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STATENEWS —

Man arrested at criminal courthouse with guns

HOUSTON (AP) — A man toting a loaded pistol and sawed-off shotgun was arrested in the lobby of the Harris County Criminal Justice Center on Thursday, authorities said.

Joe Angus Salard, 53, was taken to the jail next door after the shotgun, .357 Magnum handgun and shells triggered a metal detector, said Precinct 1 Deputy Constable Joe Martinez.

Martinez disarmed Salard, who said he was looking for Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas. The sheriff's department is not located in the building, which opened late last year.

Salard was charged with felony possession of a weapon.

A search of Salard's truck uncovered another shotgun and more shells, authorities said.

NATIONALNEWS —

Hundreds gather to protest affirmative action ban

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Black college students and hundreds of other critics of Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to get rid of affirmative action packed Capitol hearing rooms Thursday to denounce the effort as an attack on women and minorities.

Bush did not attend the hearings on his "One Florida" proposal, which would eliminate race and gender as factors in university admissions and the awarding of state contracts.

"One Florida is not an adequate substitute for affirmative action for women in Florida," said Margaret Hyde of Clearwater. "It is likely that Bush's plan will segregate minority students into lower tiered schools."

The Republican governor has insisted the plan would improve diversity in education and contracting jobs by increasing outreach efforts to minorities historically shut out of opportunities.

Students who take a difficult enough course load and finish in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class would be guaranteed admission to some state universities.

WORLDNEWS —

France, Belgium boycott speech of Austrian minister

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — French and Belgian diplomats boycotted a speech Thursday by the Austrian foreign minister in her capacity as head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the U.S. chief delegate used the occasion to criticize the new center-right government.

"We are concerned that your government now includes a party whose leader has made statements ... expressing sympathy for the Nazis and minimizing, even excusing the tragedy of the Holocaust," U.S. delegate David Johnson said. Members of the French OSCE delegation told the Austria Press Agency that they boycotted the speech of Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner because of the new government that includes the far-right Freedom Party led by Joerg Haider.

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Council extinguishes gas rate increase

by Greg Okuhara
Managing Editor

The Lubbock City Council saved Lubbock citizens, including Texas Tech students, a couple of extra bucks by rejecting a proposal by the Energas Company to raise gas rates Thursday.

The utility company had requested the rate increase for both residential and commercial customers.

The rate increase would have hit customers who use the least amount of gas the hardest. Residential customers who use between zero and 6,000 cubic feet of gas per month might have expected a 38 percent increase in their bill, from \$6.50 to \$9.

Although City Council members unanimously voted against the rate increase, the proposal is not dead in the water. Energas officials said they would appeal the decision to the Railroad Commission of Texas in March.

Junior Aston, manager of public operations at Energas, said the company's reason for wanting to raise the rates is based on the need to recover funds spent on expanding

and maintaining their service to the West Texas area.

"1997 was our last rate increase," Aston said. "It's not that we're losing money or an inflation thing, we're just trying to recapture the capital investment (from the past couple of years)."

He said it is not uncommon for utility companies to request rate increases to help regain capital spent on the addition of underground pipes and other equipment.

The City Council had some help in making their decision, however. A Steering Committee was formed in August 1999 to investigate the proposal and make a recommendation to council members. The committee hired Diversified Utility Consultants Inc., to review additional information.

The Austin-based consulting firm not only

proposed residential gas rate increases

usage per month	west texas current monthly base bill	west texas proposed monthly base bill	difference
0	\$6.50	\$9.00	38.46%
6	\$12.90	\$16.26	26.01%
10	\$17.06	\$20.68	21.19%
20	\$27.16	\$31.10	14.51%
30	\$37.26	\$40.52	8.76%
50	\$57.46	\$58.62	2.03%

determined the rate increase was unjustified but also recommended the rates be lowered from their existing levels.

Energas' proposal would have increased their revenues by more than \$9.8 million. The committee's report recommended the rates be cut to save customers \$7,126,579, a difference of \$16,965,305 if the proposal had passed.

"This is a complicated case based on technology where both sides worked dili-

gently to settle the issues but could not reach a common agreement," said Earl Fischer, Energas Company president in a written statement. "That is why we are turning to a third party."

During the City Council meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Max Ince reopened the public hearing on the issue to allow concerned citizens to speak about the increase.

Mikel Ward, a representative from the South Plains Area Residents Taxpayers Action Network, commended the members for closely examining the proposal.

"Utilities are not an option — people still need heat and electricity," she said. "So I was here to praise the city council and the consulting firm for taking a look at it and not just rubber stamping everything."

"This is a good opportunity to show that even a monopoly needs to maintain reasons for the increase."

After the proposal is submitted to the Railroad Commission, the commission has 185 days to act on the increase. Depending on the commission's decision, the earliest rates increase would be in September if the appeal is reversed.

Fists of fury



Carlos Abeyta, a political science graduate student from Lubbock, hits a punching bag at the Optimists Boys and Girls Club on Thursday. Abeyta, Joseph Rosendo and Manuel Valencia, all Tech students, are preparing for the Golden Gloves Championships today and Saturday.

Tech students prepare for upcoming boxing tourney

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

At first glance, Joseph Rosendo and Manuel Valencia could pass as your average Texas Tech students.

They spend most of their day attending class, studying and working.

But it is what Rosendo, a freshman petroleum major from Lubbock, and Valencia, a junior exercise and sports science major from Sunray, choose to do in their free time that separates them from most of the students on campus.

They are members of the Lubbock Warriors Boxing Club.

And as members, Rosendo and Valencia spend two hours, Monday

through Friday, training to be the best at the sport they love.

The duo will look to make their training pay off when they compete in the Texas Regional Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

"It can get real hectic at times," said Rosendo, about balancing his school work with boxing. "I really feel that boxing has taught me the discipline to manage my time wisely."

One could say that the 19-year-old Rosendo has had plenty of time to learn, competing in his first boxing match with the Warriors at age nine.

Their devotion to the club can be both time consuming and physically draining.

Just ask their coach Edward Hernandez.

Hernandez, who is a detective for the Lubbock Police Department, has been a volunteer coach for the Warriors for more than 30 years.

He said boxing is the toughest sport to compete in both physically and mentally.

"Unlike baseball, football or basketball, boxers have no other teammates to depend on," said Hernandez, who himself was a finalist for Olympic boxing coach in 1996. "When they are in the ring, the only person they can lean on is themselves."

An average two-hour workout for Rosendo and Valencia consists of group and individual training, all geared toward

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Students fear 'cult' presence at Tech

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

After recent news that the International Church of Christ once again is recruiting on campus, Texas Tech students say they are concerned about their safety.

"Who is to say that someone walking around our residence hall is not going to harass us?" said Jeannette Silva, a freshman psychology major from Pampa. She said she no longer feels safe walking in her residence hall.

"Granted, they have the freedom to express themselves and their religion, but I do not want someone pushing that kind of stuff on me," Silva said.

Abigail Anderson, a freshman design communications major from Rice, said the organization may not be as good as they think.

"If they were as good as they say they are, they would not have to try so hard recruiting," Anderson said. "Don't (the members) think if people want to join that they would come to them?"

A source, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was approached Thursday by members of the ICOC.

