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STATENEWS —

Seventh-grader jailed over violent essay

PONDER (AP) — Thirteen-year-old Christopher Beamon's scary Halloween essay earned him extra credit — and five days in jail.

The seventh-grader was arrested last week for writing a story about shooting two classmates and a teacher. He was released from a juvenile detention center on Tuesday.

"It seems like a year ago, a big ol' long year," Christopher said. "I was supposed to write a horror story. I don't think I did anything wrong."

The student said his class was assigned by teacher Amanda Henry to write a horror story about being home alone and hearing noises. The teacher gave Christopher extra credit for volunteering to read his essay in class last Wednesday.

The boy was picked up at school by sheriff's deputies the next day after a call from Ponder High officials. Parents had complained about the essay, which was written in the first person with several misspellings and included a passage in which the writer "accidentally shot Mrs. Henry."

NATIONALNEWS —

Man convicted in student's slaying, could face death

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A 22-year-old man was convicted of murder Wednesday in the beating of gay college student Matthew Shepard and could get the death penalty after a trial in which the defense portrayed Shepard as a sexual aggressor.

The jury of seven men and five women returns Thursday to begin hearing evidence in the sentencing phase for Aaron McKinney, a roofer and high school dropout who was one of two men arrested in the slaying of the University of Wyoming student.

Shepard was lured last year from a bar, lashed to a fence, bludgeoned in the head with a pistol and left to die on the cold prairie in a case whose brutality led to demands for hate-crime laws across the country.

The other man arrested, 22-year-old Russell Henderson, pleaded guilty in April to kidnapping and murder and is serving two life sentences.

WORLDNEWS —

Mobs fight over food, rob survivors after cyclone

PARADWIP, India (AP) — Angry mobs looted aid trucks, robbed desperate survivors and fought over food in cyclone-ravaged eastern India on Wednesday. Officials used bulldozers to collect hundreds of bodies.

In rice fields that have become lakes and along roads turned into rivers, bloated human corpses lie rotting for miles after mile along the carcasses of drowned cows and goats.

"So many thousands have died that there is no one left to cremate them," said Dhaneshwar Mohanty, who fled on Wednesday.

Five days after eastern Orissa state was pounded by one of India's worst cyclones, officials had no way to estimate the death toll. A senior army officer involved in the rescue operation told *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity that it could reach 10,000 to 20,000.

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Two killed, two wounded in shootings at Seattle company

SEATTLE (AP) — A man in camouflage clothing and sunglasses calmly walked in and shot four employees at a boat repair company Wednesday, killing two of them. The attack came a day after a deadly workplace shooting in Hawaii.

Law officers hunting for the gunman spread a massive dragnet around the area north of downtown Seattle, using helicopters and dogs to search.

Residents were told to stay in their houses and children at 20 schools were locked inside.

"He walked in and started shooting. That's all we know," said Pam McCammon, a police spokeswoman. A 19-year-old man who survived with a gunshot wound in his arm said the gunman didn't work at the Northlake Shipyard shop and he had never

seen him before.

The other survivor, a 58-year-old man, remained unconscious in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the chest, hospital officials said.

The suspect, described as possibly in his 30s, was wearing an overcoat over camouflage clothing and a brown hat when he walked in a back door and started firing, police said.

He had scruffy facial hair and wore a baseball cap and sunglasses.

Jeannie Parr, who works across the hall from Northlake Shipyard, said she was about six feet from where the shootings took place.

"He came in calmly," she told Northwest Cable News. "I didn't hear any sounds of a confrontation or argument. ... All I heard was gunshots."

Scottie Pierce of Seattle Boat, across the

street from the shipyard building on Lake Union, said he was sending his employees home early.

"It's almost a surreal type situation, faced with what the nation went through in Hawaii yesterday," he told the cable station.

"I'm quite concerned that there's someone running around with a gun."

Seven people were shot to death Tuesday at a Xerox Corp. building in Honolulu. The suspected gunman, a Xerox employee, fled after the slayings and surrendered hours later. The shootings follow a string of fatal attacks at workplaces and schools.

President Clinton offered federal help to officials trying to solve both of the latest shootings, and said the country has been plagued for too long with gun violence.

Pitts next in wave of charges

Red Raider linebacker arrested for delivery of marijuana

by Greg Okuhara
News Editor

Another Texas Tech football player was arrested for drug-related charges Wednesday.

Junior outside linebacker Dorian Pitts turned himself into the Lubbock County Jail and was charged with two counts of the delivery of between a quarter of an ounce and 5 pounds of marijuana, according to a spokesman at the Lubbock County Jail.



The former Monterey standout posted \$5,000 bail and was released Wednesday afternoon.

The charge is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of 2 years in jail and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Tech Head Coach Spike Dykes said Pitts has been suspended indefinitely for violating team policy.

Dykes said having two players arrested for drug-related charges was "certainly" demoralizing to the team, but did not comment further.

Derrick Briggs, a sophomore defensive back from Dayton, was arrested Monday at his home for the possession of marijuana and cocaine.

Briggs faces third-degree felony charges because his residence, where the drugs were allegedly found, is in a drug-free zone.

Pitts has played in all eight contests for the Red Raiders this season and has two blocked punts.

Techsan named to state board

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Gov. George W. Bush appointed a former Texas Tech student as a new member on the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveyors on Monday.

Daniel Martinez attended Tech as an undergraduate from 1977 to 1979, studying finance and business.

Bush appointed Martinez to a term ending Jan. 31, 2005. The appointment requires confirmation by the Texas Senate.

