out there to check it they came out of their holes."

Freeman said the main prairie dog town in Lubbock is located off of Municipal Drive in the Mackenzie State Park near Meadowbrook Golf course. He said the town covers about four acres of land as is an attraction throughout the year.

"There is someone out looking at them every time I pass by," he said. "You can just go look at them, and they will look at you. You can throw some food, and they will come eat it. I guess they are pretty cute."

**"... we will probably see an early spring this year."**  
Arthur Doggett  
Tech atmospheric science professor

## Thousands without power in Panhandle

PANHANDLE (AP) — Police officers and volunteers trekked through the snow Monday, delivering food and firewood to many of this town's 2,000 residents left without power following paralyzing ice storms this weekend.

Southwestern Public Service officials said thousands are still without power in northwest Texas, and some rural areas may not have power restored until Friday.

"This is the worst storm damage we've had since 1978," said SPS Spokesman Ken Vaughn. "We've had a severe problem with ice and wind. There is one 25 mile stretch of power lines down. That kind of damage can take a long time to repair."

In several areas, power lines collected ice, gained weight and began to waver in the wind at such high speeds that many of the supporting poles snapped like twigs. Weekend temperatures in the Panhandle area dipped into the lower teens, but rose into the 40s Monday.

Panhandle is about 50 miles northeast of Amarillo. Also without power were the tiny towns of Groom and Claude, both about 40 miles east of Amarillo.

While SPS works to restore power, police in the three communities headed efforts to make sure residents were surviving the cold weather.

"We've knocked on the door of every single resident to make sure everyone is coping with the weather and has what they need to last for several days," said Panhandle Police Chief Jeff Oldham. "We also have a shelter set up, but we've only had between four and 10 people stop by. We get the impression that people are in good shape."

Jesse Hartford, whose house has been without power since Sunday, said his family has acclimated well to the situation.

"We've been cooking food in the fireplace and I guess we'll do that until the power is back on," said Hartford, the father of an 8-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl. "The kids are loving it. It is getting a little cold in here though."

Other residents said they weren't faring so well without power.

"We weren't really prepared so it's a real inconvenience," said Maggie Piper. "I've just been trying to read books and play solitaire."

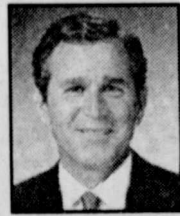
To repair the damage done to power lines throughout northwest Texas, SPS in Lubbock and New Mexico have sent workers to assist.

But repair efforts were hindered in some areas by, of all things, the rising temperatures.

"The melting snow is turning a lot of snow into water and that is causing a lot of mud to form, keeping repair trucks from being able to reach some areas," Vaughn said.

## Three parental rights bills get Bush's praise

By Christi Biddy  
Staff Writer



Bush

In his State of the State Address on Wednesday, Gov. George W. Bush said passing parental involvement legislation would be a top priority for his office during the new legislative session.

The three bills Bush supports involve one parental consent bill and two parental notification bills.

The parental consent bill, authored by Sen. Jane Nelson, will require either the permission of one parent, authorization from a judge or an existing immediate medical emergency before an abortion will be performed on a minor.

The bill was passed on the committee floor during the last session of legislation but was killed on the Senate floor on a technical point of how the bill was written.

The parental notification bills, authored by Sen. Florence Shapiro and Rep. Dianne Delisi, would require the notification of at least one parent of a minor having an abortion.

Planned Parenthood, however,

This is the first time both bills have received full consideration by both bodies of state officials.

Matt Matthews, chief of staff for Sen. Shapiro, said most parents are not even aware they currently do not have the right of notification.

Matthews also said he is pleased Gov. Bush is behind the bills.

"Gov. Bush was behind them during the last session, and they passed in the Senate," he said. "This year we also have a lot of support from the lieutenant governor and a majority from the House and Senate."

Planned Parenthood, however,

does not support the bills.

Pam Smallwood, education director of Planned Parenthood in Waco, believes in parental involvement but does not think the solution is in legislation.

"Of course we want minors to talk to their parents about any important decisions," Smallwood said. "However, we are against using legislation to force parents into the picture."

Smallwood said 75 percent of teens already include their parents in abortion decisions.

"The other 25 percent of teens are in overwhelming situations

anyways," she said. "Those kids are already desperate and in more distressing situations."

One of the concerns Smallwood expressed is if the legislation was passed, the minors with no parents to turn to would go to other states to have the abortions performed.

Smallwood was especially concerned that desperate minors might go across the border to have an abortion.

"The frightening thing is that some will go to Mexico, where it is easy but not always safe," Smallwood said.

### Abortion Bills

**1. PARENTAL CONSENT BILL:** would require permission of parent, authorization from judge or an existing immediate medical emergency before an abortion will be performed on a minor.

**2 & 3. PARENT NOTIFICATION BILLS:** would require the notification of at least one parent of a minor having an abortion.

## Tech medical chapters ask HSC senators for funding

By Greg Okuhara  
Staff Writer

Several School of Medicine student associations met Monday before the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Student Senate to apply for funding for state and national conventions.

The Tech chapter of the American Medical Students Association sought \$2,800 to send members to the national convention in Chicago. A debate ensued about the possible funding for the trip. Finally, the Senate voted to allow

\$1,000 to the AMSA for their trip. Kirk Grynwald, president of the HSC Student Senate, laid the Senate exists to provide a liaison between the students of each school as well as administration.

"The Student Senate is an organization that was formed in order to bolster communication between typically very separated schools, such as School of Nursing, School of Medicine and Allied Health," Grynwald said. "And here at Texas Tech, we have to communicate."

In addition to providing funding for various student organizations, the

Senate also is involved in the community.

"I've seen the development of community service projects," Grynwald said. "It's also developed a deep sense of leadership in the school and a forum of communication between the faculty and students."

Margaret Duran, assistant director for Student Services, also acts as the Senate adviser, said she is impressed with job the Senate is doing.

"I think they're doing a great job," she said. "I think they're doing a great job," she said. "I think they're doing a great job," she said.

## Team to try to keep streak

By J.D. Boswell  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Meats Judging Team will try for two straight victories when they compete in Fort Worth Saturday.

The team received first place for overall contest at the National Western Intercollegiate Meats Judging Competition in Greeley, Co., Jan. 17.

"It was a great win, and we definitely needed it," said coach Clint Alexander.

Eight teams competed in the contest with a total of 73 contestants. Holly Reich, Keri Shafer and Joe David Lehmborg all finished in the top five. Wes Hedellesten received the highest score in the contest but because of eligibility rules concerning

junior college transfers, was not allowed to be included in the final, four person team.

"He has to sit out for two contests but will then be fully eligible," said coach Mark Miller. "He deserves the recognition."

A plaque for winning the total beef division was retired to Tech from the American Hereford Association because they have received first place in the section three times. It will be permanently displayed in the Meat Laboratory.

Other Big 12 school finishes were Kansas State in second place, Oklahoma State in third, Texas A&M in fifth and the University of Nebraska got the eighth and final spot.

The students travel to Plainview today where they will prepare for the

upcoming competition. The team will practice at the Excel Meat Processors Plant until Friday when they leave for Fort Worth.

"If they work as hard as they did they should win," Miller said. "If everything goes our way."