"They told me about a meeting that they were holding," the source said. "But once I read the article in *The UD*, I knew that this organization was deemed a cult and that these people could be trouble."

The source said the members of the church were students who dressed in Tech paraphernalia and wore backpacks.

"I would have never known that (the members) were part of the ICOC, they looked like every other student on campus," the source said.

Silva said students should be alert to the members who are recruiting.

"Students should know right from wrong," Silva said. "That is (a student's) best line of defense."

Anderson said Tech should change and strengthen the rules dealing with groups such as the ICOC.

"I don't know if I feel so safe walking around campus anymore," she said.

Death in 1986 still affects campus safety issues

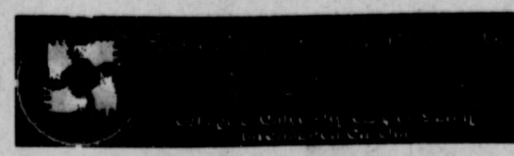
by Michael Denton
Staff Writer

In April 1986, Jeanne Ann Clery was found dead in her residence hall room at Lehigh University, five days after arriving at school for the first time. She had been raped and killed while she slept in her room.

According to the Security On Campus, Inc. Web site, her parents soon found out that more than 38 violent offenses had occurred on campus in the past three years.

The Clerys filed a lawsuit against the university stating they would not have allowed their daughter to attend the school if they had known of the campus' past number of violent offenses.

This event ignited legislation to require colleges and universities to publish campus



crime statistics.

On Nov. 8, 1990, President George Bush signed a federal bill, the Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act, now known as the Clery Act. The bill mandates all universities to publish campus crime statistics.

Today, this act regulates what a university must publish in pamphlets, newsletters, as well as disclosing information to local and campus populations dealing with crime information.

Texas Tech is no exception to the rule, and university officials said the school was ahead of its time in dealing with making informa-

tion available.

"Texas Tech has voluntarily been disclosing information to the public even before the legislation came to be," said Sgt. Dan Hale, public information officer for the Tech Police Department.

After their daughter's death, the Clerys learned that there were only 12 security guards protecting more than 5,400 students. The 38 crimes on Lehigh's campus had included rape, robbery and assault.

The Clerys filed suit against the college and later settled out of court. The family used the money they were awarded and some of their own money to launch Security on Campus, Inc.

"Our goal is to educate people and prevent other tragedies by informing people to take steps to protect themselves," said Myra

Codner, program coordinator for Security on Campus, Inc.

The company began lobbying state lawmakers to require universities to publish crime statistics. The Clery's goal was accomplished in 1990 when Congress passed the Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act.

"We want universities to give out information, so that it will change people's behaviors and help them avoid certain situations," Codner said.

The law applies to all institutions of higher education, both public and private, who participate in any federal student aid programs to publicly disclose three years of campus crime statistics.

"Any university that receives federal funding see **STATISTICS**, p. 3

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Poet laureate releases new book

by **Kevin McEwen**
Staff Writer

There is an old phrase that says, "If you give time, you get back a handful of words."

If so, Walter McDonald, an English professor at Texas Tech and poet laureate of Lubbock, has put in enough time to get words to fill 83 poems in his new book, "Whatever the Wind Delivers: Celebrating West Texas and the Near Southwest." The poems chronicle life around the Lubbock area.

"I was born and raised in Lubbock," McDonald said. "I am a Tech graduate. West Texas is in my blood. I didn't have to research the area. I grew up breathing this dust."

The poems are set to historic pictures collected from the Southwest Collection Library.

"Janet Neugebauer gathered about 5,000 pictures to choose from and started cutting down," McDonald said. "When it came to me, it was

down to 300."

Neugebauer, associate activist for the Southwest Collection, said she had a wide variety to work with.

"In the Southwest Collection, we have about 500,000 photos of work to choose from," she said. "I wanted to use some that really represented West Texas in the earlier days."

It was then up to McDonald to find poems he had written to match the pictures or to write completely new poems.

"I selected about 25 poems from other collections, and the rest have not been used," McDonald said. "They range from unrhymed verse to sonnet villanelles to other types of rhymed poetry. I wasn't trying to get a blend — I was just trying to match the poems with the pictures."

The project took two years and marks the second time McDonald and Neugebauer have collaborated together on a book. In 1992, they released "All That Matters."

"In the first one, he wrote the poems first and then tried to match them with pictures," Neugebauer said. "That was somewhat difficult because photos are finished. So this time, we decided to get the photos first. That's why we're happier with this one. We can't change the photos, but he can work with his poems."

McDonald said he not only agrees that this book is better than his last collaboration with Neugebauer, but also his best, even though he already has won two Western Heritage Awards for previous books he has written.

"This one is my favorite yet," McDonald said. "Each one has gotten better."

This collection features a few words by another noted West Texan. Laura Bush, wife of presidential candidate George W. Bush, wrote the foreword.

"We suggested that she would be the perfect woman to write the fore-

word ... because she had visited the Southwest Collection," McDonald said. "She's very interested in libraries. She promotes literature in Texas, and she's from Midland, so she knows the area."

In the foreword, Bush wrote "Through this book, one of the sharpest archivists and one of the best poets in America pay homage to the mystery and appeal of the vast and unpredictable region of West Texas and the near Southwest. Janet and Walt have accomplished what they set out to do — they celebrate West Texas and the near Southwest."

McDonald remembers the words of one author in explaining how he writes about the region.

"(Alfred Lord) Tennyson said, 'I'm a part of all that I've met,'" McDonald said. "It's from spending vast time in this region that I am able to write."

McDonald is scheduled for a book signing at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 6707 Slide Rd.

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ing must abide by the act," Hale said.

The main requirements for the Clery Act include, campus crime and security policy disclosures, statistical reporting and publication, timely warning provisions, substantive policy, procedural, and victim's rights provisions and open campus police logs.

"Tech has been offering open campus police logs well before the Clery Act was passed in 1990," Hale said.

Any university, under the rules of the act, must disclose crime statistics for the past three years in the following categories; homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson.

"When the Clery Act came into effect, Tech was already involved in disclosing crime statistics, so we did not have to modify that much," Hale said.

Tech annually publishes its crime statistics in a pamphlet that is given out to students during orientation.

In 1998, Tech disclosed that on campus, there were a total of two rapes, three robberies, three aggravated assaults, one burglary and only one motor vehicle stolen.

Although, crime statistics for the 1999 still are being processed, the TTPD disclosed there were no reports of rapes on campus in 1999.

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improving cardiovascular, Hernandez said.

This can be achieved by running sprints, jumping rope, weight lifting and sparring.

"We have different programs that

we utilize everyday," Hernandez said. "All workouts are geared toward speed. The person who can think fast and react fast is going to be the winner."

Their lifestyle may sound like an average Tech student-athlete, but unlike Ricky Williams or Keitha Dickerson, Rosendo and Valencia do not receive athletic scholarships from the university, nor is their talent showcased in front of thousands every weekend.

That is what makes their actions even more special, Hernandez said. "All the guys are outstanding char-

acters," Hernandez said. "It's amazing to see how dedicated they are to both their studies and boxing."

But just how tough are their workouts compared to others?