He will replace Paul Kwan of Houston. Martinez is vice president and partner of Hugo Reed and Associates, Inc. The firm has worked on land surveying for numerous construction projects on the Tech campus.

The renovation of Jones Stadium, which is scheduled to begin Nov. 20, first began with land surveying by Hugo Reed and Associates. Martinez was responsible for the detailed mapping of the stadium, which included curb location, elevation of the land and specific measurements of its structure. The information was sent to the architect responsible for the stadium renovation.

The firm also was involved in the construction of the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Martinez said his responsibilities at Hugo and Reed were a direct reason why he was appointed as a member of the board.

"This is most definitely an honor that recognizes my accomplishments and commitment at Hugo Reed and Associates," he said. "It's actually a bit humbling."

Linda Edwards, press secretary assistant for Gov. Bush, said potential members of the board must endure a tedious process before their approval.

"Applications must be reviewed, background and reference checks must be completed, then the most qualified candidates will be interviewed by representatives of the state," Edwards said.

Martinez also is involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the American Congress on Surveying.

He said as a member of the land surveyors board, he will work with surveyors who want to become licensed and certified.

Read 'n' Ride



Alecia Evans, a senior biology major from Weatherford, takes a break from studying Wednesday by working out in the Student Recreation Center.

Students to design WWII museum

College to help revive combat glider era with new models

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students from the College of Architecture have accepted the challenge of designing a museum that will revive the combat glider era of World War II.

Twenty architecture students have created models resembling the design of the World War II Silent Wings Museum. They revealed their ideas Wednesday at the Garden Arts Museum on University Avenue.

Ben Shacklette, assistant professor in the College of Architecture, designed the project for the 20 students in his senior comprehensive design class.

He said the project was a great way to incorporate direct involvement with the public and community service in the agenda.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for

these students to work on a real-world project that deals with a part of history that is rarely recognized," he said.

"We're proud to be a part of such an impact on our community."

Twenty designs were displayed at the presentation, which was open to the public.

Micha Land, a senior architecture major from Wichita Falls, is one of the students who created a design. His creation resembled a glider plane.

"I integrated the spirit and heritage of both the glider and World War II," he said. "It was challenging to incorporate issues of the war into the built form because it's such a dramatic event in history."

Members of the Texas Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., which included several former glider pilots as well as Tech personnel, attended the opening.

Atto Lyons, a former glider pilot of the

CG4A plane, from Germantown, Tenn., is a member of TAHFI.

He said he was honored to be at the exhibit that displayed such a big part of his past.

"We were expected to fly this flimsy plane and land it with no noise in an area sometimes as small as a parking lot," he said.

"We couldn't let the enemy hear us. And once we were on the ground, we became a fighter. As soon as we left our base, both the glider and the soldier were considered expendable."

Mosaics of artifacts and archives from World War II will be included in the museum.

The proposed location of the museum is near the Lubbock International Airport. The Lubbock City Council and TAHFI are

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High winds stall recovery efforts

Relatives grow impatient in search for EgyptAir victims

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Powerful winds kept ships searching for wreckage from EgyptAir Flight 990 in port Wednesday, and relatives of victims vented their anger and impatience during a meeting with crash investigators.

"We're tired, we want to go home and we want to put our loved ones to rest," said Mike Crow of Seattle. Two relatives and two friends of Crow's wife were among the 217 people killed in the crash.

Crow described frustrations boiling over at a meeting with officials of the National Transportation Safety Board. Seeking a sense of closure in a crash that likely left no bodies intact, some relatives want access to the temporary morgue and the offshore crash site or to see some of the debris that has been retrieved.

At least three of the relatives were treated at a hospital Wednesday, apparently after being overcome by emotion.

Except for one Coast Guard cutter, ships involved in the search were recalled to port after a storm moved in Tuesday. Winds gusting up to 50 mph persisted around the crash site Wednesday.

Navy officials have said full search operations might not resume before Saturday if current weather and forecasts hold. When searchers do take to the water again, their top priority will be to retrieve the Boeing 767's flight data and cockpit voice recorders.

If in good condition, the two so-called black boxes could help investigators determine why the plane plummeted into the sea from its 33,000-foot cruising altitude a half hour after leaving New York for Cairo on Sunday.

Haunted Basement raises more than \$1,900 for charity

by Tamara Hudson
Contributing Writer

The Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Residence Complex did more than provide scares and screams with their Haunted Basement last weekend. They raised \$1,914 for Women's Protective Services.

Even though the price of admission was lower than last year and children under 10 received free admission, the basement raised more money than last year.

Kelley Roach, development director of WPS, said her organization is

pleased the residence halls made the donation.

"We are always thrilled when any organization is willing to take part in raising money for our client services," Roach said.

"We are very fortunate to have such a giving, caring community that wants to get involved in domestic violence."

Women's Protective Services is a home for women and their children who are in abusive relationships and need a place to stay.

There were several reasons the Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Complex

Council decided on Women's Protective Services as the charity that would receive the money from this year's haunted basement.

"The reason that a charity was chosen is that October is the State Employee Charitable Campaign month, and state employees are asked to have a fund-raiser for statewide charities," said Kevin Hamilton, assistant complex director of Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe.

"Members of the council recommended this particular charity because they wanted to keep the money in the community," Hamilton said.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this helped the council members decide on Women's Protective Services, said Jeff Klose, president of Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Complex Council.

"It was a good place for the money to go," Klose said.

