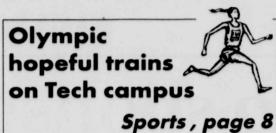
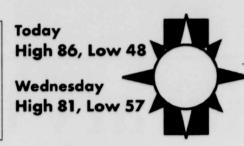


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Parking garage construction delayed

By Ginger Pope Staff Writer

While the commuter parking garage and bonfire construction may not be ready by August, Texas Tech administrators expect to complete them eventually.

Earlier plans for the construction of the arena parking garage were scheduled to be completed by September.

"We were told that when the arena is completed, all commuter parking would be replaced," said Blythe Clayton, former president of the Student Government Association.

The parking deck has been planned to contain 1,000 spaces for commuter parking and arena events.

Funding shortages cause problems in parking, bonfire site completion

process has led to a funding shortage, said Jim Sowell, chairman of the Tech Board of Regents.

"Bids came in, and they were higher than what we had money to do," Sowell said. "Now, we're wrestling with a decision. We've sent advertisements back out for bids.

Jim Brunjes, vice president for Fiscal Affairs, said even though there are problems with funding, students still will get their park-

Financial constraints during the bidding ing — eventually. In the meantime, the administration will continue to fund the Citibus shuttle from commuter lots to the business administration building.

> "This is a commitment we plan to honor. It may not be the same way, but it will be within Indiana Avenue," Brunjes said.

> Displaced commuter parking is only one concern involving the parking garage. Now, some Tech students are worried that the

promised new bonfire site will not come through.

Brennan Bazar, a Saddle Tramp and a senior engineering major from Seguine, said while he believes the administration has good intentions for their plans with the bonfire site, they may have rushed the public commitment to build it by this fall.

"Right now, we're waiting for the fire," Bazar said. "We've got no choice but to wait."

One concern of the Saddle Tramps is the groundbreaking for the bonfire site was in fall 1998, dedicating it to be finished fall 1999,

"Being as it's almost May, I don't see how they're planning on getting it done by fall," he said. "It leaves people hanging."

The bonfire site, which will cost about \$500,000, was a part of the arena garage budget. The project was really too small to contract out by itself, Brunjes said. Tech can get more for its money if the project is combined in another project budget.

Sowell said the bonfire site has been combined with a \$14 million landscaping project, but the project has been slowed because of paperwork to be completed.

Goodbye, Miss Peggy

Residents, campus bid farewell to Wall/Gates legend

By Rachel Bielamowicz **Contributing Writer**

he chalkboard hanging too far to the left announces this month's buffet night theme in every color of the rainbow. The aromas and voices fill the air as the residents of Wall/Gates Residence Hall stand in line for dinner.

If you listen closely, you can hear a voice that is familiar to those who live there. A voice that comforts all at meal time.

Peggy Sue Dillard stands behind the counter and greets every student by name as they hand her their ID card. Her smile radiates as the best advertisement residents could find for the cuisine that awaits them inside.

"Being able to see the student's smiling faces everyday and to know that they are happy to see me too really keeps me motivated," Dillard said. "I really like doing my job. I have never gotten tired of the routine."

Dillard, who is retiring this year after 18 years of service at Texas Tech, has worked at the Wall/Gates Dining Hall reading student ID cards for eight years. Before that, she was a supervisor in the processing department of Tech Central Foods for 10 years. "Peggy is the coolest," said Gates resident Joe Pol-

lard, a sophomore math and computer science major from Harker Heights. "She was the first person in this whole dorm that knew my name, even before my own roommate."

Dillard said her ability to remember names is a talent she's had for a long time.

"My ability to remember names is a God-given talent that I'm very thankful for," said Dillard with a proud

Students enjoy being welcomed by such an uplifting person, such as Dillard.

'She always seems to make your day and will always lift your spirits," said Gates resident Danny Mathew, a junior biology major from Irving. "I'm going to miss Peggy."



Friendly Smile: Peggy Dillard swipes a card for Rebekah Kern, a junior music education major from Pasadena, at Wall/Gates Dining Hall on Monday. Dillard, who remembers everyone's name, will retire May 12.

A relationship is built with each and every student she sees daily.

"It is very easy to talk to the students and important to me to know if their day is going good and how they are," Dillard said. "I will miss all the students I've known and loved for the past eight years. I will also miss the hugs and smiles I receive everyday and the many workers who work here, too."

When her time at Tech is over, Dillard and her husband plan to travel in their motor home to places such as Graceland. Dillard is a big Elvis fan. The couple also have plans to see Washington, D.C.

With all her extra time, Dillard plans to sew and go to craft shows, work with flowers, and most importantly, her favorite hobby of all will be entertaining her 3-year-old grandson.

"I also love to try to out-fish my husband," Dillard said.

While residents have learned so much about being genuinely light-hearted and happy from Dillard, she said she has learned a lot from residents, also.

"I have learned about the different challenges you face at your age and that the decisions you have to make on your own are difficult at times," Dillard said. "My advice to all of you would be to make good use of your own time and do your best while you are

Although Wall/Gates residents will miss Dillard, chances are they might spot her at a Tech athletic event someday.

'I will always be a Tech fan and am very proud of our university and beautiful campus," Dillard said. "My ears will always be open listening to hear a Miss Peggy from any of you kids whenever I'm out."