Meat judging contests help teach students evaluation, selection and grading of beef, pork, lamb and veal products, as well as exposure to the meat industry for those seeking a career in the agricultural science and business industry.

"We evaluate dead animals," Alexander said.

In addition to the Fort Worth competition, the team will travel to Houston on Feb. 27.

"We have a deep and talented team," Miller said.

# Program set to send students abroad

By Lisa Marie Lachmann  
Staff Writer

The American Institute for Foreign Study is sponsoring students for study abroad.

Summer Winn, a senior international business and marketing major from Plano, studied in England for a spring semester.

The purpose of the AIFS International Scholarship is to promote international understanding through study abroad programs.

Students first apply for the program's scholarships. Those apply-

ing must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be involved in extracurricular activities focused on multicultural issues. An essay must also be submitted about "Why study abroad is beneficial to the American student."

Being an international business major, Winn said in her essay what she thought she would learn and gain from the trip. Winn also is a member of the Marketing Association, Alpha Phi and the ambassador for the College of Business Administration. With all of her requirements, she also had recommendations to help her apply.

Phillip Musa, lecturer for business

administration, said Winn is an exceptionally good student.

"I felt she exhibited the interest to help elevate herself and others to build a bright future, and she is an excellent student," Musa said.

Musa commented on her excellent student qualities and felt compelled to recommend her.

"I don't give recommendations to just anyone," Musa said.

Winn studied in England from January to May at the American International University in London.

The dorms were old hotels that were located on campus with a cafeteria in the center. The dorm was filled with AIFS students from all over the United States.

"My roommate (from California) liked it so much she came back,"

Winn said.

Student loans, saved money and the money from the scholarship helped Winn to pay for tuition.

"I did it all by myself," Winn said. Winn describes the diverse culture in Europe to be better.

"Music and dancing is much better, plus I traveled to Paris and Amsterdam on the weekends," Winn said. "I recommend the program to everyone I talk to, anyone can afford it."

Winn said she is more open-minded about other people and cultures after traveling with the program.

## HSC Senate getting stronger

HSC from page 1

job," Duran said. "I've been here since 1997, and they have grown tremendously in that area as professionals and leaders."

Duran credits their recent success to this year's group of executive officers.

"They've gotten tremendously stronger in comparison to last year's Senate," Duran said. "This year's Senate and the executive officers have actually gotten together to build a stronger organization."

Grynwald said through tighter organization, the Senate's voice is louder in the School of Medicine.

"It's been my impression that our respectability has increased with the administration," Grynwald said.

The Senate also passed resolutions to provide funds to the Emergency Medicine Student Association and the Texas Tech Nursing Students Association can send representatives to their respective state conventions.

# Clinton budget includes billions for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dollars for Texas add up rapidly when President Clinton's fiscal 2000 budget is examined line by line. Billions are earmarked for weapons and space programs with Texas ties, millions more for lakes and buses, wildlife refuges and highways.

The yearly budget dance, which kicked off Monday with the president's \$1.77 trillion budget submission, won't end until Congress has put its own stamp on the process months from now. But the ritual is of keen importance to Texas, which received nearly \$90 billion in direct federal payments in 1997, the most recent year for which figures are avail-

able.

A large chunk of the budget, the \$261 billion defense blueprint, is of particular interest to defense-rich Texas. The North Texas-based defense contractors who manufacture the F-16, F-22 and V-22 Osprey, in particular, would benefit.

Under the defense outline, production of the V-22, manufactured in part by Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth, would be accelerated, hitting its 30-a-year peak a year earlier than planned, in 2003.

The budget, which includes 10 V-22s next year, also would revive purchases of Lockheed Martin's F-16 fighter, going from one copy this year to 10 next year. And Lockheed

Martin's F-22 program would receive a \$3 billion boost next year, with a portion of the advanced tactical fighter being built in Fort Worth.

The defense budget holds out the promise of the largest pay raise for military personnel in nearly two decades. Seeking to reverse attrition in the ranks, the Pentagon is proposing a 4.4 percent across-the-board military pay raise, improved retirement benefits and enlistment bonuses.

Clinton also renewed his call for Congress to authorize new rounds of military base closings in 2001 and 2005 — a development sure to raise concerns for the defenders of Texas' many bases. Lawmakers have refused the administration's earlier re-

quests for additional base closures, still smarting over what Republicans view as improper White House interference in the 1995 round.

Just as the White House and Congress may diverge on base closings, they are sure to disagree on numerous other budget priorities — chiefly the issue of tax cuts. Republicans are determined to use part of next year's anticipated \$117 billion budget surplus to provide tax relief. But Clinton's budget was silent on across-the-board tax cuts.

"Out of \$4 trillion in projected surpluses over the next 15 years, the president can't find one penny for tax cuts," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving.

But the House's third-ranking Democrat, Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, praised Clinton for submitting a budget that "maintains fiscal discipline."

The budget spells out funding for a slew of Texas-related projects, including:

\$2.3 billion for continued development of the international space station, which is managed at the Johnson Space Center near Houston.

Nearly \$258 million from the Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance of Texas lakes and waterways, including \$60 million to continue the widening of the Houston Ship Channel.



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## Students receive job experience

By Tara Nishimura  
Staff Writer

Since its beginning last semester, Texas Tech's student public relations group, Raider Communications, has served the School of Mass Communications. Now the group looks toward establishing a firm base at Tech and within the community.

"We're trying to establish ourselves as a definite fixture in mass communications and later in the community," said Leah McGaughy, a senior public relations major and president of Raider Communications.

Raider Communications accepts volunteers but mainly counts as course credit, so every semester the staff changes.

"Being that the staff changes every semester, we're not stuck in a rut," said Mallory Sims, a senior public relations major and vice president of Raider Communications. "We are going to pass on what we have done to the next group."

Raider Communications first, and right now their only client, is Tech's School of Mass Communications.

"We want the community to know what the School of Mass Com-

munications is doing," Sims said.

"With the accreditation thing, our first priority is the School of Mass Communications."

Raider Communications started last semester with a three person staff and this semester increased their staff to seven people.

"We don't want to take on more than we can handle, we're building our staff right now, and we're getting an increase in our work load," Sims said.

McGaughy said Raider Communications is interested in new accounts but must set a sound foundation first.

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# Time Warner and AT&T link together for cable TV

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Corp. joined with Time Warner Inc. on Monday in its drive to use cable TV wires to provide one-stop shopping for television, telephone and Internet service.

The two companies announced a deal to offer local and long-distance telephone service, cable TV and high-speed Internet access over Time Warner's cable systems in 33 states.

Combined with earlier moves — notably AT&T's purchase of cable TV company Tele-Communications Inc. — the deal will al-

low AT&T to offer these services to 40 percent of U.S. households, or 35 million homes, within five years, the companies said.

It also marks another big step by AT&T back into the business of local phone service, which it left after being broken up by the government in 1984.

AT&T and Time Warner will form a joint venture, which will begin offering the new service in one or two cities by the end of 1999.

It will begin broader commercial operations next year.

Customers will pay about 20

percent less for the venture's package of long-distance

and local phone service than what other vendors could potentially offer, AT&T chief executive C. Michael Armstrong told industry analysts Monday.

"We will be the low-cost provider compared to any other way to deliver these services and we will be putting together more

bundles on top of what we're announcing today," Armstrong said.

While AT&T's moves are among the most ambitious, it will face some major competitors.