Even though he played football in high school, Valencia said this is by far the best shape he has been in his entire life.

"There is no comparison. It's like being in two different worlds," said Valencia, comparing the two sports.

Valencia has been a member of the Warriors since 1997, his freshman year at Tech.

He, too, said it was tough balancing boxing with school but added that it's all worth it in the long run.

To help manage his time, Valencia sits down at the beginning of each new semester and plans out daily schedules which he has written on his walls.

"I really want to succeed at everything I do, and even though I'm not sure how it'll end up, I always want to be the best trying," Valencia said.

Winners at the regional tournament qualify for the state competition in Fort

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Clinton arrives in South Texas to discuss border issues, raise money

McALLEN (AP) — Border issues including health care were on the front burner for President Clinton during a midweek blitz Wednesday to Texas, where he also raised money for Democratic candidates.

During his speech at a Democratic National Committee fundraiser, Clinton asked for an end to divisiveness in the country.

"If we're going to have one America, we can't pretend that we're building one if we only go to the largest places or the wealthiest places or the most influential places," Clinton said.

Clinton spoke about the improvements made in the Rio Grande Valley's unemployment rate and the country's overall lower welfare and poverty rates. But he added that the number of people without health insurance has gotten worse.

"I'm trying to do something about that," Clinton said.

One beneficiary of fund-raisers for the DNC is U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, who said the Clinton ad-

ministration has helped South Texas with increased federal grants and a commitment to an Interstate 69 proposal supporters say will benefit trade with Mexico.

"All of this is to say that visits by President Clinton and members of his cabinet have resulted in great improvements to this area," said Hinojosa, D-Mercedes.

A patients' rights bill and other health initiatives also were topics during Clinton's visit to the Rio Grande Valley, his third in three years.

Hinojosa said he's seen several improvements since Clinton's first visit to the Valley in 1998, including \$2.8 billion in transportation funds earmarked for the region.

"He listened, he took notes and what wonderful things occurred after that," he said.

The president arrived aboard Air Force One shortly before noon at McAllen Miller International Airport. Clinton shook hands with Hidalgo County leaders and others

before his motorcade left for a private home.

Most onlookers were kept near the airport parking lot, but some could watch Clinton's arrival from the edge of the airfield fence.

Among the spectators were Glen and Edna Erie of Marion, Iowa. Glen Erie was a little disappointed at being kept at a distance.

"I'm paying his wages. I should be able to shake his hand," he said.

But his wife added, "We've never been this close to him."

"You see more on TV," Glen Erie said.

"But it was exciting," Edna Erie added.

This was the Eries' third trip to the Rio Grande Valley, and they plan to stay in the area for two months.

In Clinton's first presidential visit to the Valley in 1998, he also raised money for Hinojosa.

Clinton spoke at a DNC luncheon and appeared at the fundraiser for Hinojosa, with about 60

people in attendance.

Clinton's departure to Dallas for another fund-raiser was delayed when he stopped at a taco restaurant.

Jenny Backus, a committee spokeswoman, said it was the first time the DNC has ever had a fundraising event in South Texas, with Republicans as well as Democrats in attendance.

The Dallas dinner on Wednesday evening at the Preston Hollow estate of trial lawyers Fred Baron and Lisa Blue drew about 40 couples who paid \$25,000 each to attend. It raised at least \$500,000 for the DNC.

"Dallas has a very good Democratic base in the business community here — progressive CEOs and others," Baron said.

In the past five years, the couple — along with their law firm, Baron & Budd, which specializes in asbestos lawsuits — has given nearly \$500,000 to Democratic causes and candidates.

2000 Prophecy Conference to stop in Lubbock on Saturday

The 2000 Prophecy Conference will make its way to Lubbock on Saturday.

Biblical Archaeologist Richard Rives, Messianic Rabbi Michael Rood and other guest speakers will give presentations concerning such discoveries as Noah's Ark and the Ark of the Covenant.

In 1987, the Turkish government confirmed a large boat excavated by Ronald Wyatt in the mountains of the Ararat region was Noah's Ark.

He also claims to have found the lost cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the Ark of the Cov-

enant. "I want to show these findings as evidence that the Bible is an accurate history book of the past," Rives said.

Rives, who is the president of Wyatt Archeology and personally worked on the Noah's Ark site, also will share his experiences of when he was kidnapped by rebels and, according to a friend of his, was used as a human shield for their general.

The conference is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers at 801 Ave. Q. Admission is free.

Norwegian professor to lecture today

Knut Bjorikke, a professor of petroleum geology at the University of Oslo, Norway, will present a lecture on clastic diagenesis and porosity prediction in sedimentary basins.

Beverly Mirer, a graduate student from Lubbock, said clastic diagenesis is the way sediments are buried into the ground.

Bjorikke has focused much of his research on clastic diagenesis and prediction of reservoir quality.

He has worked collaboratively with Norwegian oil companies since the early days of the North Sea exploration.

The lecture is at 3 p.m. today in 234 Science building.

Legal battle over dead firefighters' benefits continues year later

FORT WORTH (AP) — A year after two Fort Worth firefighters were killed in a church fire, the legal battle continues over who will pay the death benefits to their families and how much will be paid.

In response to a suit filed by the

widows of the firefighters Phillip Dean and Brian Collins seeking full pension benefits, attorneys for the city of Fort Worth's retirement board have sued the cities of River Oaks and Lake Worth.

Fort Worth in a cross claim filed

Tuesday in state district court claims that the two smaller cities should be responsible for the additional death benefits owed because the two firefighters were volunteering in those areas when they were killed last Feb. 15.

"It is totally unfounded what they are trying to do," said Wayne Olson, the attorney for Lake Worth, on Thursday. "We will vigorously oppose

the lawsuit." Dean and Collins were volunteering for the River Oaks Fire Department when the roof of the Precious

Faith Temple in Lake Worth caved in on them in what has been ruled an arson fire. Sansom Park fireman Garry Sanders also died in the fire.

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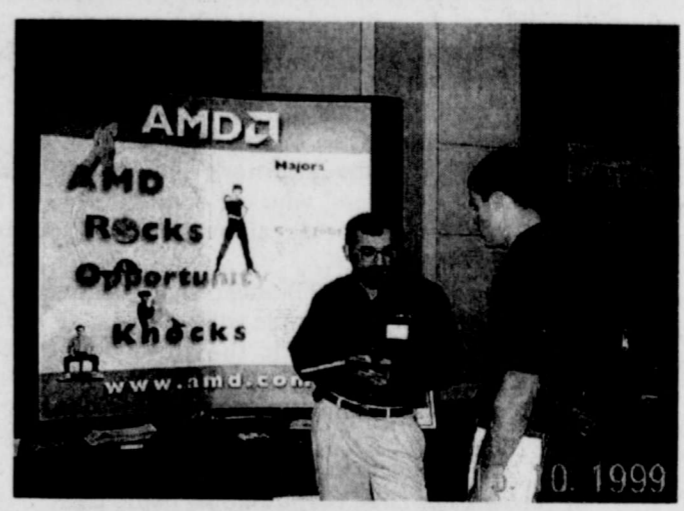
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And so the Mugslinging Begins

Bush men hypocrysize McCain's campaign

I laughed until tears ran down my cheeks Sunday morning. There was Karl Rove (a.k.a. "Bush's Brain") on television, chatting with the Sabbath gasbags about how the real champion of campaign finance reform is ... George W. Bush.