Additional sponsors for this year's Haunted Basement were the Residence Hall Association, Texas Land and Cattle Co. Steakhouse, One Guy From Italy Pizza and Schlitzsky's Sandwich Shop. The companies donated \$400 and food for the workers. A different organization or resi-

dence hall sponsored each room in the basement.

The organizations and residence halls that participated include RHA, National Residence Hall Honorary Association, Wall/Gates and Hulen/Clement. Each group donated \$273. Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe sponsored four rooms and donated \$1,093.

Klose said the basement raised more money than last year and the turn out was better than what was expected.

"A lot of parents and their children came early and Texas Tech students came later," Klose said.

RHIM students cash in on scholarships

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

Eight Texas Tech Restaurant Hotel and Institutional Management students have taken home scholarships totaling \$8,000.

Tech took 41 percent of the scholarship money offered by the Hotel Motel Association of Greater Dallas scholarships and had the most students out of any other school awarded.

The recipients of the awards include Rodney Shepherd of Dallas, Cerissa Macon of Fort Worth, and Kristin Reasoner of Plano.

The scholarships were awarded based on academic achievements, financial status, and experience in the restaurant and hotel workplace, Shepherd said.

"We had to write an essay to describe how we would react with guest and other employees in different situations," Shepherd said. "My academic achievements, my instructors

who do an excellent job, and my experience are what I feel has allowed me to be a recipient."

Some of the students who received the scholarship have been a part of the RHIM department since they were in high school, said Charles Adams, assistant professor of RHIM.

"Rodney stood out in high school so much that his teachers would call and recommend him to us beginning in his sophomore year in high school," Adams said. "All of our students who are recipients have been noticed not just by us, but by professionals in the community."

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The American Hotel Foundation also awarded four Tech students with \$1,000 scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The recipients of the AHF scholarship

were Macon, Arturo Araujo from San Antonio, Lisa Patton from El Paso, and Miranda Sherertz from Spring.

"I am very lucky to have received these scholarships and I credit my success to my professors and strong background," said Sherertz, a senior RHIM major.

"I feel that my initiative has been

what has allowed me these opportunities."

Lynn Huffman, chairwoman of the RHIM department, said many scholarships are awarded to hard-working students each year.

"The RHIM program at Tech has always been noticed for having excellent students, so the large number of scholarship recipients is not surprising," Huffman said. "With the placement programs that we offer, each student will have opportunities to be placed with employers before graduation. Usually, because of our great students and our program success, we have an 85 percent placement rate."

The RHIM department has a very close relationship with their students which has allowed for exceptional guidance throughout their academic career, she said.

"We are very proud of all of our recipients and know that it is a result of their hard work and dedication," Huffman said.

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providing the funds for the museum.

From 1942-1945, the South Plains Army Fields in Lubbock were the home for the pilots of the gliders. The 5,000 American military glider pilots trained in the program were all volunteers. During the war, the Army Air Force Advance Glider Training Base was the only training base in the United States.

The sole purpose of the program was to advance the training of combat glider pilots, and was the largest base in the world.

TAHFI, the city of Lubbock and the Military Glider Pilots Association will choose a museum design in the upcoming months.

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This is the 21st year for Gordon/Sneed/Bledsoe Complex Council to sponsor the Haunted Basement and give all proceeds to charity. Each year, a different charity is chosen.

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IDs unlock doors for students

by Kelly Padgett
Staff Writer



Students use them to eat at dining halls. They can use them to buy groceries at the Town and Country convenience store in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex. They can even get Texas Tech students a discount at businesses in Lubbock.

After 45 years of improvements and updates, Tech students have the chance to use their student ID cards on a daily basis, from checking out a book from the library to exercising at the Student Recreation Center.

The practice of issuing student identification cards to each Tech student started in 1954. In the beginning, the student's pictures did not appear on the card.

The 1954 system used a line of printing on one edge that indicated

if the student had paid the Student Activity Fee. If the printed strip was torn off, the student had not paid, according to a Sept. 23, 1954, edition of *The University Daily*.

Those first ID cards were made in sets of four, so the student, the dean of student life, the registrar and the dean of students all had a copy of the card.

The student's social security number was later added to the card's design to speed up the registration process.

The UD reported that 95 percent of registration problems, like adds,

drops and withdrawals, were expected to be eliminated by the updated cards.

Today, the ID cards are used for access and privileges to many Tech events and services.

James Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining at Tech, said the cards seem to be common knowledge only to students.

"Students use their ID cards everyday, but the faculty and staff don't seem to know it even exists," Burkhalter said.

Tech faculty and staff members do not use a system of cards with magnetic strips. Instead, they use paper cards because of a lack of funding.

As far as student use is concerned, he said the ID card system seems to be working very well to allow Tech students to identify themselves.

Students must present their ID card to have a prescription filled in

the Student Health Pharmacy and to enter residence halls.

Dolores Harper, manager of the TechExpress system, said the card systems have been updated from the primary function of meal tickets since 1980.

"We added to the meal ticket system in 1983 when we updated the design by adding a magnetic strip," Harper said.

The strip allows student information to be networked among the bookstores, restaurants and other campus establishments so students can use the TechExpress debit card.

Students or parents can deposit money, a \$5 minimum and a \$1,000 maximum, into the TechExpress account at anytime during the year.

"The TechExpress is convenient because it automatically deducts from the student account and carries over each semester," Harper said.

Police Blotter



Compiled from the files of the Texas Tech Police Department

October 31

12:25 a.m. Officers arrested a non-student for driving with a suspended license and criminal trespass in the 1000 block of University Avenue.