Big cable companies, such as Cox Communications, are also starting to offer local phone service over their cable lines.

Satellite television companies such as DirecTV are partnering with regional phone

companies to provide a bundle of similar services. Numerous high-tech companies are developing technologies to offer phone service over the Internet.

Nonetheless, shares of Monday's dealmakers rose on the news. AT&T was up \$3 to \$93.75 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Time Warner was up \$1.37 1/2 to \$68.87 1/2.

AT&T will own slightly more than three-quarters of the joint venture and Time Warner the rest. AT&T estimates it will spend \$600 million on the venture in the first two years. In addition, it

will spend between \$300 and \$500 to equip each home to handle telephone services over cable lines.

Time Warner will get monthly fees from the venture ranging from \$1.50 to \$6 per home over six years. The companies expect the arrangement to generate annual sales of \$4 billion after three years.

AT&T has been spending furiously to break into the \$110 billion local phone market, while its share of the long-distance business is slipping to rivals like MCI Worldcom and Sprint.

## Pediatrician gets charges dropped

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Prosecutors on Monday withdrew a second-degree murder charge against a veteran pediatrician accused of blocking an infant's breathing after the 3-day-old boy was declared brain dead.

The decision to drop charges against Dr. Eugene Turner came just as his trial was to begin and prompted a burst of cheers and applause from his supporters in the crowded courtroom.

Turner, 62, could hardly speak through his tears. Turner always believed "he did everything he could to save the life of Conor McInerney on Jan. 12 of last year," said defense attorney Jeff Robinson. "And he was right, and we think the decision today bears that out."

There was no evidence the baby's death was caused by "any criminal or even negligent act by any other human being," said the motion for dismissal filed by prosecutor Jim Townsend and approved by a judge.

The baby's parents, Martin and Michelle McInerney, will proceed with a \$1.5 million lawsuit against the hospital, their attorney said in a telephone interview. They were not in court.

The couple "are going to be haunted forever by the image of what Dr. Turner did while he was alone with

Conor that night," said lawyer Matthew Knopp.

The charge can be refiled if new evidence surfaces, but such a decision would have to be made fairly quickly — within the next two weeks, said Snohomish County Prosecutor Jim Krider.

Turner was accused of stopping Conor's breathing with his hand on Jan. 12, 1998.

The infant was declared dead twice after he stopped breathing at home and was brought to the Olympic Memorial Hospital emergency room by ambulance.

Turner said the breathing he stopped was reflexive "agonal breathing" that is a sign of imminent death — and said the infant was already brain dead.

Some experts and hospital staff — and the boy's parents — disagreed. But a trial would not resolve that disagreement, prosecutors concluded.

Turner still faces a May hearing before the state Medical Quality Assurance Commission for alleged unprofessional conduct in the baby's death.

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## Tejano bandmembers killed, injured

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Two members of the Tejano music group Intocable and their manager were killed and four injured Sunday when their vehicle skidded off a highway and crashed.

Jesus Garcia Flores, regional commander of the Federal Highway Police, told reporters here the crash occurred on the highway from the border city of Reynosa to Monterrey, the capital of northern Nuevo Leon state.

The band's business manager, Nikki Sandoval of Zapata, Texas, said those killed were Jose Angel "Pepe" Farias, 23, of Monterrey, the band's on-stage master of ceremonies; Jose Angel Gonzalez of Houston, the band's road manager; and Silvestre Rodriguez Jr., 28, of McAllen, the

bass player.

Garcia had said earlier two victims he identified only as Luis Garcia Delgado, 25, and Silvestre Rodriguez, 26, died instantly. A third, Jose Angel Gonzalez, died in an ambulance on the way to hospital, he said. Sandoval said she had "no idea" where police got the name of Luis Garcia Delgado.

Sandoval said 23-year-old bandleader and accordionist Ricky Munoz Solis; 26-year-old drummer Rene Martinez Santos, 24-year-old congo player Sergio Serna and 23-year-old bass player Danny Sanchez were taken to San Jose Hospital in Monterrey for treatment of multiple injuries.

The group was traveling to the Monterrey airport in two vehicles Sunday morning to catch a flight to

Mexico City for a concert that night, she said.

"They had just played in McAllen on Saturday. It was the band's first show this year. They had been off the entire month of January," Sandoval told the San Antonio Express-News.

One of two Chevrolet Suburbans the musicians were riding in was speeding at the time of the crash, which occurred halfway between the towns of Los Ramones and General Bravo, Federal Highway Police Lt. Jose Trevino told the Laredo Morning Times. The truck was going more than 68 mph, Trevino told the newspaper.

Sandoval said the truck blew a tire just outside Monterrey, causing the driver to lose control and veer off the

road.

The families of the band members had been notified, and officials were working to transport the bodies back to the United States, Sandoval said.

Founded in 1993, Intocable, whose name translates as "Untouchable," blew onto the Tejano scene from its Zapata hometown with a rough but solid Tejano norteno sound and scored quickly with the hits "Besos Sin Condicion" and the bluesy bolero "La Mentira."

The band's latest CD "Intocable," and a single from it, "Amor Maldito," were on Billboard Latin charts before dropping off late last year.

## Earthquake leaves city in shambles

ARMENIA, Colombia (AP) — Empty coffins were piled high in the stands Sunday of the local basketball arena that served as a makeshift morgue for victims of last week's devastating earthquake. The floor, which had received hundreds of corpses in previous days, was now clear.

Outside, a woman who had just identified her husband's remains sat on a curb weeping into a handkerchief.

With the arrival of bodies slowing to a trickle, exhausted morgue workers — many of whom had identified friends, relatives and co-workers — could finally take stock of a trying week at grief's epicenter.

Luz Patricia Rojas, who lowered a surgical mask to speak through a

thick, lingering stench, said she had recognized one dead co-worker by his mustache and distinctively plump hands.

Rojas, a morgue worker, said she was overwhelmed on the first night of the tragedy and had to go for a walk to collect herself. "I cried and cried and cried," she said.

She also recalled examining a mother and baby who arrived locked in a tight embrace. Rojas imitated the scene by cradling an imaginary child in her hands, sheathed in rubber surgical gloves.

On the night the earthquake struck, the basketball court was filled with up to 300 bodies at a time. Two-thirds of the nearly 1,000 people killed in Colombia's earthquake arrived there.

Now, a humming refrigerator truck keeps cool the handful of black plastic bags that contain the remaining unidentified victims of the magnitude-6 earthquake, which ravaged a coffee-growing area of western Colombia on Jan. 25.

Symbolic of a poorly managed relief operation, the 200 empty coffins in the Quindio state university arena had arrived after most of the dead had already been buried.

Because the coffins sat unnoticed for several days in a warehouse, many grieving relatives were forced to bury their dead in plastic bags.

For many morgue workers, getting flooded with corpses for the first few days was the hardest.

Not for Rojas.

"It's harder now because the cadavers arrive in a highly decomposed state or even dismembered," she said. "Now we're getting hands and sections of bodies."

## Lions attack refugees

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Lions attacked a refugee camp for famine victims in western Somalia, killing at least four people and wounding several others, an elder said Monday.

The attack occurred Sunday in the village of El-Bardhe near the border with Ethiopia, 250 miles northwest of Mogadishu, Ugas Abdi Ugas Hussein Ugas Khalif said by radio from the village.