This was funny enough, but Rove went on to say solemnly that John McCain has taken money from lobbyists and special-interest groups! Of course, by then I was on the floor.

And then Rove said: "He (McCain) is the only candidate to accept a \$2 million contribution. He took \$2 million raised for a Senate campaign and transferred it over to his presidential campaign. He benefits from the current sort of insider way that we handle campaign finance laws in America, and he sees nothing wrong with that." By then, I was in hysterics. Let's take a look at the record.

George W. Bush has raised the unheard-of sum of \$70 million for his presidential campaign. He has collected so much money that he can afford to ignore the caps on campaign spending that accompany federal matching funds.

Those caps are part of the system of public campaign financing for presidential races that was instituted after the Watergate scandals. The system has been undermined since the 1988 campaign by the growth of soft money given in unlimited amounts to political parties, rather than directly to candidates. In a presidential year, most soft money goes into the presidential campaign.

Bush started collecting money a year before he announced, flying big Republican donors into Austin in smallish groups to have lunch at the governor's mansion. He has 150 "Pioneers" who are committed to raising \$100,000 for his campaign. That's \$15 million right there.

Each of these 150 Pioneers has to go out and find 99 other people willing to donate \$1,000 each. Where do they find them? Mostly from among their employees, and those contributions are, of course, entirely voluntary.

The Pioneers are CEOs or other top executives of large corporations, name partners in law firms, lobbyists, lobbyists disguised as law firms, and corporate lobbyists usually with some title like "vice president for government relations." And on behalf of the women's movement, you will be proud to learn that a huge number of these entirely voluntary contributions solicited from employees by their bosses are combined with equally voluntary contributions from the

wives of said employees. And sometimes from their children and grandchildren, who are all voluntary troopers, too.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, in the third quarter of last year (latest figures available), "bundling" increased sharply: The presidential candidates received 38 bundles of contributions of \$50,000 or more from executives and families connected with 33 different organizations. All but two came from business groups.

Bush got 25 of those bundles, or 75 percent of the total for the quarter. Al Gore got eight, and Bill Bradley got seven. McCain: zip. Seventy-seven percent of Bush's campaign dollars come from \$1,000 donors, 48 percent of McCain's.

The center notes: "Many of the campaigns have played up the notion that most of their donors give small contributions. What they have not emphasized is that, in raw dollar terms, the big donations are vastly more important to the campaigns' bottom lines."

(The center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization; you can follow the money for yourself at www.opensecrets.org.)

According to a recent issue of *Newsweek*: "Many Washington lobbying groups, whose clients will have large stakes in any Bush administration, have jumped on the bandwagon. The heads of two dozen powerful trade associations — representing steel, chemical, electric power, oil and other industries — have been holding regular conference calls about how to help Bush and have been pushing their members to contribute."

The campaign has assigned "tracking code" numbers to these trade-association heads. Staffers call that a bookkeeping device, but the Bush campaign and the lobbyists use the numbers as a kind of scorecard.

Newsweek got an internal memo in which Edison Electric Chief Tom Kuhn, a Bush classmate at Yale, reminded power company executives to include the industry's tracking code at the bottom of their checks for a Bush fund raiser.

"It does ensure that our industry is credited, and that your progress is listed among the other business/industry sectors." The magazine went on to report that "various groups have been competing for the biggest war chest."

As for the claim that Bush actually is a campaign-finance reformer, Rove, incredibly, based that whopper on the following contention: "Gov. Bush favors campaign-finance reform of a more extensive nature

than Sen. McCain does. Sen. McCain, Al Gore, Bill Clinton and Bill Bradley would limit contributions from corporations and contributions from labor unions to political parties. Gov. Bush supports those two steps, but he would go further. He would require unions to get the permission of their members before spending mandatory union dues on political activity."

In other words, he hates the whole idea and is out to kill any legislation. Requiring permission from union members is the biggest deal-breaker since death. It is completely impossible to pass campaign finance reform with that addendum because that is unilateral disarmament for the unions.

Bush's initial position on campaign finance reform was, characteristically, to say, nothing at all. But when he was cornered by reporters last April, he announced that he favors raising the limits on individual contributions — no indication how high. In Texas, where there are no limits, 50 contributors to Bush's 1998 gubernatorial campaign gave more than \$50,000 each.

Bush does favor banning corporate and union soft-money contributions, but he does not favor any limit on individual soft money contributions. Since the bulk of individual soft money contributions come from very rich individuals, this measure actually would aggravate the inequality of influence now corrupting our entire system.

The Bush campaign also is raising money through a "victory fund" with state Republican parties. The average donation was \$13,000, and some wealthy families gave between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

According to *The Boston Globe*, "The fund takes advantage of an obscure feature of federal law that allows presidential campaigns to raise money in conjunction with state parties. It permits Bush's contributors to make a \$25,000 yearly donation for 1999 after they have hit the \$1,000 limit on direct gifts to Bush."

No other candidate has such a fund. As for Rove's hilarious accusation that McCain takes rides on corporate jets, try Bush's record. More than three dozens lifts so far, many on jets belonging to companies regulated by the state of Texas.

"Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

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

Happy birthday, President Reagan

This past Sunday, one of my personal heroes celebrated his birthday. Now this normally is not something worth devoting an editorial column to, but given the fact of who this man is and seeing as how this is a political year, I feel compelled to speak on it.

If Christopher Columbus is the most maligned white man in history, then the person I am talking about, President Ronald Reagan, has to run a close second.

It almost is laughable when one hears about all the supposed evils of this one man. Liberals love to praise such people as Bill and Hillary for being such caring and giving souls, but they especially love to vilify Reagan.

Now, this is not to say that Conservatives aren't the polar opposite. They are, and one cannot deny that. However, when Conservatives go after Clinton and company, it usually is armed with some facts and not just mere words of hate.

And this is what really floors me about the libs. They profess to love everybody, yet say the name Reagan around them, and they start foaming at the mouth like Old Yeller right before he got shot.

I am sure more than one of you out there is wondering what does this have to do with recent political events. Well, it is because of the legacy that Reagan left behind that makes today's politicians talk about the issues in the manner that they do it. Al Gore, Bradley, Hillary in New York and so on are going to sometime, somewhere talk about the Reagan legacy. Will they tell the truth about it? No, and that is why you need to know some pertinent facts.

This is especially true of you, my fellow Red Raiders, because most of you don't remember the '80s or the Reagan presidency. The following facts I am about to relate have many sources, including the Congressional Budget Office, the Census Department, the Treasury Department and many others. So, to quote the Declaration of Independence, "let the facts be stated to a candid world."

As a result of the Reagan era in 1990, the top 1 percent paid more than 25 percent of the taxes, an increase of 40 percent from 1980. The lower 60 percent paid only 11 percent, a decrease of 20 percent from 1980. The black middle class went from 2.6 million households in 1979 to 3.9 million in 1989.

During the so-called "12 years" of the Reagan and Bush terms, the wealthy actually did pay more taxes in actual dollars but also a greater amount as a percentage of income earned. Also during the Reagan years, the poor received the most relief followed by the middle class and finally the so-called rich.