Horizon Campaign receives \$1.1 million Total stands at \$262 million

By Melody Ragland

Texas Tech received another gift for the Horizon Campaign on Mon-

Elizabeth Haley and Dr. Glenn Jones donated \$1.1 million in a planned gift.

The money will be used for an endowed chairman or chairwoman position in the College of Human Sci-

Haley has been the dean of Tech's College of Human Sciences since

She also served as interim president of the university before President Robert Lawless was appointed

Jones is a physician in Lubbock with the Diagnostic Radiology Asso-

He graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in 1951.

After graduation, he completed his internship at Cambridge Hospital in Massachusetts and his residency programs in radiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Caylor-Nickel

Chancellor John Montford said no two people deserve recognition more than Jones and Haley.

Haley encouraged both alumni and students to give back to Tech.

"It's nice to think about what you want to do after you're gone," Haley

The total of the campaign now is \$262 million.

LCU student faces reality of Kosovo situation

Exchange program brings Albanian-born student to city

By Apu Naik

Imagine living in constant fear of death - not only of yourself but of your friends, family and loved ones as well.

Imagine living in the middle of a brutal civil war, where strangers walk into your classroom and direct you outside with fully automatic rifles. By the time you get home, your mother and father look you in the face with tears and tell you your home has been seized.

Arguments among people in the streets turn into savage blood-baths. Bullets whiz through the air only inches away from your head.

This is the reality Daniel Kristo, a Lubbock Christian University exchange student, experienced every day since his home country of Albania switched to a democracy in 1991.

In 1997, because of the conditions in his home country, Kristo's family decided it would be best for him to leave Albania and go to school in America through an exchange student program.

"At first, it was really hard to leave my home when I was 17 years old," Kristo said. "I had to leave my parents behind, and I didn't want to go. But now, I realize it was probably for my own good.'

Kristo was sent to live with a family in Austin, where he graduated from high school in May 1998.

After graduation, he and four other Albanian exchange students decided to extend their education and attend college at LCU.

Kristo, who is from the southern costal city of Vlora, Albania, said he speaks to his parents about once a month, and the conditions are still as bad, if not worse.

"They have become almost numb to the violence now," Kristo said. "When I talk to my dad, he'll say something like, 'Three more people

... I didn't want to go. But now, I realize it was probably for my own good."

> **Daniel Kristo** LCU student

were shot yesterday,' and he won't realize that it's not something normal. They have just gotten so used to

Kristo's father, a medical doctor in Albania, has been busy helping injured refugees.

Recently, the house Kristo had lived in since he was born was seized and taken away from his family, sending them to find refuge in a nearby apartment building.

But, Kristo was not surprised when he learned of his family's home. The 19-year-old said he'd experienced many acts of force while go-

ing to grade school in Albania. "On several different occasions,

we were taken out of our schools at gunpoint ... one of the best ways to make a point to the public was by threatening people's children in schools," Kristo said.

"There was a large mountain in front of the school, and gunmen would often shoot at children from there. I once had a bullet fly inches away from my head.'

Three days later, Kristo's school was closed down for the safety of its

The issue of involvement in



Bucky Nance/The University Daily

Checking Up: Albania native Daniel Kristo, a freshman pre-medical major at Lubbock Christian University, checks the Internet to see how his family is doing. Kristo's family lives about 400 miles from the NATO bombing targets.

Kosovo has sparked support among many Americans, who feel atrocities similar to the ones Kristo has faced

are important enough to defend. But, an equal amount of Americans still are divided on the issue.

Tech library to sponsor census seminars

By Greg Okuhara

People wishing to learn more about Census 2000 can attend the Texas Tech Libraries seminar today in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collections Library.

The series of speakers will talk about various subjects dealing with the census and how the information gathered affects the Lubbock community.

Tom Rohrig, assistant director of information services for documents and maps in the library, said the community needs to understand the importance of the census.

"The most important part is to get aspects of the census."

a better understanding of how the census information is disseminated," Rohrig said. "Census material is one of the most heavily used part of the government documents and maps. We felt it is important to help people know how the census is developed."

The seminar will address a variety of topics from how information is gathered and used to how the local community can get involved in the census.

"It's an overview of the Census 2000, which is coming up very soon," Rohrig said. "We'll talk about how it's organized and carried out. We'll also discuss how people can get involved with the census, counting and other

Rohrig said information gathered from the census conducted in 1990 was available on the Internet, but the 2000 Census will publish much more information online.

"Much of the Census 2000 will be web-based," Rohrig said. "There won't be a lot of paper material. The 1990 Census had a lot of information available online, but the 2000 census will have more."

Census information also determines how much funding states and cities receive from the government.

"The cities are the prime beneficiaries," Rohrig said. "If people are under-counted, there is not as much funding allocated to Texas cities as should have been. So, the less money that comes into a city, the less ser- ters and unvices they are able to provide to their citizens.'

Rohrig said the seminar is oriented to Tech students, who use information for projects but also is helpful for Lubbock citizens.

"A number of the programs about the census are to inform people," Rohrig said. "The more people know about the census, the more they'll know how important it is.'

The actual counting begins April 1, 2000. Most households will receive a questionnaire in the mail, but some census employees will walk from house to house to physically count people. This also is important to count the homeless, who live in shelder bridges.