He identified the victims as a woman, her daughter and two el-

derly men. He did not know exactly how many people were wounded.

Khalif said a large group of people who were moving towards Ethiopia in search of food scattered after the attack, and he feared many more would be killed by the lions.

Ali Meris Mohamed, a sub-clan elder, told reporters in Mogadishu on Monday that an estimated 4,000 people were on the move in that region in search of food and water.

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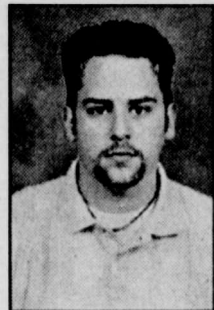
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# VIEWPOINTS

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

## Bears perfect rival for Red Raiders



Brandon Formby  
Columnist

Every now and then, in the middle of a crisis, some higher power tends to step in and send a message.

After my unpredictable car left me stranded in Waco during an impromptu weekend road trip, I had such an epiphany.

In the middle of my hectic situation, I realized that a higher power was trying to tell me something. And, my fellow Raiders, I have returned to spread the word.

Texas Tech University, what is seemingly the red-headed step child of the Lone Star state, is missing something that could very well allow us to move into the forefront of the Big 12 spotlight.

Sure, we have the Horizon Campaign and the Master Plan. What we do not

have, however, is something very important to college life. Something that every other college seems to have.

Something we have been searching for since the beginning of our existence. We need a rival.

Oh sure, we hate A&M. But who doesn't? People tend to hate what they do not understand. But we should let UT keep that one.

A&M, the white-bred, conservative university built on the very word "tradition," is a perfect match for UT, the diverse, left-wing university built on civil rights and open-mindedness.

Instead, it is time we focus our attention on a more worthy opponent — a school without a major rival itself. A university we could hate with a passion — and that would actually hate us back.

And that school, I tell you, is Baylor University. Besides the fact that we both need major rivals, we are as different as night and day in every way, shape and form.

Red Raiders tend to stumble out of bed around 10 a.m. when the campus finally begins to show signs of life.

At Baylor, the campus is bustling by 8 a.m. as everyone rushes to class. Our most visible article of clothing is a Señor Frog's T-shirt from last year's Spring Break. Their article of clothing is an Abercrombie sweater from this year's spring line. We wear sweat pants and ratty jeans. They sport freshly ironed khakis.

Let's look at location. Baylor is bordered by Interstate 35, giving the Bears direct access to cities such as Dallas, Aus-

tin and San Antonio. We are bordered by dirt, giving us direct access to well, dirt.

Extracurricular activities? Well, when we say we're going to the Library it means a night of drinking, dancing and wet T-shirt contests. In Waco, it means you're actually going to study. Here, the honors kids are mythical creatures that live on the mysterious honors floors, while those who party make up the mainstream of campus society.

In Waco, everyone is studious, while those with a preference for partying stick out. Imagine if we had some sort of Billy Madison-esque decathlon.

Sure they'd kill us when it came to categories like "How to Run a University Effectively," "Fraternity Activities that Won't Get You Kicked Off-Campus" and "Pre-Class Hygiene."

But, we would tear it up when it came to "Not Asking Daddy for Help," "Life without a Credit Card" and "How Not to Dress Like Everyone Else."

Plus, it seems as though Baylor may have already declared war on us.

Every year, one of its fraternities gives one of its pledges a one-way plane ticket to Lubbock and five dollars.

Then the pledge must find his own way back to Waco. If that doesn't say they think we suck, I don't know what does.

If Baylor is the organized, wholesome university based on morals and ethics, who better to rival them than Tech, the disheveled, bad seed university based on blind ideals and chaotic plans?

Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from Plano.



## Real world fears are reality for many students

Entering the REAL WORLD is a difficult challenge, but it's something we all have to prepare for sooner or later.

The whole reason we go to school (except for those who are forced by their parents) is to get an education and hopefully make it into an upper echelon of that success ladder.

Living comfortably in the REAL WORLD almost always requires a good, strong education, among other things.

I do realize there are exceptions to the rule.

It seems to me though many people are scared to do this — enter the real world.

In some ways, I am one of those people.

We're wrapping up our final semester(s) of college, still with a part-time job, still living in this veritable ghost town, wondering how we're going to succeed, if we'll remain stuck here in the quicksand-like qualities of Lubbock, and if we'll have enough money to get us started.

Once out of college, our real life will begin, for the most of us, unless we make our high school job a career.

Technically, we're adults now with few responsibilities, but once educated we now have the tools to be totally independent — not having to borrow money from our parents or go over to their house for dinner since you spent all your grocery budget on beer and squeezable yogurt (a totally new product introduced to the market just this weekend at your local convenience store).

Our lives will now cease to be as comfortable as you had once been accustomed.

Comfort is the key to all illusion and unhappiness.

Getting too settled in a place, a relationship or a career to the point where the reason why one stays with the humdrum is because they have forgotten how it is to live and have fun.

Of course, they reply "We still have fun" all the while drinking their non-alcohol beer, playing croquet with

the neighbors and watching their kids play in the new inflatable pool.

Getting too comfortable robs one of the natural fire in the human spirit. It takes away all courage to face new challenges, new places, new people — the only time one should be allowed to enjoy this comfort is upon retirement when all you want to do is relax your life away with the familiarity of your surroundings.

This is why I have a theory. Many people who are scared to get out in the REAL WORLD and lose their comfort zone go into graduate school.

I will grant there are exceptions to the rule, but listen carefully.

So far, most of us have only experienced school — for the last 20-something years this is all we have done.

For all intents and purposes this has been our career.

Since this is all we know it has become our Linus safety blanket, and we will not let go.

So what do we do?

We graduate and decide there is no way I can pay off my loans, let me postpone the payments and get my master's degree, plus this is all I know.

Then you move on to get your doctorate's degree and pretty soon you become a professor because by now education is the only thing you can know.

Now, I am not saying professors are so because of their insecurity, but I think there are plenty who do not like what they do (i.e., teach).

Once again, exceptions to the rule exist, and I have been blessed to be taught by instructors who still carry a torch of interest for their field.

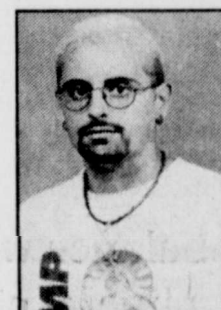
But, teaching does seem like an excuse to remain comfortable.

Many who go on to grad school become teacher assistants, therefore never leaving campus and then become real teachers, it's a gradual process in levels of comfort. The nest is never left.

So, as a friend once told me, experience life before you decide how comfortable you're going to be.

You never know what life has to offer if you never leave school. Maybe some of that is true, but there are always exceptions to the rule.

Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.



Dwayne Mamo  
Columnist

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### STATE VIEW

#### Big Spring Herald on low oil prices:

The warning signs have been out for a while, as more and more businesses are idled while the price of crude oil continues to spiral downward.

And now, the storm flags have been hoisted in preparation for the loss of tax revenues countywide because of plummeting mineral values.

In Howard County, the total projected lost revenue for 1999 falls just short of \$2.25 million in what chief county appraiser Keith Toomire calls "the best case scenario."

Forsan ISD will take the biggest hit in what looks to be at least a 40 percent loss estimate, but there are no exemptions from this economic pickpocket....