Now we have all heard and will hear Democrats saying the rich must "pay their fair share." Well, my friends, the rich have been paying — paying through the nose.

Now for you bleeding hearts out there, get a load of this. Despite all these tax cuts, federal spending on poverty programs increased \$40 million in just nine years.

The 1980s also saw an increase in private and corporate charitable giving. So much for the 1980s being the decade of greed.

And, yes, I will admit the deficit did increase. The reason for this? It was the democratically-controlled Congress during the Reagan years and their penchant for unleashed entitlement spending that did it. Had they cooperated with Reagan's budgets instead of calling them "Dead On Arrival," there would not have been a deficit at the end of his term.

Folks, there is a lot more I could say just on the economic side of the Reagan years. There was much more. Reagan in 1980s made three promises. One was that he would lower taxes, and that already has been established as fact. He also promised to rebuild America's prestige overseas and finally, to defeat Communism.

It was during his tenure in office that our military regain its prominence and that coupled with our dedication to strategic defense initiative, or Star Wars, along with the technology to stand behind it is what brought the Soviet Union to its knees.

So let me say happy birthday, Mr. President. I wish you were in better health, and in the remote chance you ever read this, I would like you to know you have my respect and admiration. I know what I just said is going to annoy the hell out some liberals out there. Well, too bad, so sad.

Cameron Graham is a well history major from Lubbock. It now is 92 days until his graduation.

Correction: The amount of money raised by the Tech Rodeo team was incorrectly reported in Cody Nash's column on Wednesday. The team raised \$20,000 for the Caprock Equestrian Center.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fuel to the fire

To the editor: I am writing to express my anger at comments made by Jose Lopez in a letter to the editor in *The UD* (2/8). As an NRA member, I have been labeled by Mr. Lopez as an immoral, Nazi separatist engaged in illegal activity; a label I do not appreciate, especially a label undeserved and filled with a great deal of name calling and misinformation.

You don't know me. You disagree with my politics, and then resort to name calling.

ing. Disagreeing with my views is fine, I accept that. Accusing me of being affiliated with and thereby being a Nazi as well as a few other choice labels angers me greatly.

In defense of the NRA, I will say it was outright irresponsible to say the NRA stops legislation that goes after criminals.

The battle cry of the NRA is "Get tough on criminals and gun crimes, not law-abiding citizens." Evidence of this can be seen in the NRA's support of the "Project Exile" legislation which seeks to prosecute and enforce strong penalties for gun and drug-related crimes.

In Richmond, Va., where such legislation is being tried, murder, robbery and all crimes of armed violence are down.

The question you ought to ask is why are

laws not being enforced? From 1992 to 1998 there has been a 46.5 percent drop in firearms cases sent to federal/state/local prosecutors by the BATF.

Further, there has been a drop in average sentence lengths of BATF cases from 57 to 46 months.

Criminal prosecutions for violations of the Brady Bill, enacted in 1994, almost are nonexistent. So I, too, say no new laws until the present laws are enforced.

Without enforcement, criminals have free reign to do as they wish while law abiding citizens see their rights erode.

Bill Shumway
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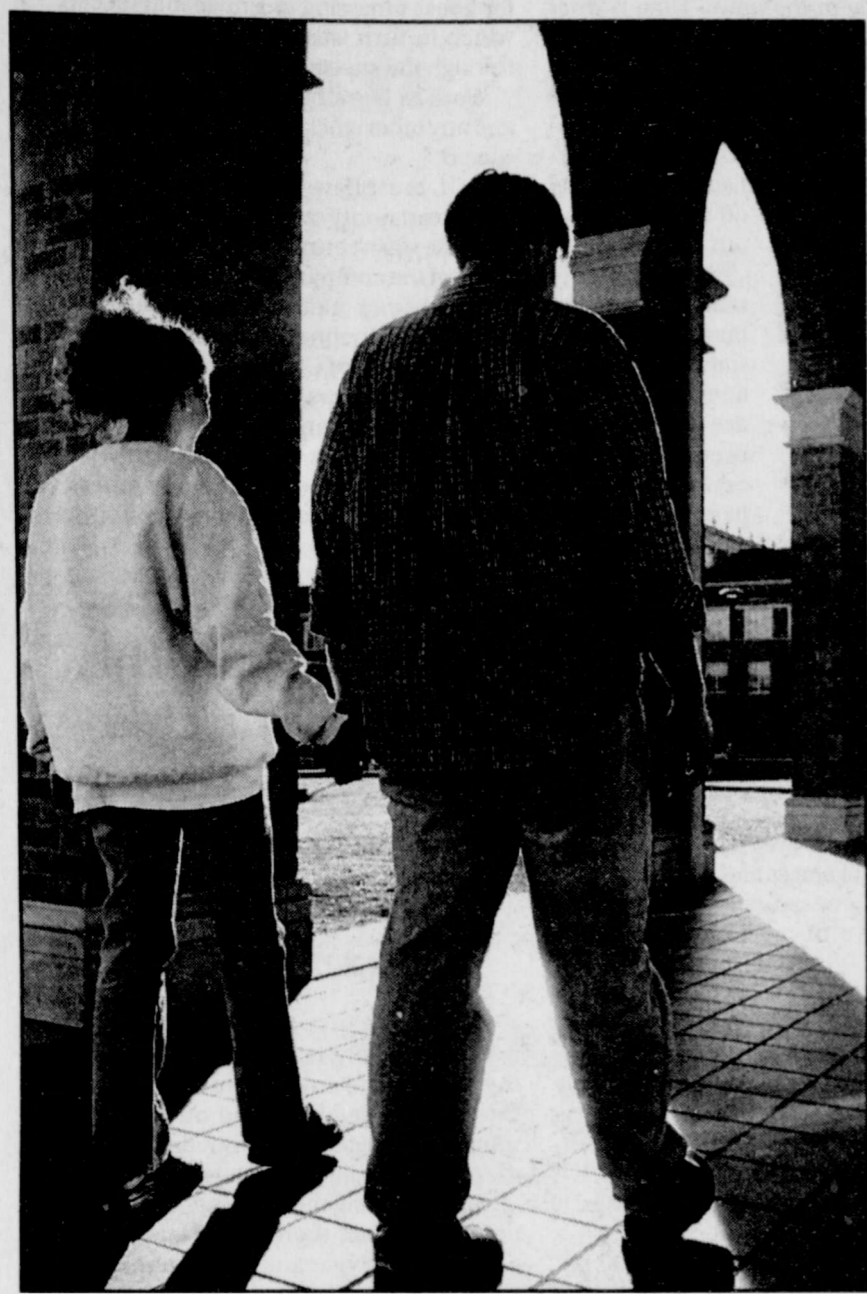


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Texas Tech students have many options when deciding on what to do for Valentine's Day. Lubbock offers many restaurants and activities for couples looking for a romantic evening.

Top 4 Best Selling Gifts

1 Interchangeable rings offer a woman the chance to match the stones in her rings to every outfit. Many jewelry stores sell interchangeable rings, some as low as \$44.