7:33 p.m. Officers arrested a non-student for outstanding Lubbock Police Department warrants in the 2500 block of Broadway.

10:01 p.m. Officers investigated an assault in the C-4 parking lot.

October 30

1:18 a.m. Officers arrested a non-student for driving with a suspended license, outstanding DPS warrants and outstanding LPD warrants following a traffic stop at the intersection of Broadway and Akron Avenue.

October 29

6:38 p.m. Officers investigated a fire alarm in the basement of the Electrical Engineering building. A fog machine used during the haunted house triggered the alarm.

October 28

12:16 a.m. Officers investigated an assault on the north side of the

Health Sciences Center.

11:40 a.m. Officers investigated a theft in the Bledsoe Residence Hall elevator.

10:06 p.m. Officers investigated a report of a suspicious person at the Music building. A homeless woman was found walking around the building.

October 27

11:15 a.m. Officers documented accidental damage to the hood of a vehicle in the R-4 parking lot.

9:26 p.m. Officers documented unauthorized solicitation on the first floor of Knapp Residence Hall.

October 26

9:01 a.m. Officers investigated a report of Lubbock County Corrections prisoners wandering the HSC grounds without supervision. The subjects were located by a corrections officer.

6:24 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at Sam's Place in the Carpenter/Wells Residence Complex.

6:44 p.m. Officers responded to a 911 medical call in the 1100 block of Boston Avenue. A ROTC cadet lost consciousness but refused treatment by EMS at the scene.

Ag College hosts annual Pig Roast

Scholarship donors, recipients to be recognized at event

by Lyndee Groce
Contributing Writer

Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will host the 72nd annual Pig Roast today, honoring and recognizing students in the agricultural college and other outstanding agriculturalists in this area.

Each year, the Student Agricultural Council sponsors the Pig Roast, which recognizes and honors scholarship donors and recipients, outstanding leaders in the field of agriculture, and teams and individuals who have distinguished themselves throughout Tech during the past year.

The annual Pig Roast allows the

agricultural students, who have received scholarships from various donors, the opportunity to meet the individuals who are funding their scholarships.

Also, the event gives the donors a chance to see where and to whom their money is going.

"These scholarships give students not only financial, but moral support as they strive for excellence in their fields of studies," said Claudia Thornton, coordinator of college development for the College of Agriculture.

Brian Bohlen, a senior horticultural major from Hondo, is one of the many agricultural majors receiving a scholarship. He said he has worked hard for the past several years to get

where he is now and said the work was worth it.

"It gives the scholarship donor and recipient a chance to put a face to a name," Bohlen said.

He said number of scholarships awarded shows someone out there really appreciates all the hard work.

Other students echoed Bohlen's comments.

"I am really excited about attending Pig Roast," said Kristin Johnson, a freshman agricultural business major from Artesia, N.M. "It will give me the chance to thank the person who is supporting me in furthering my education."

Ernest Fish, a professor in the department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, and his wife,

Hallie, are two of the scholarship donors. The Fallie and Ernest Fish Scholarship is given to students who are majoring in RWFM and meet certain qualifications.

Fish said the students seem to appreciate the scholarships, and it motivates them if someone is paying for them to go to school.

Thornton also awarding scholarships gives Tech a chance to recruit quality students and also gives students the opportunity to attend a university they might not have been able to otherwise.

The roast also honors student's achievements and presents awards to the judging teams and other individuals who have excelled in certain areas during the year.

Boy with walker banned from playing soccer

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Ryan Taylor, a 9-year-old with cerebral palsy, played two soccer games and got in a few kicks before he was barred from the field. The reason: His steel walker was deemed a hazard to others.

The dispute has raised ques-

tions of discrimination, and parents and kids have rallied to Ryan's cause.

"My life has been pure heck the last few weeks," said David Dalton, volunteer president of the Lawton Optimist Soccer Association league.

"We're not picking on the kid," he said. "It's just the walker."

As a compromise, the league has offered to let Ryan kick the ball in if it goes out of bounds, but that wasn't enough for Ryan and his parents.

The Taylors padded the 2-foot-high walker with foam and red duct tape in hopes of getting Dalton to reconsider. **But he hasn't.**

The goal seems to have fueled Ryan's competitive fervor.

"The goal post is a lot more dangerous than that," he said, pointing at the walker.

Ryan signed up for soccer in September. A league coordinator allowed him to play with the Thunder team.