Buckberry, city planner for the city of Lubbock, will speak about the how census information is used and dissemi-

nated. He said his speech will cover the importance of libraries and how the information helps the planning de-

"This is known as the information age, and I think libraries play a big

We'll also discuss how people can get involved with the census, counting and other aspects of the census."

Tom Rohria library assistant director

part in that," Buckberry said. "We'll be making much bigger use of the Internet." The seminar will be from 7 p.m.

to 9 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information, call Tom Rohrig at 742-2238 ext. 280.

Capt. Don Baker, assistant profes-

sor of aerospace studies for ROTC Detachment 820 at Tech, served as a

cadet during Desert Storm. Baker

classes and exercises seem more real

Baker said this experience makes

"Instead of discussing procedures

later served in Bosnia.

to cadets.

Man, ex-lover dead in hotel room shooting

tramarital affair led to a murder-suicide in a McAllen hotel room last week, said the wife of a victim in the shootings.

Steven Huff, 44, a father of

Witnesses told police that head, according to police.

the Taylor Mill, Ky., man was shot by an Ohio woman who followed him on a business trip hoping to resume an extramarital affair.

The woman, identified as Genene Harmeyer, 42, of Okeana, then locked herself in the room and shot herself in the

General shares thoughts on Kosovo

By Matt Green

United States Air Force Brig. Gen. Mike McMahan, a former Texas Tech ROTC cadet, spoke about the Kosovo crisis when he visited the campus Saturday.

McMahan, who was a cadet during the Vietnam War, said his situation was similar to what cadets today face in relation to Kosovo.

McMahan later served in the Vietnam conflict and said his experiences as a cadet were very useful in that situation.

"The biggest piece of advice that I can offer to today's cadets is to remember the training you received," McMahan said.

McMahan said it was normal for cadets to feel apprehension about military conflicts.

"You never go into combat without mixed emotions, but if you have agreed to serve your nation you will

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White

House was heartened by reports that

three American soldiers being held

by Yugoslavia appear healthy but in-

sisted Monday that Belgrade make

used contact with international of-

First contact with the prisoners by

the International Red Cross came as

the Pentagon signaled that tens of

thousand as reservists would be

called up this week to support aircraft

participating in the NATO campaign.

U.S. Army Apache helicopters are

ready for action against Serb forces

NATO announced Monday that

Speaker brings military experiences, training on NATO strategies to Tech

be willing to pay that price," McMahan said.

McMahan supports NATO's intervention in Kosovo and said he feels such a move is justified and nec-

The Air Force places a "The situation to be solved," ture..." Capt. Don Baker McMahan said. McMahan Professor

before NATO's actions became nec-

"Military personal prefer for problems to be solved politically because we're the ones who actually have to fight," McMahan said. McMahan is

used 10 years ago in Desert Storm, we serving as the can discuss procedures being used Wing Comright now," Baker said. mander of the Baker supports NATO's attempt to 7th Bomb Wing stop ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. at Dyess Air Force Base in

Force Opera-

tion.

"Forces from Dyess are currently

serving in Southwest Asia and are

subject to rotation every 30 days,"

McMahan said.

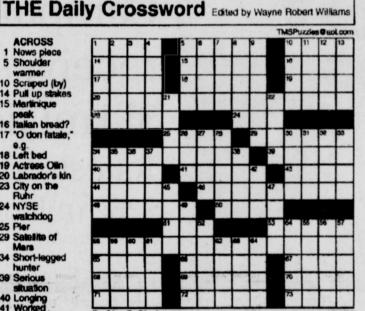
"Imagine how many lives would have been saved if World War II could Abilene. It is unhave been ended in one country," certain whether Baker said. or not he will be Baker said he will most likely recalled to serve in NATO's Allied

main as a ROTC instructor rather than serve in the current conflict. 'The Air Force places a great deal

of importance on training the soldiers of the future, and they feel that my role here will be of the best service to them," Baker said.

CINCINNATI (AP) - An ex-

five children, was shot twice in the chest at point-blank range Wednesday evening.





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does wish that Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic had responded to a political approach

in Kosovo, risky combat missions

that heighten the risk of more ser-

vicemen being captured. The Penta-

gon, meanwhile, said it is sending 30

more aerial refueling tankers to the

White House spokesman Joe

Lockhart said Monday's meeting be-

tween Cornelio Sommaruga, chief of

the International Committee of the

Red Cross, and the three POWs came

"25 days late" and represented a

"bare minimum" of what interna-

tional law requires in terms of access

Lockhart and other allied officials

good on its promise of a medical region to boost allied air strikes that

checkup for the men and unsuper- have been severely hampered by bad

Captured soldiers said in good condition said the initial report from Sommaruga was that the soldiers appear to be in good condition, which is obviously good news. It is

our expectation that they will be seen

by doctors in the coming days and

that there will be more full compliance with the Geneva Convention." Held captive are Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles; Spc. Steven M. Gonzales, 21, of Huntsville, Texas; and Staff Sgt. Christopher J.

Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich. When told the Red Cross had seen his son, Stone's father, Jim C. Stone of Avoca, Mich., said, "Yippee! That's absolutely wonderful news."