As mineral values drop and the corresponding revenues plummet, it will be difficult to maintain budgets. The easy way for some elected bodies, perhaps, is to automatically consider a tax increase.

That's not the solution. In fact, a tax increase in these circumstances would be akin to putting

a band-aid 5/8 on a gaping wound in that it just won't do the job.

Yes, our elected officials and the administrators with whom they work face a daunting task of attempting to manage a budget with declining revenues. Cutting budgets to match income is not an easy or enviable task, but we've all had to do it with our household budgets and it is something our officials will have to look at.

In the meantime, things are not going to get better in the oil patch until there is some relief from the glut of foreign oil being brought to our shores.

As more and more oil arrives at our ports, more and more independents go out of business and more and more jobs are lost. People move as they look for work elsewhere and school enrollment declines.

The economic dominoes that are now starting to fall won't stop with lost local revenues alone.

Our oil and gas industry needs help from Congress to be able to compete with foreign oil. While local producers are getting \$8.50 per barrel and less, the cost of a barrel of foreign oil shipped to the United States exceeds \$100.

Because of the ratio of oil used to

produce gasoline, something as simple as a \$5 per barrel import fee would add only about 2 cents per gallon of gasoline at the pump and it would save thousands of jobs in an industry that can help keep us from becoming dependent on the likes of Saddam Hussein.

#### The Dallas Morning News on franchise taxes:

Texas' franchise tax can be as frustrating as a Rubik's cube. Especially to small businesses.

Big corporations hire accounting teams to handle the details. Small businesses, however, mostly cringe at the paperwork migraine.

As part of his business agenda for Texas, Gov. George Bush wants lawmakers to exempt businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue from the tax. A similar measure proposed by state Sen. Troy Fraser also would exempt small businesses, but would raise the exemption ceiling to \$200,000.

The Bush plan is estimated to free about 28,000 small businesses from \$57 million in taxes over the next two years, while Sen. Fraser's bill would aid 45,000 small businesses with \$112 million in tax savings. Add in com-

panies that don't owe money, but are required to file tax documents, and the number of businesses touched by the tax balloons to at least 176,000.

With Texas enjoying a healthy budget surplus, the time is right to hand an aspirin to the state's smallest businesses.

For a business with less than \$100,000 in revenue, saving a few hundred dollars in taxes can be significant relief. For the state, the payoff for immediate tax relief comes when once-struggling businesses grow, hire workers and pay taxes.

Texas benefits from relatively low taxes and a pro-business environment.

Still, more can be done to aid entrepreneurs and risk takers.

There are bigger ticket tax issues to come before the Texas Legislature this year, namely school property tax cuts and tax credits for research and development. Still, the benefits of promoting small business growth shouldn't be overlooked.

Extending tax relief to small businesses is a good idea and deserves to become law this session.

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## Jazz soloists perform together in Hub City

By Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Exceptional alone — spectacular together. The phrase describes jazz musicians Gary Burton and Chick Corea. Both are very accomplished soloists, but occasionally they take time to create music together.

The duo will perform together at 8 p.m. tonight in the University Center Allen Theatre.

Tickets cost \$8.50 for Texas Tech students, and \$17 for the general public.

The tickets can be purchased at

the ticket booth upstairs in the UC.

"They are two jazz greats," said Mary Donahue, assistant coordinator of student activities with UC Cultural Events.

"They only perform together every once in a while. We are lucky to

have them together."

In 1972 at the Munich Jazz Festival, pianist Corea and vibraphonist Burton were featured musicians at "The Art of the Solo" concert.

The director at the show wanted to end the performance with a band concert, but there was no rhythm section.

The director had little to work with but very willing musicians.

Burton and Corea offered to play a duet.

Thundering applause followed a performance of Corea's "La Fi-

esta."

Since then, the two have performed together on several tours including the one that will bring them to Lubbock today.

Two of Burton and Corea's collaborative efforts won Grammy Awards.

After the 20-year absence of American musicians in the Soviet Union, Corea and Burton were the first jazz performers to play there.

The duo's latest release *Native Sense*, released in October of 1997,

celebrated 25 years of collaboration.

Tonight, Burton and Corea will perform pieces from *Native Sense* and older favorites.

The year-long tour will take the men across the United States, Europe and Asia and include 100 concert dates.

“They only perform together every once and a while.”

Mary Donahue  
UC Cultural Events

The duo are world-famous for their solo work but are award-winning together.

## Insomnia caused by student's stress



John Davis  
Staff  
Writer

I go to bed around 10:30 p.m. every night hoping that sleep will come. Lately, though, it hasn't.

I am suffering from stress.

Instead, I lie down with my eyes closed, trying to relax with breathing exercises and working on pushing all thoughts out of my head. Thoughts are a relentless thing.

No matter how hard I try not to think about stuff, the stuff I'm trying not to think about creeps back into my brain.

Papers to do, bills to pay and tests to take, all seem to take a delight in keeping me up at night.

So, I'll get up and walk into the living room with a bag of chips and watch info-mercials about a grill that they will give you the top to for free if you order now.

Then I'll watch Telemundo to see if I can figure out what is happening on the soap operas.

After this I go back and start my clock watching.

Each minute leaves an imprint in my head. After about 3 a.m., the

minutes eventually get fuzzy, and I fall into some deep coma of a sleep.

Then, I wake up late for class. I run around trying to throw my clothes on and bolt out the front door.

This causes me to feel more stress about what I've missed in class.

So, I run around trying to find out what I missed, then run to work, then run home and fix something to eat.

I try to study. But this doesn't work. With everything I have to do for the next day, I usually worry so much about that, I end up doing nothing. I sit in a stupor in front of the television watching commercials about all the antacids and

sleeping pills, wondering if I should buy some.

But it's not just me who's stressed. Millions of Americans are stressed out these days. We are all sleeping less and worrying more.

So, I called my momma and dad to tell them about how the last couple of weeks have worn me out. My momma told me something which makes simple and perfect sense, but at the time, seemed like such incredible advice.

Prioritize what I have to do first, then take a hit at everything else until you get it done. So, I'm going to give it a try and see if I can get some sleep.

John Davis is a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.

## North hired as co-host of MSNBC prime-time political talk show

NEW YORK (AP) — MSNBC hired Oliver North as co-host of a prime-time political talk show, leading Fox News Channel's top executive to say his rival is tilting conservative in response to a ratings slump.

North and liberal commentator Cynthia Alksne will run "Equal Time" weeknights at 8 p.m., followed by a weeknight edition of veteran correspondent John McLaughlin's political roundtable at 8:30.

Fox News Channel chairman Roger Ailes said MSNBC is "left wing" and North and McLaughlin help balance it politically. Fox has been rising in the ratings lately, with an average prime-time audience of 218,000 households to MSNBC's 200,000 during the first three weeks of January.

"If they think it would save them, they'd be hiring people from Lyndon LaRouche," said Ailes, a former Republican political strategist and campaign adviser to Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush.

Erik Sorenson, vice president and general manager of MSNBC, said the network wasn't trying to change political stripes. He said MSNBC tries to be balanced, and noted the network recently gave shows to Charles Grodin and Laura Ingraham, who

“I think what they are doing... balance what is perceived to be a liberal perspective”

Oliver North  
political talk show host

generally fit on opposite ends of the political spectrum.