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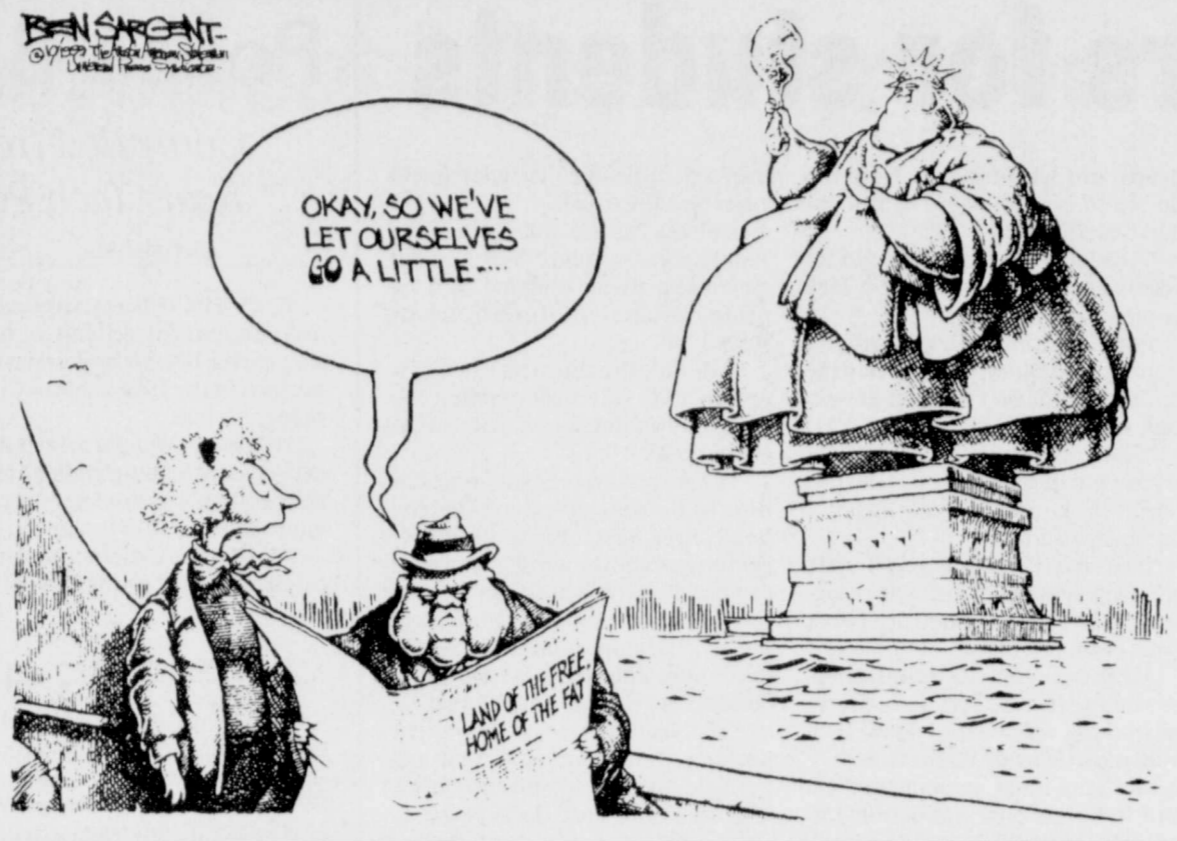
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EDITORIAL

Profiling wrong in any light

Profiling school children by using law enforcement assessment techniques is troubling.

The practice of labeling schoolchildren has gone on since the first kid cracked the binding of a book at a little red schoolhouse.

Children tagged as slow learners or troublemakers or pranksters in their early years often can never outgrow the stigma, whether it is deserved or not.

Such identifiers can become self-fulfilling prophecies. One teacher after the next reads the "permanent file" and begins to treat Johnny as a troublemaker even though he's just an exuberant young lad.

How many times over the years have students been threatened with the contents of their permanent files, as if they would ever go anywhere beyond the school counselor's office? It wasn't like a future employer would see it, unless the kid was going to work for the FBI.

That was then. This is the high-tech, plugged-in, computerized now.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has enlisted the assistance of Gavin de Becker Inc., a California threat-evaluation company, to come up with a software program that will help school administrators spot troubled students.

In an effort to head off what is unquestionably disturbing but extremely rare behavior, officials are resorting to a predictive technique that has been publicly condemned when used by law enforcement: profiling.

By using a set of "carefully crafted" questions developed by experts from case histories of violent people, school administrators are supposed to be able to sort out the typical teenage malcontent from the potential terrorist.

"For the first time, schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels will have access to technology and methods that have long been used for many of our nation's highest stakes assessments," claims the Mosaic-2000 Web site.

Similar systems have been in use for a decade to access threats to U.S. Supreme Court justices, governors and the CIA, and at some institutions of higher education including Yale University, Boston University, Penn State and the University of California system.

The program's developers contend that the system does not label students — "the objective process resists bias" — or invade their privacy. The information will be held in stand-alone computers at the schools and isn't a "Big Brother" approach to identifying potential for problems.

One can be excused for exhibiting great skepticism here, what with the success rate that government agencies have in keeping computer systems secure.

A student's evaluation could be triggered in several ways, according to the Mosaic-2000 Web site: A student makes a threat; alarming writings are observed; a student brings a firearm to school; a student gets into trouble with police; or a teacher, counselor, psychologist, parent or fellow student becomes concerned and makes a report.

So a typical teen who has contact with local law enforcement because he broke curfew or got caught with a cigarette, or is reported by a peer as making a threat, could end up in "the system," being evaluated as a future security risk.

The Mosaic-2000 system is set to go online in February. Twenty-five test districts get it for free; after that, a monthly fee will probably be assessed for schools that sign up, although officials have yet to assign a price tag for its use.

The implications for every parent in America should chill them to the bone.

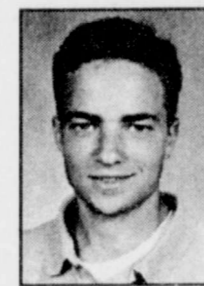
School administrators who are willing to substitute a criminal profiling system for personal contact and one-on-one interaction have allowed overreaction, panic and hysteria to cloud their judgment.

No easy answers exist for identifying a child who might one day become the next Kip Kinkel or Eric Harris. But to put in place in America's schools a system for evaluating every child the same way criminals are profiled is repugnant.