2 If you want to say it with flowers, local flower shops in the Hub City have different packages for her or him. Any kind of flower arrangements send the right Valentine message to your date.

3 If candy is the way to your date's heart, boxes of assorted chocolates are sure to impress your guy or gal.

4 A day to remember easily can be purchased from any of the variety of day spas around town. Women will feel relaxed and renewed as they are pampered with facials and massages.

Top 8 Great Dates

Tired of the standard dinner-and-a-movie date? Looking to add a little variety in your Valentine's Day? The University Daily has compiled a list of possible activities for Texas Tech students to do ... but don't forget the roses.

1 For students who are interested in an exciting but educational date, the Omnimax Theatre and Science Spectrum is for you. The Omnimax is a 58-foot dome that has 12,000 watts of audio power for your viewing enjoyment. The Omnimax is showing "Fantasia 2000," an updated version of Disney's classic. The price ranges from \$9 for the Omnimax movie, or you can have a double feature for \$11.50, which includes a ticket to the Science Spectrum as well. The Omnimax is located at 2579 S. Loop 289, between Indiana Avenue and University Avenue. For more information, call 745-1216.

2 For an intimate Texas twist on your Valentine's Day, students can watch the sunset to fulfill their romantic desires. Four Bar K, located 25 minutes from Tech, offers horseback riding and lessons. The lessons can be in traditional western riding, or if you prefer to try something new, they also offer English-style riding. Four Bar K is located at 2811 98th St., and reservations are required. Four Bar K can be reached at 789-8682.

3 If you are the adventurous type or prefer to get down and dirty with your date, then paintball might be for you. Challenge Park challenges you and your date to escape into their stress-releasing escapade. Paintball is their specialty, and for \$10, you can blast the night away. Challenge Park offers their discounted admission at Challenge Games, located in the South Plains Mall.

5 A romantic dinner could take a clever twist if the couple adventures out to Buffalo Springs Lake for a candlelit picnic. Buffalo Springs Lake is located 20 minutes east of the Tech campus on 50th Street, and the admission to the park is \$2. After dinner, you and your date could stroll down to the waterfront for a long walk on the beach — so to speak. For more information, Buffalo Springs Lake can be reached at 747-0496.

6 If a more lively atmosphere is more your style, then an upscale bar might be what you're looking for. J's Cocktail Lounge, located at 2405 19th St., offers many beverages from martinis to domestic beers. Fox & Hound English Pub & Grille, located at 4210 82nd St., also offers an upper-class feel of an English bar.

7 Dinner may be just the right touch to awe your Valentine. Lubbock has many appetizing restaurants for the wishful stomach. Casa Blanca, located at 5028 50th St., offers Mexican food and an intimate candlelit dinner. Casa Blanca can be reached at 793-1500. If it is Italian you crave, Stella's, located at 2424 14th St., indulges you in their authentic Italian food. For more information, Stella's can be reached at 744-7544. Joe's Crab Shack, at 5802 W. Loop 289, will cater to the seafood lovers looking for romance. The Crab Shack's seafood cuisine offers a fun atmosphere and can be reached at 797-8600. For a taste of France, the Frenchman Inn, at 4409 19th St., will allow you to escape into the romantic mood of Paris. For reservations, call 799-7596.

8 Staying in for a quiet, exclusive evening with your Valentine could be very heavenly if you rent the right movie. Blockbuster is offering their all-time top-rated movies for Valentine's. "Casablanca" is among the many offered by Blockbuster.

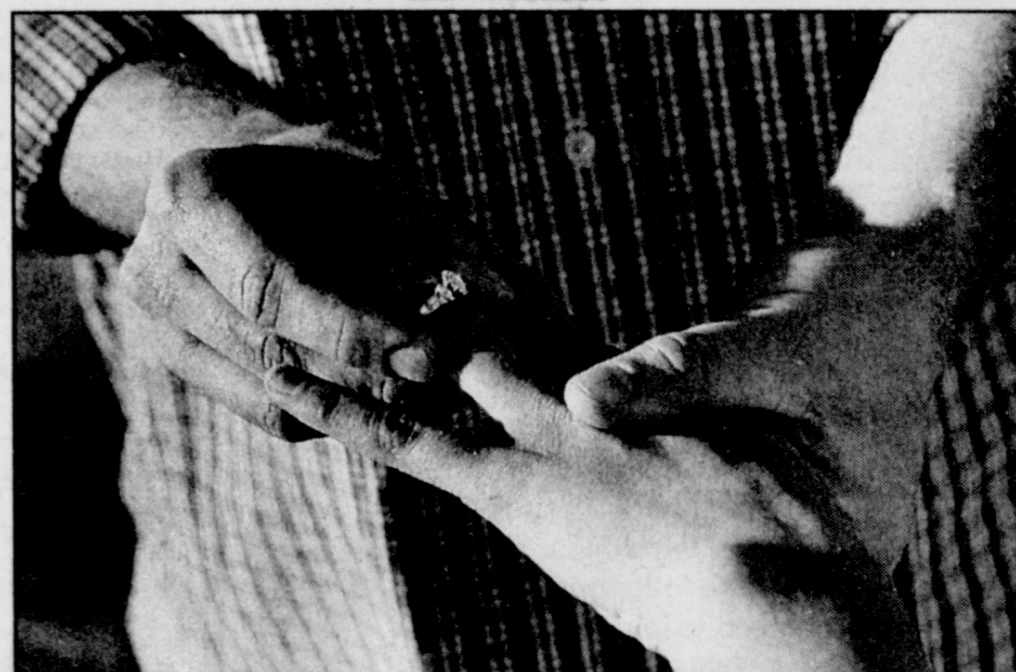


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A diamond says forever ... at least on Valentine's Day. Several jewelry stores in the Hub City offer many rings to please our Valentine date.

Safety concerns raised as NASA aims for Friday launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — As NASA aimed for a Friday launch of space shuttle Endeavour, a safety oversight panel raised concerns over what will happen once the number of flights picks up.

Cutbacks and reorganizations over the past several years, coupled with a prior hiring freeze and unplanned departures, have resulted in a shortage of critical skills in some areas, the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel told NASA in its annual report Thursday.

Those measures have also increased workload pressure and stress levels, said the panel, which was formed in the wake of the 1967 Apollo spacecraft fire that killed three astronauts during a launch pad exercise.

NASA is coming off its slowest year in a decade because of damaged shuttle wiring and stalled work on the international space station. This year promises to be almost as bad.

Endeavour is due to lift off at 12:30 p.m. Friday on an Earth-mapping mission that should have flown last fall but was put on hold because of the wiring problem. Last week's launch attempt

was spoiled by a malfunctioning computer.

With the wiring problems behind them and the space station setbacks being tackled more aggressively, shuttle managers hope to launch nine times in 2001 — triple the 1999 rate. And that has the safety panel worried.

The panel stressed that safety consciousness remains high at NASA, "from hands-on labor to top management."

"Nevertheless," it warned, "workforce issues remain among the most serious safety concerns of the panel."

"Cutbacks and reorganizations over the past several years have resulted in problems related to workforce size, critical skills and the extent of on-the-job experience," the panel said. "These problems have the potential to impact safety as the space shuttle launch rate increases to meet the demands of the ISS (international space station) and its other customers."