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth

Bacon said Monday's visit at an undisclosed location fell short of the Geneva Convention rules on POWs in that Sommaruga and two other Red Cross officials were accompanied by Serb officials and that no medical examination was allowed. Belgrade has promised a longer, private visit, with medical exam, on Tuesday in which the men will be allowed to hand over replies to family messages given them Monday by the Red Cross.

Bacon noted that a Serb soldier captured in Albania and handed over to NATO on April 16 has had two private visits. "There has been radically different treatment," Bacon said.

Teacher remembered as friend and hero

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — He taught them how to type and how to run the fast break. He smiled easily and always saw the good in life. To his young grandson, he gave the best bedtime snacks.

In the end, William "Dave" Sanders gave it all, sacrificing his life while trying to save students during the massacre at Columbine High School last week. "Mr. Sanders," student Laurel

Salerno said through tears at Sanders' funeral Monday, "I thank you." It took the sanctuary and two

overflow rooms at the Trinity Christian Center to hold the 2,500 people students, teachers, residents who bid goodbye to the 47-yearold, bearded and bespectacled

He died of gunshot wounds in the rampage that also killed 12 stu-

people's."

two gunmen committed suicide. "He was and always

to war captives.

will be a hero in my heart," said his niece, Kim Smith, one of many

people offering testimonials.

The ceremony for Sanders was one of four funerals Monday, the other three were for students.

Mourners remembered Cassie fessed her love of God just before she

I truly believe he saved my life and many other

Lindsay Dowling student

Bernall, the 17-year-old girl who prowas shot; Lauren Townsend, an 18-

year-old honor student and captain of the girls' varsity volleyhall team; and Daniel Rohrbough, the 15-year-old boy shot while holding an exit door open for fleeing students.

At the funeral for Sanders, students past and present walked to the front of the chapel and stood over his dark blue casket, which was covered in a large flower arrangement, to remember him as a teacher, coach, friend and hero.

As gunfire echoed through the school cafeteria during the attack, Sanders shouted out to students and herded them to safety.

"He was running around and I remember seeing him jumping over the chairs and yelling, 'Everybody get down!" student Lindsay Dowling told mourners.

"I truly believe he saved my life

and many other people's.' Sanders was shot twice in the chest and staggered into a science classroom, where students tore off their T-shirts and pressed them to



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decided to try it."

By Laura Hensley

exas Tech students will have the chance to step into the dark side of the rainbow Wednesday for a special show ing of the fabled Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon synchronization with "The Wizard of Oz."

The University Center Films Committee had heard the popular rumors of the coincidence and wanted to put them to the test.

The committee first came up with the idea a year ago and has finally put the production together.

"We thought we should check it out," said Darryl Robbins, University Center activities specialist. "It's a huge experiment, but we invite everyone to experiment with us."

The audio-visual experience will begin at 8 p.m. in the UC Allen Theatre and is free for all Tech students.

Robbins said the film should be an interesting experience for everyone

who is curious about the film and the Pink Floyd phenomenon.

"It's a creepy audio-visual kind of experience," Robbins said. "But most of all, you will have a chance to hear some classic rock-'n-roll and a classic movie, too."

Brandon Sarchet, a sophomore management information systems major from Silverton, had heard about the synchronization and first experienced it a year ago.

"Me and a bunch of friends in my dorm decided to try it," Sarchet said. "I didn't expect it to work, but it does. It's actually kind of creepy.

"The music changes with the

goes along with the movie."

Many obvious links are song titles and words that coincide with char-

acters' actions. Me and a bunch of Sarchet said the music rises and friends in my dorm falls along with

character and scene action. The two popular works have been linked to-

gether for many

There are several theories about how it started and where to exactly start the music.

But, a popular theory suggests that Dark Side of the Moon stars on the first roar of the MGM lion.

Other theories suggest other albums to be played after Dark Side of the Moon is completed, which is

scene changes. You can really tell it around the time when Dorothy puts her head on the Tin Man's chest. Some theories say the album can be

repeated for Pink Floyd's 1975 album Wish You Were Here or the 1979 album, Animals, can be played.

Although many differ-**Brandon Sarchet** ing theories Tech student exist about " "The Wizard of

Oz" and Pink Floyd's synchronization, Robbins said he hopes many people enjoy the experience.

"Just bring your friends, bring your tie-dye and have fun," he said. "It will be a fantastic escape from school life and a chance to walk on the dark side of the rainbow."

Bone identification leads to new species

CLEVELAND (AP) — Bones found over the past two years have led to the identification of two new species of heavily armored dinosaurs larger than elephants, a researcher said Mon-

The species, both 30-feet long, are of an ankylosaur, or club-tailed armored dinosaur, and a clubless armored dinosaur or nodosaur, said James Kirkland, incoming state paleontologist for Utah.

He said they were identified as new species because the bones differ from those of known dinosaurs.

The bones include two partial skulls, limb bones, a handful of armor and some backbones of the ankylosaur and a shoulder blade and several dozen smaller bones of the nodosaur.

Ankylosaurs and nodosaurs are ankylosaurids or heavily armored dinosaurs that originated in the Jurassic Period and are believed to have crossed a onetime land bridge from Asia to North America.

Disposable diapers prove fire-resistant

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — A soggy, stinking baby diaper is helping save everything from homes to utility poles from wildfires.