"I think what they are doing is reaching out to try to balance what is perceived to be a liberal perspective," North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel and key figure in the Iran Contra scandal, said in a telephone interview.

## One week of treatment reduces risk of passing AIDS from mother to child

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers trying to reduce the rate of AIDS among the world's poor have found that giving mothers standard medicines for just a week cuts the risk they will pass on the virus during childbirth by more than one-third.

Doctors have known for about five years that the drug AZT during pregnancy blocks HIV-infected mothers from giving the virus to their babies. Such information is of little use in places such as Africa and India, where most mother-to-child transmission of AIDS occurs.

In wealthy countries, infected mothers typically receive five months of AZT, a treatment that can cost more than \$1,000. Such therapy is impossible in places where even as-

pirin is unaffordable and prenatal care is unheard of.

Doctors reported Monday that a far less intensive kind of treatment works reasonably well, even though not as effectively as the standard U.S. approach.

"Even if we start treating very late in pregnancy, we can make a difference," said one of the researchers, Dr. Joseph Saba of the United Nations AIDS program. He presented the results at the 6th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

If this or some similar approach is tried, it could have a major impact on the spread of AIDS during child-

birth, which now accounts for nearly 600,000 HIV infections around the world each year.

The doctors experimented with three different regimens of two standard drugs — AZT and 3TC. A comparison group received dummy placebos.

The study shows that to work at all, the medicine must be given when labor starts, and it must be given to both mother and child for a week following birth. This is to protect the child from exposure to AIDS-contaminated blood and secretions, as well as from virus in breast milk, which causes about one-third of all AIDS infections in the young.

### Top honors given in literature

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The fictional story of a boy convicted of a crime he didn't commit took top honors in children's literature Monday from the American Library Association.

Louis Sachar's "Holes," a coming-of-age story set in a juvenile detention center, won the

association's 1999 Newbery Medal. The association's other top award went to Mary Azarian for "Snowflake Butterfly." The story, about a boy who loves snow so much he is determined to take a picture of a snowflake, won the Caldecott Medal for most distinguished picture book.

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## Elway, Broncos favor present over future

MIAMI (AP) — If ever a team won by losing, it was this season's Denver Broncos.

Coach Mike Shanahan said just about as much on Monday, the day after the Broncos won their second straight Super Bowl, beating the Atlanta Falcons 34-19.

"After winning last year, we were going to get everyone's best shot," he said.

"Throughout the whole year, that's how our team played. The only time we didn't play at that level was when we ... played the Giants and Miami. We didn't play at the level we were capable of playing."

The Giants and Miami handed the Broncos their only losses during a 17-2 season.

Those defeats came after two mediocre wins against San Diego and Kansas City that improved the team's record to 13-0, three games short of becoming the first team to finish the regular season unbeaten since the 1972 Dolphins.

It was clear at the time that the pressure was building.

But after the Broncos lost 20-16 on the road to the Giants and 31-21 eight days later in Pro Player Stadium — where they beat the Falcons on Sunday night — they were relieved of the

burden of making NFL history.

When they got another shot at Miami at home 19 days later in their first playoff game, they were ready.

"If we didn't play great in that game, I would have been the most surprised guy in the world," Shanahan said.

They did, winning 38-3, then beating the New York Jets 23-10 in the AFC championship game before going on to Sunday's victory.

Now the Broncos will try to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls. Their chances should become clearer in the spring when John Elway decides whether to retire.

Elway, who won the game's MVP award by completing 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards, almost retired before this season and said again in December that he would finally step down. He emphasized that with a victory

“At 38 years old in the twilight of my career, I tend to favor the now and not tomorrow.”

John Elway  
Broncos quarterback

lap after the AFC title game in what was presumed to be his final game at Mile High Stadium.

But after Sunday's game, he wasn't so sure, as teammates implored him to stick around one more season.

On Monday, he said what he said at this time last year — that he'd talk with his wife, children, parents and friends before making a final decision.

He plans to decide by April 30

Shanahan and the Broncos will know if they'll have to run a quarterback competition in camp among veteran Bubba Brister, who was 4-0 in starts last season and won two other games off the bench, and two youngsters — Jeff Lewis and Brian Griese.

"At 38 years old in the twilight of my career, I tend to favor the now and not tomorrow," he said. "I don't want to walk away too late. But I also know by the way I played last night that I can still play."

Shanahan, meanwhile, was engaging in a little wistful thinking.

"I think we've got a good shot," he said. "We have our nucleus coming back next season. That certainly can't hurt us."

Especially if that nucleus includes John Elway.

## Safeco a shoo-in for MLB All-Stars

SEATTLE (AP) — After a 22-year absence, the All-Star game is returning to Seattle.

The 2001 All-Star game will be played at Safeco Field, commissioner Bud Selig and AL president Gene Budig said Monday.

The Mariners are scheduled to move into their new retractable-roof stadium on July 15 after opening the season in the Kingdome, site of the 1978 All-Star game.

"As my friend, Gene Budig, will tell you, I've been after these people to try to get the All-Star game just as early as we could so we could begin using that place for the benefit of everyone," Mariners chief executive officer John Ellis said of the game paying a visit to Seattle.

The 2001 game will be held in the 47,000-seat ballpark in July, probably July 10. But the exact date won't be determined until next year.

Selig, whose group bought the Seattle Pilots in bankruptcy court in 1970, moved the team to Milwaukee and renamed it the Brewers, said the 2001 All-Star game will mean "in excess of \$60 million" to Seattle's economy.

"Boy, is this a home run or what?" Gov. Gary Locke said. "A home run for the Mariners. A home run for Safeco Field. A home run for Seattle and the state of Washington. Being awarded the All-Star game is a fitting tribute to all our community has done over the last several years to save the Mariners."

The All-Star game could mark the return to Seattle of the Mariners top two players: Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez. Both are eligible for free agency after the 2000 season.

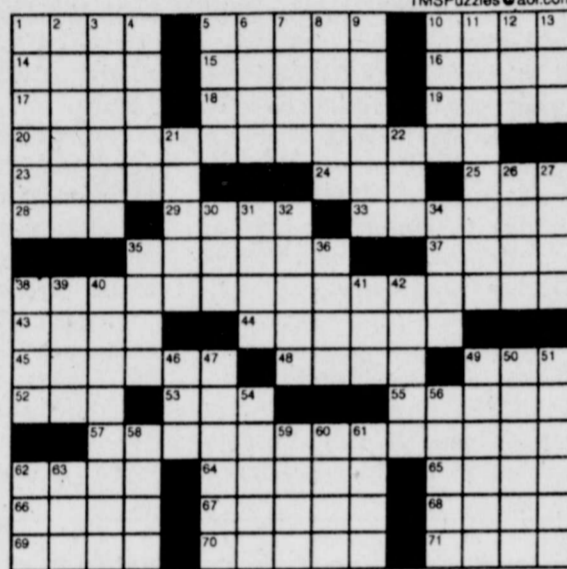
Seattle wants to negotiate contract extensions with the pair.

Both want to wait and see if the team can compete this year on its current budget.

"I look forward to seeing two players in that All-Star game, two players who will be very, very familiar with that field; Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez," Locke said.