The panel said the workforce problems are most notable at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, the Johnson Space

Center in Houston and the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., where shuttle and station operations are based.

Aware of the potential for problems as shuttles start flying more often, NASA plans to hire more workers under President Clinton's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The space agency also plans to spend more money on shuttle improvements.

"We did not in any way compromise the shuttle over the years," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said at the budget unveiling earlier this week. "Each and every year, we monitored a whole variety of metrics to make sure we operate safely."

As for all the shuttle trouble over the past year — damaged wiring, engine debris, improperly installed tiles — NASA took the proper course of action to fix each problem and safety was never compromised, the panel said.

The panel noted, however, that the electrical wiring problem "could well be a harbinger of things to come in the aging orbiter fleet."

The problem surfaced when an

exposed wire caused a short circuit during the July launch of Columbia, NASA's oldest shuttle. Damaged wiring was later found in all four shuttles and led to a grounding of the fleet.

In its report, the panel said there are still too many "escapes" in work procedures, and it questioned the degree of insight NASA has into the way its contractors operate.

Just two weeks ago, NASA discovered a defective seal in an engine fuel pump that flew aboard Discovery in December. The seal should have been thrown away.

The panel also urged NASA to improve the way it handles paperwork.

After two weeks of searching, NASA has yet to find the document for a seal in one of Endeavour's engine fuel pumps. The paperwork would prove whether the seal is certified for flight or, like the one in Discovery, should have been junked.

Shuttle managers said the chance of the seal being defective is extremely small, and they have cleared all of Endeavour's engines for flight.

'Buzzvesting': for the trendier trader

Looking back on the last four quarters of the fiscal year truly has been a gratifying experience: watching the Nasdaq set records, the Dow restructure — it was a year for the tech stocks.

This is the era of technology where information is king. My goal, as always in this column, is to keep readers in touch with a perpetual market watch and an oversight of potential and ever-emerging trends.

Recently in the news, Time Warner and AOL merged along with Proctor Gamble, and the pharmaceutical company, Warner-Lambert, is calling off talks of a buy-out.

In watching the reaction of the market to this instance and similar ones, it's apparent the market has been undergoing a new trend. In the past, people used

to use a method called value-vesting to determine the worth of the company. Next, there was the trend of momentum buyers to buy a stock based on its upward momentum, but now that's all changed. In a vast realm of overvalued, inflated Internet stocks and undervalued tech stocks, it's not hard to see why these original investment vehicles have in the past faltered.

Also with the ever-growing presence of online brokerages and day traders and as more volume saturates the exchanges, a new wave of investment practice emerges — what I like to call "Buzzvesting."

With the introduction of technology stocks and the difficulty in evaluating Internet stocks, a keen investor would rely on performance; but if the company has not been around long enough to establish trends or is so volatile with such a large span in intra-daily price swings, it would not be a good idea.

The idea behind buzzvesting is as basic as it sounds: investing based on the buzz of news and hype. What moves a security more — the report of a good earning quarter that beat the street estimates by a few cents or the hype or press release that a company is going to merge or be bought out?

Another example of this phenomenon: Would you want to play the Dow because of its long outstanding trend line or buy into an IPO because of an unavoidable positive hype?

As stated earlier, information is king and in the idea of buzzvesting, that goes double. Buzzvesting, it seems, is extremely popular with day traders (traders who trade on a daily basis) because of the short-lived effects of buzzvesting. It encompasses the very simplistic of in-

vestment advice — buy low and sell high. Think about it, a company could be great with earnings per share and revenue, but if investors don't see the potential in the company, it's never going to reach its full potential value.

Whereas on the other hand, you take Amazon.com who started out extremely in the red financially. What drove this stock? Was it negative EPS and revenue? I don't think so. Or was it the fact they were first to market a national online e-business model for books amassing to a huge market cap, which in turn was the buzz that spread through the streets like wildfire.

Back in November, China.com's stock and any other stock associated with China soared.

AOL must have known something — they are majority owners of the company. This rise wasn't attributed to their present value of the company or built of momentum the stock had acquired. This ludicrous price inclination was due to the hype and buzz of China opening its markets and the news of China joining the World Trade Organization and allowing capitalism to prosper and grow in what is looked at, by myself and many others, as the AOL of the next major economic market.

It's when you assess and apply this information that you acquire to turn a profit and become a savvy buzzvestor.

These are just a few examples of buzzvesting's presence. Times are changing and so are investment strategies. Buzzvesting can be found on any chat room to message board, from the office to the golf course just about anywhere. I'm not saying this is the definitive tactic to trade, but there is no denying its growing existence and participation in some of our market's most profitable ascensions.

Always remember the street goes both ways, but as the saying goes, "anyone can make money in a bull market," right? For every winner in the market, there's a loser. So play it smart and know your securities and their function, and most of all, know what other people know and think of the stock.

It's when you assess and apply this information that you acquire to turn a profit and become a savvy buzzvestor. Be sure to note this is not an official recommendation. All investors should use their own judgments in buying securities.

Chris Day is a freshman management information systems major from Carrollton.



Chris Day
Columnist

Alaska grounds two MD-80s after jackscrew damage found

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alaska Airlines grounded two MD-80 jetliners Thursday after wear and tear was found in tail mechanisms during voluntary inspections prompted by last week's crash of Alaska Flight 261.

The horizontal stabilizer, the jackscrew, nut, elevators and other components that adjust the plane's up-and-down pitch have been the focus of the Flight 261 investigation. The pilots struggled to control the plane for at least 30 minutes before it crashed into the Pacific on Jan. 31, killing all 88 people aboard.

Alaska grounded the two planes in Seattle and Portland, Ore., because metal shavings were found around the jackscrews. Investigators also announced Thursday that metal shavings were found from a nut

in the same mechanism aboard Flight 261, which was an MD-83.

Shavings indicate wear on the nut, which travels along a large screw that moves the horizontal stabilizer and controls the up-and-down direction of the plane. The nut from Flight 261 has not been found, said Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

All major U.S. airlines were inspecting their fleets of MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and Boeing 717 jets on Thursday. Boeing recommended the checks Wednesday night.

Alaska has 34 MD-80 planes. Thirty-one have been inspected, spokeswoman Heather Hiestand said. Of those, 26 were cleared and returned to service, while three were undergoing routine heavy maintenance.

Teachers renew battle for state paid insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas teachers, whose most recent effort to win state-paid health insurance died in last year's Legislature, are renewing their battle for better benefits.

The Texas Federation of Teachers planned the first of several statewide town hall meetings on the issue Thursday night in Dallas.

Earlier this week, a Texas State Teachers Association survey of 973 school districts found that insurance rates rose in 718 districts this school year, the same year teachers got a \$3,000 raise from lawmakers.

"Our worst fears were correct," Annette Cootes of the TSTA said Thursday. "We're hearing just from everyone that this \$3,000 raise is being offset by tremendous raises in health insurance."

The survey also found that 746 districts raised family insurance premiums, some more than \$100 per month.

"That's bad for teachers, but you think about that cafeteria worker. That's going to take up half of their salary," Cootes said.

Both teacher unions say they again will pressure the Legislature to adopt a bill to require the state to pay school district employees' health insurance costs.