A fire-resistant gel — developed by a firefighter who noticed a disposable diaper was the only thing that survived uncharred in a house fire is being touted by experts and businesses as the greatest invention in firefighting since the hose and pump.

Barricade gel is made from the same super-absorbent polymers found in baby diapers. They act as tiny, mega-absorbent sponges that can hold off flames for up to 30 hours and even put out a fire, says John Bartlett, founder of Barricade International and a Palm Beach County firefighter.

And he's not just blowing smoke. Already the gel is being used by the Los Angeles fire department, the U.S. military and Florida Power & Light Co., one of the nation's largest utili-

The gel — which looks like shaving cream and can be applied with a hose - was credited with saving several homes during last year's blazes in Flagler County and recent wildfires in Port St. Lucie.

"It's impressive stuff," says Bill Kramer, a professor of fire science at the University of Cincinnati and fire chief of Deerfield Township, Ohio.

"I've seen a lot of new products," he adds, launching into a litany of foams and other items.

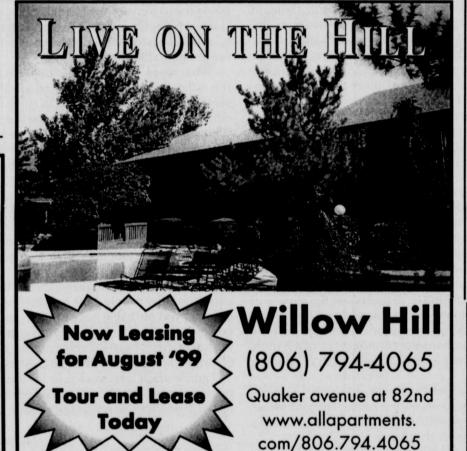
"This is the only one that gives the fire chief a quantum leap to put lasting protection on a burning struc-

The gel can be washed off after the

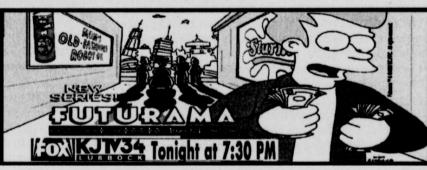
fire threat is gone.

And it all began with a diaper.

Bartlett, 45, says he was rummaging through charred trash from a house fire when he happened on something slimy and white. It was the diaper, the only thing that hadn't burned in a huge pile of garbage.



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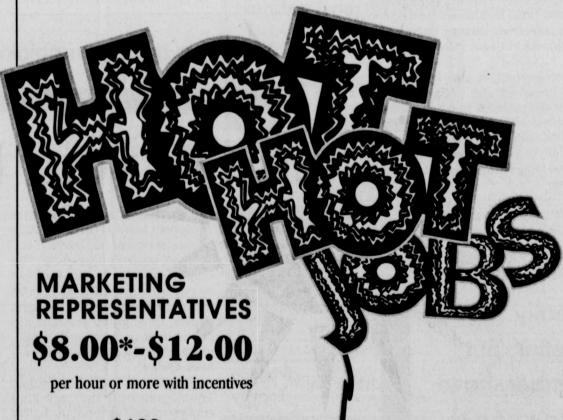
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Fast food slowly killing America

t is uncanny how Americans can routinely harm themselves and not even be aware of the process. Not only do they harm themselves, but they let others do

What am I talking about?

I'm talking about the complete dependence on carbonated beverages, fast food and super-sizing.

We are a binge society. We would be totally satisfied with a regular extra-value meal, but we must super-size the meal to get our Monopoly piece.



Dwayne Mamo Columnist

Then when we reach our filling point, we look at the rest of the \$.39 laying on our Quarter Pounder wrapper and decide we must eat the

For some reason, we feel guilty for not eating all the food we bought, plus we act on the dotingmother principle - the one that states we must eat everything on our

Fast food is automatically a devastating experience for our bodies, let alone the fact that we must pump it full of more food than our already stretched stomach can handle.

Added to this, we have been brainwashed into thinking that carbonated beverages are the only thing we must drink, apart from alcohol. It is ridiculous that people actually believe that soft drinks are the optimal thirst quencher. Yeah, like caffeine and sugar

as classified dehydrants. Not only do we abide by this fallacy, but sodas are full of phosphates, one of the first things that gets excreted

have been known to quench thirst, when they are known

In and of itself that isn't harmful. What is though is that calcium binds to these phosphates, and therefore, whenever a Coke is consumed, you are losing dire calcium for your body.

Don't think these companies don't know about what the effects of their products really are. I mean we're talking about one company who knowingly put cocaine in

It becomes even more evident when everywhere you go, all you see are vending machines for these types of beverages.

It was only until recently that fruit juice machines were being placed, but they are concentrated products and also not as good for you as a natural jug of juice would

Even then, at least we had water fountains, but apparently they no longer exist in the English building.

Whatever the case, these companies are out to make a dollar based on the fact that we have no time to cook for ourselves, or squeeze our own oranges or make our own pudding.

Plenty of years of commercials and Happy Meals, super-sizes and varieties of soft drinks have weaned our generations and subsequent ones into dependence.

Our television babysitters, magazines, movie sponsorships and billboards, which our parents did not have much of, have finally seeped into our lifestyles to the point in which we no longer see any options for what we should eat our drink.