To read more about Mosaic-2000, go to www.gbinc.com.
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TV ad space would cut back PAC spending

Alex Trebek: "What's a bad word that's 10 letters long and starts with a P?" (Here's a hint ... I rhyme with mortician, and I am found in abundance in Washington, D.C.)
BEEP!



Andrew Schoppe
Columnist

Contestant 1: "Politician."
Alex: "I'm sorry that's incorrect. Your response must be in the form of a question."
BEEP!
Contestant 2: "What is a politician?"
Alex: You are correct!
Well, it's really not a bad word, but judging by the reactions on people's faces every time the word is uttered, you'd think it is. As Hillary Clinton alluded to in a speech a few months ago in New York, people who enter politics should do so with the intention of making society better for our children and our grandchildren.

In the eyes of many, however, this is not the main interest of many politicians in government today. Of course, we usually hear about the "bad, crooked politicians" more than the good ones, but that always seems to be the case. And when the term bad, crooked politician is used, it usually has something to do with the influence that money from political action committees and other big contributors has on our elected officials.

Part of the reason why PACs are able to have such influence is because of the outrageous sums of money that are needed in order to run a competitive political campaign. Among the many campaign costs are travel and staff expenses, newspaper and radio advertisements and, lest we forget, television commercials.

The Alliance for Better Campaigns stated in a news release on Nov. 19, 1998, that more than 103 commercial television stations offered segments of air time to candidates for governor,

congress or other offices' short segments of air time to make issue statements, answer questions or engage in mini-debates during the 1998 campaign. The 103 stations represented a mere 6 percent of the close to 1,600 commercial television stations in the country. Based on the results compiled, the Alliance for Better Campaigns felt the short segments "did not achieve the regularity, frequency or reach to compete with the cross-fire of political ads."

It's for this reason that more commercial television stations need to offer these short segments in the 2000 election. If this happens, politicians will not need to rely as heavily on PAC money in order to run competitive campaigns. Not to mention, a decrease in the amount of money needed for a political campaign could make it more feasible for lesser-known candidates to make a solid run for office.

There is pressure being placed on commercial television stations to step up to the mic in 2000 and make available these short segments of air time

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during the election season. A presidential advisory panel has recommended that all television stations voluntarily provide five minutes a night of candidate air time in the 30 days prior to all elections. Certainly free air time for candidates won't solve all the concerns people have regarding political campaigns. Yet, coupled with the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1997 introduced by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that also happened to contain provisions for broadcast discounts and free air time, the two could make a dynamic duo to combat the influence of money in politics that would be just as formidable as the original dynamic duo, Batman and Robin. This potential dynamic duo seems primed to help clean up the political campaign process and the stigma that the word "politician" carries with it, just as our caped-crusaders helped to keep the streets of Gotham safe for everyone.

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U.S. involvement in Columbia similar to Vietnam nightmare

Watching the United States slog deeper and deeper into the Big Muddy in Colombia is so painfully familiar, so eerily reminiscent of earlier foreign-policy disasters, that it should be



Molly Ivins
Columnist

enough to make us all wake up screaming in the middle of the night. But part of the nightmarish quality of repetition is that we're sleepwalking into this one, too — just the way we did in Vietnam, El Salvador and Nicaragua — with practically nobody paying attention.

An angry expert at the U.S. War College claims, "The Vietnam analogy is not applicable." Right. This one is worse going in.

It's not McNamara's War. It's McCaffrey's War. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the U.S. drug czar, has made just one mistake in Colombia: He thinks he can tell the good guys from the bad guys. Try it yourself, and see what you think.

The civil war in Colombia began almost 40 years ago. It started with rebels fighting for the rights of poor peasants. Same old story: poverty, neglect, exclusion and abuse. So unless you have a knee-jerk reaction to the words "leftist rebels," they're the good guys.

But over the years, the rebels have taken to protecting poor farmers in

the south who grow coca and opium to support their families. According to U.S. officials, 80 percent of the cocaine and 80 percent of the heroin in this country come from Colombia. The rebels style themselves the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, leaving them with the James Bondish Spanish acronym FARC. McCaffrey calls them "narco-guerrillas."

So if the lefties are the baddies, the righties must be the good guys? No. The drug trade is also protected by right-wing paramilitary groups, and the paramilitaries have in turn thoroughly infiltrated the regular Colombian army. The army, in turn, has a horrible record of human-rights abuses, one of the worst in the world, and corruption going back for decades. Very bad guys running a secret, dirty war, assassinating intellectuals and human-rights defenders who speak out against them.

At least 35,000 Colombians have been killed in this struggle during the past 10 years. Kidnappings and extortion are common, and 1.5 million Colombians have become refugees — more than there were in Kosovo. The economy is wrecked. And we, oh happy day, are arming both sides.

U.S. aid to Colombia shot from \$85.7 million in 1997 to \$289 million last year. Now, McCaffrey wants a billion in "emergency assistance" for fighting drugs in Colombia and other

countries. Republican hawks in Congress are pushing for \$1.5 billion so they call the Clinton administration "soft on the drug war."

Most of the U.S. media have been wretchedly indifferent to this mess. But according to a superb series that has been running in two Florida papers — it's a joint project of The Orlando Sentinel and the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel — there are about 300 U.S. military personnel in Colombia at any given time. Five of them died in a spy-plane crash in July. Our special forces are busy training

the Colombian army, while we are supplying spy planes, helicopters and other equipment. And, of course, we supply the FARC by buying cocaine and heroin. The entire disaster is the consequence of American demand for drugs.