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  - Arm bone
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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**



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# World class athletes may be anything but classy

Where have all the morals gone, Mr. Robinson? After Atlanta Falcons' safety Eugene Robinson was arrested Saturday night, the day before Super Bowl XXXIII, for allegedly soliciting a prostitute, one must worry if there are any more athletes that children can look up to these days.

If these charges turn out to be true, how stupid could Robinson really be? Considered a very religious man, Robinson was awarded the Bart Starr award, voted by NFL players and given to a person with high morals, just hours before he was arrested after soliciting an undercover Miami police officer.

One night before the biggest game of the season, he apparently cruised a major Miami street frequented by drug dealers and prostitutes looking for a "good time." All the while his wife and kids were at a Miami hotel. What a shame to see an appar-

ently good and faithful husband go bad. Let's hope he doesn't pull a Clinton and say the police were a bunch of Denver Bronco fans out to get him.



**Brent Dirks**  
Sports reporter

Beyond what Robinson was arrested for, what was he doing out the night before the Super Bowl? Most coaches would probably set some kind of curfew, but no, not Dan Reeves.

After the 34-19 loss to Denver, both Robinson and Reeves said the incident did not affect how the team played the game.

But one must wonder what was on Robinson's mind when he got

burned on an 80-yard touchdown pass from John Elway to Rod Smith that blew the game open for Denver.

Why would Reeves want to actually try and control his players?

While most of Reeves' fellow Southerners feel bad for him, Denver's Mike Shanahan, on the other hand, is an all-around better coach. And now Shanahan has two rings to show it.

With the lockout-shortened NBA season set to begin Friday, here's some predictions as to who will be on top in June.

Despite the fact the season is just 50 games, it will be better basketball. Gone are all the meaningless and useless games in November, December and January that neither the fans nor the players cared about.

With every game having playoff ramifications, the players will actually put forth a complete effort and try to really earn some of those millions of dollars they are paid.

As far as who will win it all minus Michael Jordan and the Bulls, look to the Houston Rockets.

Yeah, they're really old, but they're still good. A frontcourt of Charles Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and newly-acquired Scottie Pippen should make any NBA coach shudder.

And unlike past seasons, all three have a relatively good chance of staying healthy in the short season to help give the Rockets a high seed and home court advantage.

If Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich can patch together any play from his backcourt, Houston should be able to make their way past Utah and into the finals.

And the opponent? The Indiana Pacers.

Indiana and second-year coach Larry Bird have always been the second-best team in the Eastern Conference after the Bulls. Now that Michael and company are gone, they

will have an easy time until it comes to the finals.

The Western Conference is quickly becoming dominant in the NBA, and it will show in June. The frontcourt of the Rockets will burn up Indiana and Reggie Miller. Houston in six games.

This week's "What were you thinking?" award goes to the Wichita Falls Independent School District, who late last month hired Rhudy Maskew as football coach at Wichita Falls Rider High School.

If the name sounds familiar, it should ring a few bells with the Tech football faithful.

Maskew, who was a Tech assistant for most of the past decade, was one of the major players in the NCAA scandal that had haunted Tech for the past three years.

In the final NCAA report released in August, the NCAA said Maskew was involved with arranging false academic credit reports and giving

extra benefits to at least one student-athlete.

For his role, the NCAA Infractions Committee more or less forced any college that wanted to hire him for a position to get the NCAA's permission until 2001.

So instead of trying to get another college job after he resigned from Tech in 1997, he decided to go back to the high-school ranks.

Even with the high school coaching experience that he does have, there must have been a better coach out there. It shows that the so-called Good Old Boy Network is alive and well.

All hiring Maskew did was make the University Interscholastic League take a long, hard look at how Maskew conducts himself in his new position in Wichita Falls.

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## Houston may not be out of NFL running

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston may have fallen behind in the race for the next NFL expansion team, but that's not what Houston businessman Bob McNair said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue told him.

Houston television station KRIV reported that McNair and Tagliabue met in Miami Sunday for a half-hour before the Super Bowl.

Tagliabue had said Friday that the league may build a stadium in Los Angeles and select an owner for a franchise there later. Under the scenario, the NFL could front the entire cost of the stadium — as much as \$400 million.

"We will consider it as an al-

ternative and bring it up in February," when league owners meet in Atlanta, Tagliabue had said during his annual State of the League speech Friday.

But Sunday, McNair told KRIV that the commissioner denied he said such an option was feasible.

"The media has quite often presented the concept the NFL is going to go in and build a new stadium in Los Angeles, and he says it's absolutely false, that there's no truth to that at all," McNair said Tagliabue told him.

Though conventional wisdom says Los Angeles will get the nod over Houston because it is a much larger media market, it's not a sure bet, the commissioner had added Friday.

## Tech tennis sluggish as play begins

By Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

The spring season got underway for the Texas Tech women's tennis team last week with three home contests beginning Thursday with a 7-2 win over Abilene Christian.

The lone Red Raider to close out her match in straight sets was junior Amanda Earhart who defeated Charlotte Jones 6-1, 6-2.

The doubles matches were not as kind to the Red Raiders, with ACU taking two of the three matches.

Earhart and freshman Ana Serrot teamed to defeat Lacey Jordan and Jones for Tech's only victory in doubles action.

On Saturday, the No. 6-ranked Texas Longhorns defeated the Red Raiders 9-0, taking all seven singles matches in straight sets.

It was the first Big 12 contest of the season for the Red Raiders, and the Longhorns continued their domi-

nance over the Red Raiders beating them for the 22nd-straight time.

"We just lost to a superior team," said Tech Director of Tennis Tim Siegel. "In my mind, Texas is one of the top two teams in the country."

The Red Raiders last contest of the weekend came Sunday as they battled Southern Methodist University.

The Mustangs defeated the Red Raiders 7-2 dropping Tech's record to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the Big 12.

Sophomore Alenka Ovin was the only Red Raider to prevail in singles competition, and Earhart and Serrot picked up a point for Tech with a win in doubles action.

In nine doubles matches this season, Tech has compiled only two wins against seven losses.

Doubles is an area that needs improvement for the Tech squad, Siegel said.