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No really. Write a letter. But remember, have the courage to want your name printed with it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Networks sensationalized tragedy in Colorado town

To the editor: During the tragic shooting in Littleton, Colo., on April 20, 15 lives - including the two gunman's lives - were senselessly taken. The two disaffected students brought a small arsenal of weapons and more than 30 bombs to school and wreaked havoc upon Columbine High School. The lives of the families of the 15 victims were changed forever, and the psyche of the American public received yet another scar.

Before the situation was even over, the television networks were on the air with sketchy details and some textbook yellow journalism.

Facts such as the shooters were particularly after minorities, for instance, were bantered about in a shoddy attempt to sensationalize the situation even more, and then found to be blatantly incorrect.

The networks even began to try to analyze the reason for the situation and what could be done to prevent another one. One of the reasons, which was bandied about, was the fact that gun control laws were too lax. Would stronger gun control laws have prevented the situation?

The answer to any honest thinker is no. These disaffected students packing semi-automatics would not have been stopped by another empty anti-gun law that is more restrictive on the followers of the law than on the law

To find out how to prevent the situation from happening again, one must focus on the cause. These students were "outcasts." They were the group that didn't fit in any of the cliques in their high school.

They were put down by others who thought they were better, and thought there were in a position to judge

those, in the Trenchcoat Mafia. The popular guys made them the butt of jokes, the "pretty" girls didn't talk to them and their teachers never paid them any attention or gave them a second chance. Most of your readers know this goes on and were on the giving and receiving end of the ridicule for being different in high school.

And it doesn't stop in high school; in college it's the same regrettable game.

What we as Americans and humans must learn from this is that segregating and making fun of people because we think they are different has to come to an end, or the situation in Littleton will play itself out again in high school sooner than you think. There are people who are different in this world.

We each individually must do our best to put an end to this kind "social segregation." Next time you see someone who you think is too dumb, too smart, too fat or too ugly; next time you see someone who has a funny accent, who likes showtunes, who worships a "wacky" religion, has a different skin color, votes for the wrong political party or is just plain weird, stop yourself dead in

They are human just like you. They have feelings and care what other people think just like you. When you think about it, you probably have more in common with that person than you could possibly imagine. Instead of making fun of them, have a conversation with them. Instead of trying to make them mad, be their friend.

I guarantee it will make your life and theirs a lot better. Remember the old adage, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It's worth a shot.

> Jonathan H. Butcher telecommunications

Campus project brings trees, tradition to Tech

To the editor: On behalf of Campus Care Givers, I would like to invite all students, faculty and administrative personnel to attend Texas Tech's Arbor Day Celebration beginning at noon Friday at Memorial Circle.

There will be a town hall meeting at noon in the University Center Courtyard today. The Master Plan boards will be on display to view. The event was first established on the Tech campus in

the spring of 1938 under the direction of Tech President Bradford Knapp. He declared the campus was barren and turned out students, faculty and administration to help with the planting of thousands of trees.

We hope to renew this tradition and re-enact some of its historical aspects. There will be buggy rides, a band and food vending beginning at noon, followed by a special tree dedication to the memory of Knapp at 1 p.m.

The planting of trees, shrubs and flowers will begin at 1:30 p.m. Chancellor John Montford will oversee the activity on horseback, just as Knapp did. At the conclusion of the planting around 3:30 p.m., we will have an ice cream social served from a chuck wagon. There will be an information booth set up at Memorial Circle for di-

Our theme - Plant a Tradition - was designed by students and captures the essence of what Arbor Day is all about. Campus Care Givers hope you will help us celebrate this special day.

> Debbie Montford chairwoman of Campus Care Givers

You could have your opinion here for the world to see. Just write a letter to the editor.

End of year brings new way of living



Brandon Formby Columnist

school year has got to be my favorite time of the year.

It's when all the teachers say "We only have two weeks left? And I had so much more stuff to assign. Oh well, I'll just give you the two term papers, three group projects, five pop quizzes and a research experiment right now, and you can turn it in on Friday.'

Man, I love it when they say that. Thank goodness they are kind enough to save me from the hell of good times, funny memories and drunken nights that I normally live through.

I often find myself in my room at 3:54 a.m., working away, which I totally live for.

Did you know that listening to Tae-Bo infomercials and Dionne's psychic pals while trying to piece together and calendarize a strategic

incoming profits while balancing a budget with seven imaginary employees, actually increases the creative process?

I haven't slept since Easter, which makes me real energetic and happy to talk to people. I also get excited when I realize that the bags under my eyes could probably actually hold my books better than my backpack. I showered last Wednesday, which

is great because I have this wonderful aroma about me now, which I never had before.

It's kind of like a chemical-based mix of onions and lawn fertilizer. My hair looks awesome, too.

It makes me feel really good about myself because a squirrel has turned my hair into a home for her and her three babies. The youngest baby's name is Tarzan. I named him that because he swings around from my

marketing plan that would maximize ever-growing locks of grease. I haven't shaved in so long that a friend of mine actually lit a match off my face the other day.

> Tonight, I'm going over there to help him sand down some lumber he

> Being poor only adds to the joy. It's fun because I get to go to my room and play this awesome game called penny search.