So how's the drug war going? According to Ana Carrigan in "In These Times," since 1985, nearly 500,000 acres have been sprayed with chemicals, and the environmental damage is incalculable. But the Colombian drug crop has expanded to almost 300,000 acres of coca and 7,000 acres of poppies.

On top of everything else, there's a real risk that the refugees and the violence will spill over onto neighboring countries such as Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador, destabilizing them in turn. Plus, many of our Latin allies think we're going to use the

drug war as an excuse for direct military intervention, which they all hate with a passion for historical reasons.

In our usual happy effort to solve actual problems with better public relations, there is now a campaign out of Washington to convince us that the Colombian army is no longer rife with paramilitary types. According to those in-country, it's not only still full of right-wing paramilitary but has been heavily infiltrated by rebel spies, as well. What a jolly outfit.

There is a chance, maybe just this one chance, to stop this madness before it gets even worse. The rebels and the government are sort of having peace talks, which is to say they're talking — but not getting very far. The people are so desperate for peace that last month, by most reports, as many as 10 million Colombians took part in peace demonstrations, hoping to give some impetus to the talks.

So far, our only contribution to the talks is McCaffrey's demand for \$1 billion more to sink into the conflict (he must see light at the end of the tunnel) and the Republicans' see-you-and-raise-you \$1.5 billion proposal. The negotiations are complicated by the fact that there are two rebel groups, and both the Colombian army and the notorious paramilitaries are far less anxious to settle than the government itself.

These folks need all the help they can get to achieve peace; we have clout at least with the army. And if we really wanted to help, we could do something about the demand instead of trying to kill the supply.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ball is in your court now

To the editor: Thanks to excellent reporting in *The UD* and *A-J*, the troubles besetting the English/Philosophy/Education Complex have been well publicized.

Almost any person acquainted with the defects in the present English building, with the delays in replacing it, with the cutbacks in the new building and with the handling of the funds budgeted for this building would be tempted to start laying blame.

Perhaps the most helpful action, however, already lies in the hands of the Board of Regents. The Board can stop the cutbacks and mandate construction of an English/Philosophy/Education Complex that is nothing less than a state-of-the-art academic facility. It is only right for the university to take as much pride in buildings serving its educational purpose as in the United Spirit Arena and Jones Stadium.

Richard Crider
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Dusty from road, Sevendust returns for Lubbock show

Heavy rock band, Sevendust will return to Lubbock to headline a concert tonight as part of the Liquid Live concert series.

Sevendust, who has toured with summer hard rock festivals such as Ozzfest and the Warped Tour, will perform at Liquid 2000, 1824 Ave. G. Doors open at 8 p.m. Sevendust will be supported by Machinehead, Orange 9mm and Chevelle.

Machinehead performed in Lubbock at the beginning of the semester with hard-core bands Coal Chamber, Slipknot and Amen.

Sevendust has received radio and television air play for its songs "Bitch," "Black" and "Denial." "Denial" is the first single from the band's latest album, *Home* which has received attention from MTV, *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*.

During the past two years the band, who hail from Atlanta, has been busy touring for 21 months. They have performed almost 500 live shows, spent 75 weeks on Billboard Heat Seekers chart and achieved a gold record.

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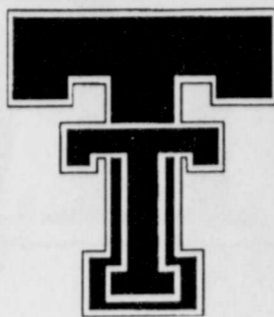
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The band performed at Woodstock '99 and is featured on the CD and home video.

In the past, Sevendust has headlined and supported bands in Lubbock, including shows with Coal Chamber and the Bloodhound Gang.

Tickets are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St. Tickets cost \$18.50 and will be available at the door.


Sevendust and Machinehead will be interviewed on KTXT-88.1 FM before the show. All four bands are touring in support of recent releases. Sevendust's latest album has been at the top of loud-rock charts since its release in September.



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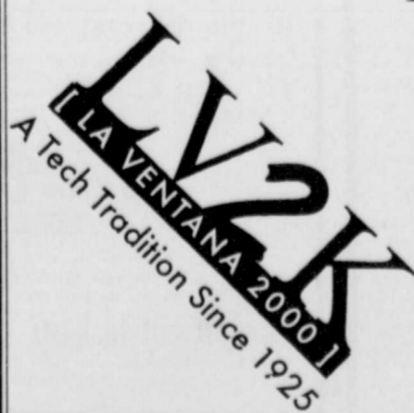
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Play director offers glimpse behind scenes

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

The hot lights of the stage. The elaborate costumes. The entertaining dialogue. To Jonathan Marks, associate professor for the Department of Theatre and Dance, these might be the

only images people associate with the process of directing a stage production. In his eyes, there is more work to it.

Marks will invite students into the world of acting and stage productions through an open rehearsal of the upcoming Mainstage performance of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

The Open Rehearsal: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" session will be at 7 p.m. today at the Tech theatre department's Mainstage.

"I think (the open rehearsal) is more for people who have not been exposed to what goes into putting together a play," Marks said. "People may not realize what exactly goes into putting a play together."

During the session, students will watch 45 minutes of the rehearsal. After the rehearsal, Marks, who also is the director of the play, said he will talk with students about the process in-

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Johnathan Marks
play director

involved in producing a play. "It'll be an exposure to what happens behind the scene and the polish of the performance," Marks said. "They'll see memorization is just the

beginning of the actors' work. There's also physical dimension to acting."