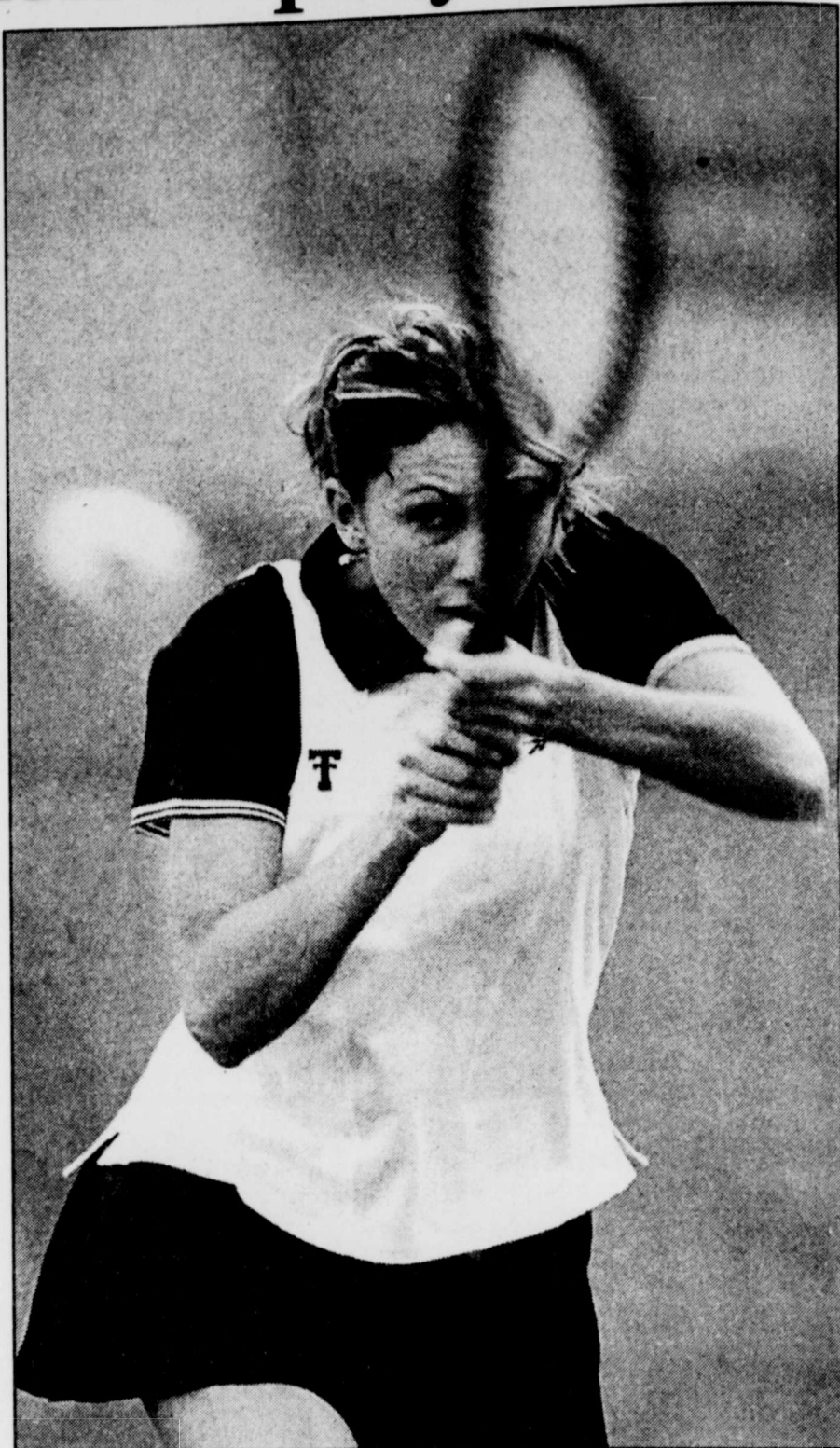
"Right now, we are not very strong in doubles," Siegel said. "We need to get our players that are strong singles players to improve their doubles play."

The Red Raiders have a 7-11 mark in singles action through three contests, and they had higher expectations than that for the first weekend, said sophomore Zana Zlebnik.

"These first three matches went not as well as we expected," Zlebnik said. "It shows that these were our first matches as a team all together. In individual play, I think each one of us could play better than what we did play."

As the season continues, gaining individual match experience will play a key part if the Red Raiders are to improve, Zlebnik said.

"I think we just all need matches to improve," Zlebnik said. "We haven't played matches a lot since last fall. That shows in critical points when we need to finish it out. A lot of us didn't finish the job when we needed to. We just have to play more and more matches, and with every game we play, it should get better."



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Follow Through: Tech women's tennis player Zana Zlebnik hits a return in a match last week. Zlebnik and the Red Raider squad will next take on UTEP on Feb. 11.

## THE UNIVERSITY DAILY TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

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### BEST FOOD & RESTAURANT CATEGORY

1. Chicken Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_
2. French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
3. Steak \_\_\_\_\_
4. Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
7. Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
9. Italian Food \_\_\_\_\_
10. Oriental Food \_\_\_\_\_
11. Margarita \_\_\_\_\_
12. Happy Hour \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_
14. All-Night Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
15. All-You-Can Eat deal \_\_\_\_\_
16. Favorite Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
17. Friendliest Service \_\_\_\_\_
18. Supermarket \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS CATEGORY

1. Place to buy CD's & cassettes \_\_\_\_\_
2. Local TV News Team \_\_\_\_\_
3. Local TV Sportscaster \_\_\_\_\_
4. Local TV Weather caster \_\_\_\_\_
5. TV Show \_\_\_\_\_
6. TV commercial \_\_\_\_\_
7. Local Radio Personality \_\_\_\_\_
8. Local Radio Morning Show \_\_\_\_\_
9. TV Station \_\_\_\_\_
10. Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_
11. Movie \_\_\_\_\_
12. Movie Theater \_\_\_\_\_
13. Video Rental Store \_\_\_\_\_
14. Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
15. Local C&W Band \_\_\_\_\_
16. Soap Opera \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY

1. Sporting Goods Store \_\_\_\_\_
2. Women's Shoes Store \_\_\_\_\_
3. Men's Shoes Store \_\_\_\_\_
4. Department Store \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
6. Western Wear Store \_\_\_\_\_
7. Discount Store \_\_\_\_\_
8. Consumer Electronic Store \_\_\_\_\_
9. Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
10. Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_
11. Clothing Bargains \_\_\_\_\_
12. Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
17. Shopping Center/Mall \_\_\_\_\_
18. Internet Provider \_\_\_\_\_
19. Best place to buy jeans \_\_\_\_\_
20. Best Tattoo Shop \_\_\_\_\_
21. Best Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST PLACES CATEGORY

1. Place to study \_\_\_\_\_
2. Place to take a date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place to work \_\_\_\_\_
4. Night Club \_\_\_\_\_
5. Country/Western Dance Club \_\_\_\_\_
6. Bar \_\_\_\_\_
7. Business at the Strip \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
9. Carwash \_\_\_\_\_
10. Car Repair \_\_\_\_\_
11. Haircut \_\_\_\_\_
12. Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
13. Apartment Complex \_\_\_\_\_
14. Place to buy flowers \_\_\_\_\_
15. Church \_\_\_\_\_
16. Bank \_\_\_\_\_
17. Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
18. Romantic Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
19. Health Club \_\_\_\_\_
20. To Drink a Beer \_\_\_\_\_
21. Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST OF TEXAS TECH

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Residence Hall _____       | 7. Class _____                   |
| 2. Tech Tradition _____       | 8. Major _____                   |
| 3. Men's Sport _____          | 9. Most Helpful Department _____ |
| 4. Women's Sport _____        | 10. Coach _____                  |
| 5. Professor/Instructor _____ | 11. Tech Landmark _____          |
| 6. Student Organization _____ |                                  |

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## Cougars hire new coordinator

HOUSTON (AP) — Les Koennig Jr., former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Duke, has accepted the same position with the University of Houston, coach Kim Helton has announced.

Koennig replaces Dan Lounsbury, who was let go following a dismal 3-

8 season that left the Cougars' offense ranked seventh in Conference USA.

Koennig, a Houston native, "has extensive experience working with the passing game at several schools and will be an effective leader for our offensive team," Helton said Monday.

Before coaching at Duke, Koennig was an assistant on the Miami Dolphins' coaching staff and spent two seasons as receivers coach at Texas A&M. He also has coached at Alabama, Southwestern Louisiana and Rice, and spent three years as wide receiver and quarterbacks coach at Mississippi State.

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