> The 92-foot pile of dirty clothes, which coincidentally houses a colony of ferrets in the middle of my room, makes the game challenging. Once while I was playing, I actually found this guy in there. He said his name was Jimmy Hoffa or something like that. To win the game, you have to find enough change to buy a stick of

Gum, by the way, can really keep your metabolism running and provides tons of energy.

Last week, my friends actually thought I was dead because I haven't returned any phone calls or e-mails since 1987. Boy was I surprised when those police guys broke down my door searching for my body.

Speaking of e-mails, I feel kind of guilty because I have 456 unanswered messages. I know at least half of them are from dying children in Afghanistan, who have tongue tumors and need cornea transplants and are going to die because I haven't forwarded the messages to everyone

Yup. The end of the school year rocks. Seriously, when else are you given the opportunity to give up the life of a normal functioning member of society to live the life of the Unabomber?

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place in the Big 12, behind Texas

contest with a 21-29 overall mark.

Big 12 play at "the Law" at 7 p.m.

Friday against Nebraska.

Eastern New Mexico enters the

The Red Raiders will resume

A&M and Baylor.

Texas trying to stop Yankees

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have established a disturbing trend in dealings with the New York Yankees: on the field and off, the team from the Bronx always comes out on top.

The Yankees swept the Rangers from the playoffs last year, beat them out for Roger Clemens in spring training and took 2-of-2 at Yankees Stadium last week. It's no wonder then that Texas manager Johnny Oates sees the three-game series that begins at The Ballpark on Tuesday as being a little more important than most April matchups.

"It's not a do-or-die situation, but I think it's important that we beat the Yankees," Oates said. "I think it's important to our ballclub because, No. 1, we need to let the Yankees know we can beat them, and, No. 2, we

New York has beaten Texas in 13 of the last 16 meetings, and 23 of the last 31 — an incredible .742 winning percentage. It would be one thing if the Rangers

stumbling club, but they've won two of the last three AL West titles and again lead the division this

> The Yankees have

been especially successful in Texas, winning four of five regular-season games at The Ballpark in 1998, then need to let our club know we can beat closing out the first-round playoff series with another road win.

'The Yankees pretty much have had their way with us the last two, three years," Oates said.

The Rangers thought they could reverse the trend

by bringing in an ace pitcher like Clemens and almost had him. They were so close to closing a deal with Toronto that they began planning to introduce him at a Dallas Stars hockey game (both teams are owned by Tom

Johnny Oates

Texas manager

But in stepped the Yankees with a package that trumped the Rangers' best offer, sending the native Texan

Clemens showed Texas what it could have had by beating the Rangers 4-2 last Thursday. It was his AL record-tying 17th straight victory. His first chance to set the mark comes Tuesday night against Aaron Sele, Texas' most consistent starter thus

Clemens (2-0, 4.07 ERA) hasn't been his usual, dominating self this year, but expect his competitive juices to be in high gear against the Rangers, fueled by likely boos from fans feeling jilted after he said he wanted to be traded to a Texas

Facing Clemens for the Rangers will be their most consistent starter thus far, Aaron Sele (3-1, 3.22).

Sele lost his only regular-season start to New York in 1998 and also lost the third and final playoff game.

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Friday April 30th

Six greats to be inducted to Hall of Fame in May

DALLAS (AP) - Six honorees who helped shape college football history and New Year's Day tradition will be inducted into the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame in May.

Southwestern Bell and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association announced the 1999 class of inductees Monday, which includes TCU quarterback Sammy Baugh, Arkansas coach Frank Broyles, Kilgore College Rangerettes' founder Gussie Nell Davis, Houston linebacker David Hodge, longtime Cotton Bowl executive committee member Felix McKnight and Texas quarterback

"The Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame honors the many extraordinary individuals who have played a role in developing the tradition, pageantry and prestige of one of college football's most historic post-season bowl games," said Fred McClure, chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.

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Decathlete trains on Tech campus

By Shanyeari Hampton

t is a cool, crisp spring day. Illuminating spectrums of white, red and black colors align the track of Fuller Stadium at Texas Tech.

Trafton Rodgers is a 27-yearold Olympic hopeful that has been training with the Tech track team. Rodgers moved to Lubbock from Oberlin, Ohio, to help accomplish his life-long goals to break the world record as a decathlete in the 2000 Olympics.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work and dedication," Rodgers said. "I have to score 900 points to break the world record."

The decathlon is a competition based on a scoring table. An athlete accumulates more points by how fast they run or how far they throw or jump. Whoever has the most amount of points wins.

"It's harder for decathletes because we have a total of 10 events," Rodgers said. "This gives me 10 chances to screw up. I have to be so on top of my game. It's hard because I have to train four years for this one day."

Rodgers explained how God helped him become the man he is today.

"My mother taught me many lessons in my life, and she helped me to overcome part of my struggles, " Rodgers said. "She taught me how to be responsible for my actions."

Rodgers accredits his devotion to fatherhood and a successful career record in track to his mother's

"I have been a devoted father since I was 15 years old," Rodgers said. "I had to become the man of the house. I had certain role models within my church, but as far as my house was concerned, I was treated as a man."