The session is part of the In the Studio Program, a project of Tech's Campus Arts Consortium. The program, presented by Tech's Campus Activities and Involvement, the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Department of Art and the Department of English, tries to expose students to varied forms of artistic expressions through literature, art and theatre.

Marks said he used this play for the session because he felt it would be both appropriate and entertaining for participants.

"It seemed to be one that was ap-

propriate for In the Studio," Marks said. "It's fairly intimate and digestible, and it's funny. It's funny from beginning to end."

Written by comedian and actor Steve Martin, the play is about a hypothetical meeting between famous scientist Albert Einstein and renowned artist Pablo Picasso. This fictional encounter between the two men is set in Paris, France in 1904.

Deanna D. Daniels, stage manager for the production, said it is a millennium play depicting accomplishments of the 20th century in a comical way. The production of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" will be open to the public Nov. 19.

"They are both important people of the 20th century in that they've both touched us," Daniels said. "They are both icons in that Einstein is the icon that we associate with science, and Picasso is the person we associate with art."

For more information on the event, call 742-3621.

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Tech falls to Nebraska, 10-1

The Texas Tech women's soccer team was defeated by No. 4-ranked Nebraska, 10-1, in the first round of the Big 12 Women's Soccer Championships on Wednesday in San Antonio.

The Cornhuskers set a Big 12 Tournament scoring record, tallying 10 goals in 90 minutes against the Raiders. Nebraska found the back of the net four times in the first half alone to head into the

locker room at halftime with a commanding 4-0 lead. Nebraska's offense dominated as it outshot the Raiders 19-6.

Tech goalkeeper Britney Peese recorded five saves in 90 minutes. Tech's Jenny Alfred scored the Raiders' lone goal at the 86-minute mark to prevent the shutout.

The Tech squad finished the season 8-11-1 overall while Nebraska improved to 18-1-1 on the year.

Behind line of scrimmage

Raider defensive line utilizes power, speed to rack up sacks

by Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer



A quarterback steps back to pass and scans the field for an open receiver. Just as he is about to release the ball, he is tackled by a 200-plus pound defensive lineman.

Texas Tech defensive end Taurus Rucker said a quarterback sack is the biggest play a defensive lineman can make.

Since it's a rare occurrence for a defensive lineman to score on an interception or fumble return, a sack is equivalent to a touchdown, Rucker said.

"Even though I go out every game to do whatever I can to help the team, getting sacks mean a whole lot to me," said Rucker, who leads the SWARM defense with six sacks this season.

"It's very seldom that (defensive lineman) even get our hands on the ball, so we take advantage of getting sacks."

So far this season, the Tech SWARM defense has been taking advantage of its situations, tallying 19 sacks for a loss of 162 yards in only eight games. Last year, the Red Raiders only had 17 sacks throughout the whole season.

A sack is tallied whenever a defensive player tackles the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage. Despite personal glory, a sack also can play a key role in field position.

In Tech's 21-19 upset against Texas A&M on Oct. 2, a quarterback sack by defensive end Aaron Hunt and linebacker Dorian Pitts moved the Aggies out of field-goal range with under a minute to play.

This season, 14 of Tech's 19 sacks have come from the defensive end position.

Hunt, who is second on the squad with five quarterback sacks this season, feels defensive ends are in the best position to pick up sacks.

Since defensive ends are positioned outside of the offensive tackles or tight ends, he said it makes it easier for him to utilize his speed.

However, Hunt said he likes to set up the offensive blocker with a power rush before he uses the speed rush.

"I set up with the power first, then I come with the speed at the end of the game when they are already tired," said the 6-foot-3, 230 pounder. "Most guys don't realize how fast I am, so I like to use my speed most of the time."

To help prepare for game-time situations, the Tech defensive linemen engage in one-on-one pass-rush drills against their own offensive line at least once a week.

Defensive end Devin Lemons, who has racked up three sacks this season, said working out against the offensive line is one of the reasons why the defensive line has had so much success with their pass-rush.

"Working out with our offense gives us a chance to go against some of the best talent in the nation," Lemons said.

"It lets us see what it's going to look like in game-time situation."

But unlike Hunt, Lemons said he likes to set up the offensive blocker with a speed rush to the outside. Once the blocker turns his shoulder, he plants and cuts up underneath him.

As for Rucker, he uses a combination of moves for whatever situation he is in. Whether it be speed, power or a quick spin, Rucker said in crunch time, there is not really enough time to plan out a strategy.

"In the line of duty, it just comes too natural to me," he said.

Apparently, it has worked for Rucker, who with 12-1/2 career quarterback sacks, is one away from moving into the top 10 of Tech's all-time sack list.

"You never know what I'm going to do when I'm on defense," said Rucker about his success as a pass rusher. "I can give you any move, and that's the big deal about my type of rushing."

Martinez chosen Player of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Pedro Martinez overwhelmingly won *The Associated Press* Major League Player of the Year award Wednesday after a dominating season that saw him lead the big leagues in wins and ERA.

The Boston Red Sox pitcher received 56 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters.

The second-place finisher, Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, got just 14 votes — one-fourth the total that Martinez received.

Martinez, a 28-year-old right-hander, was in his native Dominican Republic and was not immediately available for comment.

He became the first Boston player to win the award, going 23-4 with a 2.07 ERA in 31 starts and striking out a league-leading 313 batters in 213 1-3 innings.

He is only the second pitcher to win the award, which began in 1988, joining Atlanta's Greg Maddux, the 1995 winner.

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