Despite other struggles, such as a near-death experience and not being able to attend the Olympics in 1998, Rodgers is prepared to reach his

He already is the No. 1 heptathlete in the United States and was named in the top-10 performance in the indoor World Heptathlon rankings for

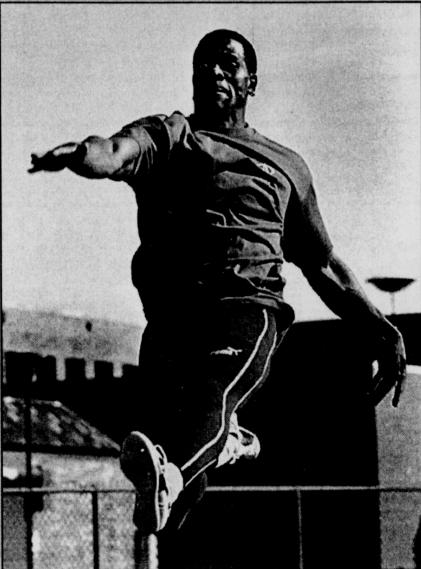
"It's natural that I give 100 percent in what I do," Rodgers said. "My mother's way of discipline was hard work, and you can't do anything

Rodgers said that he uses the discipline his mother taught him in his training and in his life.

"My workouts are very strenuous because sometimes I may be the first one to come and the last one to leave the track," he said.

When asked the question why he come from Ohio to a place in West Texas, Rodgers is delighted to give an educated response.

"My personal coach, Chris Beene, became the assistant coach for Tech." Rodgers said. "We have a common



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Reach: Trafton Rodgers, a volunteer assistant with the track team, trains for the 2000 Olympics.

goal. He wants to coach an Olympic champion, and I want to be an Olympic champion. This also would be the first time in history that an athlete and coach would be the same age."

Although Rodgers has dedicated part of his life to conquering his goals for the 2000 Olympics, he also would like to explore other sights in life.

"My mother always said I would

be an actor," Rodgers said. "Movies are like magic."

Rodgers said after accomplishing his goals with the Olympics, the first thing that he would like to do is have a home-cooked

"My only wish is to have my mother cook my favorite meal," Rodgers said.

Track successful at Penn Relays

By Jeff Keller

Texas Tech track was well-represented at the 105th running of the Penn Relays over the weekend.

Fourteen members from the men's and women's squads competed in the event, which is the oldest annual track event in the nation.

Junior Leigh Daniel continued her banner season by winning the 5,000meter race with a time of 16:02.42.

The time is the fastest in the nation this season and tops the Tech record, previously owned by Mary Medina, by more than 40 seconds. Also on the women's side, sophomore Kristen Koppes ran a personal best time of 9:46.36 in the 3,000meter race.

Assistant coach Dave Smith said the race only will add to the confidence of both Koppes and Daniel.

"It was definitely a positive experience for them," Smith said.

The women's distance medley relay team finished fourth out of 21 teams in their race Friday. The team completed the race in a time of

Ngozi Iwu ran on the distance medley relay team and said the competition she faced at the event was the toughest she has ever run against.

"It was a great experience," Iwu said. "It was a really fun competition because I got to compete against some of the top people in the nation. And I got to meet professionals like Michael Johnson, so I liked it a lot."

For the men, the 100-meter relay team placed sixth in the consolation

race with a time of 41.40. Sophomore Shameron Turner ran on the 100meter relay team and said the event will help them as they race in future

"I think this event will help us later," Turner said. "But, a lot of us are trying to concentrate on our individuals right now."

The weather at the event did not help matters for the men, but track coach Greg Sholars said he was pleased with their performance.

"On the men's side, we were missing two of our All-Americans in Pap Howard, who's redshirted this year, and Rohan McDonald, who is injured. But, we were still able to make the finals in the 100-meter relay, which I thought was good.

"We didn't run near as fast as we wanted to, but I was still pleased with the way the guys competed under those conditions. It rained all Friday when we were competing. So, I was pleased with their performance in those conditions."

Tech track will be in action this weekend in Austin, and Sholars said he will get a more accurate account of where his team is at in Austin than he did at the Penn Relays.

"That is really just a relay meet," Sholars said of the Penn Relays. "We are really looking more toward Austin this weekend. We're going to take more people, and we will get to take more of a look at the individuals and see what they are going to be able to do. This week will give us a little better look at how we are going to be able to match up individually with the rest of the conference."

Men's golf in ninth place after first day of Big 12 Tourney

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (Special) — The Texas Tech men's golf team is in ninth place after the first day of the Big 12 Championship Monday at the Prairie Dunes Country Club.

The Red Raiders shot a 297 as a team, 11 strokes behind leader Kansas. Colorado and Nebraska are tied for second with a 288.

Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Baylor are all tied for fourth with a 291.

Texas is seventh with a 294, and Iowa State is eighth, one stroke ahead of the Red Raiders.

Individually for Tech, two golfers are in the top 15 after the first round at the 6,637 yard, par-70 course.

Sophomore Corey Henegar is tied for 12th overall after shooting a 72. Senior Philip Tate is tied for 14th

after firing a 73 in the first round. Blake Smith fired a 75 to enter into a tie for 30th.

Matt Loving is in a tie for 45th after a 77. Alex Armstrong tied for 54th with

an 80.

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