"We were disappointed last session that lawmakers did not pass... House Bill 1294 into law. That would have given school employees state-paid health insurance comparable in cost and coverage to that given to state employees," said John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

The \$2.3 billion bill, proposed by Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, D-Dallas, died in a House committee.

Ehrhardt said she plans to revisit the issue in the upcoming session next January.

"I certainly will want to be a part of it until we get it done. It's the right thing to do for our personnel who work with our children," she said. "Our benefits program in the state of Texas is one of the worst in the nation."

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Travelers react to mandate on plane inspections

GRAPEVINE (AP) — As she waited for her American Airlines flight to take off from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Thursday, fear unexpectedly crept into Celene Mitchell's mind.

Although the trip she and her family were taking to Orange County, Calif., had been planned months ago, Mitchell now was concerned because airlines nationwide have begun inspecting their aircraft in the wake of last week's crash of an Alaska Airlines plane.

"I've never done this before," she said. "I told my family if the plane

went down that my sister could have my jewels and my parents could have my violin."

Mitchell wasn't the only D-FW passenger who gave second thoughts to safety.

But even as airlines such as American, Continental and Delta were inspecting their jetliners, it apparently wasn't enough to stop people from flying and most were comforted by the extra scrutiny aircraft were receiving.

On Wednesday, Boeing Co. asked airlines to check their fleets of MD-80s and inspect the jackscrew, which

moves the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like device on the tail that controls a plane's up and down motion. It is powered by two motors and resembles the corkscrew-like device that opens many automatic garage doors.

This navigation part is the focus of the investigation of the Jan. 31 crash of Alaska Airlines MD-83 that killed 88 people off the coast of Southern California near Los Angeles.

Boeing's recommendation covers about 2,000 planes — the MD-80 series, MD-90s, DC-9s and Boeing 717s. All major U.S. airlines had an inspection program under way.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines does not fly MD-80s and has not been asked to inspect its planes. Its entire fleet is composed of Boeing 737s.

Al Alexander, 59, who waited Thursday at D-FW to board a Delta Airlines plane to Providence, R.I. said his daughter called him Wednesday night expressing concern about flying.

"I'm glad they're inspecting the planes," said Alexander, who was an Air Force aircraft maintenance worker for 21 years. "If it was happening to more than one airline, I'd be

concerned. Flying is not as dangerous as driving on the highway with all that road rage."

Officials from American Airlines, based in Fort Worth, Texas, said the inspection of its fleet of 284 MD-80s and MD-90s will be completed in a week.

Delta officials said their inspection of the 120 MD-88s and 16 MD-90s in their fleet would be finished by Friday.

Continental's inspection of its 69 MD-80s would be done by the weekend, officials of the Houston-based airline said.

Alaska Airlines grounded two MD-80 jetliners in Seattle and Portland, Ore. on Thursday because metal shavings were found around the jackscrews. Shavings indicate wear and tear.

Margaret Evans, who was also flying from D-FW to Orange County, Calif., said as she checked in her baggage, she saw her plane's pilot and asked if the aircraft's stabilizer was in good condition.

"This issue was on my mind but I still flew," she said. "I was pretty sure I'd get here. When you fly you always think about what can happen."

One dead, four missing in building fire

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Four people were missing Thursday after a massive fire in a four-story office building. One person was confirmed dead.

A state trooper with two cadaver-sniffing dogs began searching the smoldering, burned-out building Thursday morning.

The missing, believed to be two men and two women, were thought to be on the top floor of the brick building that burned Wednesday.

Fire Chief Edward Murphy said it could take days before all the bodies are recovered from the unstable

building.

The dogs, he said, were "not having much luck."

At least a dozen people were plucked from window ledges by firemen on ladder trucks as thick black smoke darkened the skies and firefighters battled the blaze from the roofs of adjacent buildings.

The building had been undergoing roof and window renovations.

Murphy said the fire appeared to have started in an office on an upper floor.

"I don't have anybody else in the world," Lewis said.

The fire broke out shortly after noon. Part of the building's roof and outer walls collapsed as water was pumped into open windows and firefighters battled the blaze from the roofs of adjacent buildings.

The building had been undergoing roof and window renovations.

Murphy said the fire appeared to have started in an office on an upper floor.

initially tried to extinguish the fire instead of reporting it.

When firefighters arrived, they encountered heavy flames that "just swept across the building," he said.

Four firefighters had minor injuries. Two office workers also were hurt, but officials said their injuries were not life-threatening.

Gerald Kaplan of Newton, owner of Kaplan Accountants, was among those rescued but he died at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Fire officials said he had symptoms of a heart attack.

Three injured in Toronto high school parking lot

TORONTO (AP) — Three people were injured Thursday when gunfire broke out in a high school parking lot, prompting police to hold the students inside the building. One of the wounded was in serious condition following the violence at Emory Collegiate Institute in suburban Toronto, said police Constable Nick Doria. He was unable to confirm if the injured were students.

The shooting broke out as students finished the school day and were preparing to go home.

Video footage on CIV television showed one young male victim being wheeled into a local hospital.

Police sealed off the area around the school and were searching for two suspects, Doria said. He was unable to say whether the suspects were students at the school.

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Hijack ends, officials skeptical of asylum issue

STANSTED, England (AP) — About half the hostages freed from a hijacked Afghan airliner requested asylum in Britain, but their 74 applications ran into immediate skepticism Thursday from officials who feared the four-day drama was all an elaborate bid to escape Afghanistan.

Police arrested 21 people as the standoff ended peacefully before sunrise Thursday.

At 3:50 a.m., about 85 captives — mostly women and 21 children — suddenly streamed down the aircraft's rear stairs, illuminated by bright lights, their flowing garments fluttering in the wind. The rest, including the hijackers, filed down the stairs two hours later.

Officials said the hijackers never asked for asylum, but many others on the flight did. Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons

that Britain would try to deport them, subject to legal requirements.

"Clearly, you cannot have a situation where a signal can be sent to anybody that the way to get asylum is through hijacking a plane," he said.

The hijackers took over the Ariana airline flight early Sunday on what should have been less than an hour's flight from the Afghan capital of Kabul to the northern town of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The plane made stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Russia, releasing 22 passengers. Ten more people were let go and four crew members escaped after the plane landed early Monday at Stansted airport, 25 miles northeast of London. That left 151 aboard.

Police gave no guarantees during the mostly calm and businesslike negotiations, said David Stevens,

chief constable of Essex County police. The hijackers never gave a clear explanation of their aims, he said.

"It became clear in the last hour of the negotiations that they were expressing concern about the political situation in Afghanistan," he said. "For the first 75 hours, they didn't talk about the political situation at all."

Police recovered four handguns, five knives, one set of brass knuckles, two detonators and two grenades, though they did not appear to have fuses, Stevens said.

He anticipated a long process of interviewing all the people aboard the aircraft, mainly through translators, to build a case.

"It's not right that they should endanger all the passengers to get asylum."

Akhtar Mohammed Manzoor
civil aviation minister

The hard-line Taliban government in Afghanistan sent a fax to British authorities thanking them for ending the hijacking safely. The Taliban's civil aviation minister, Akhtar Mohammed Manzoor,

asked that the plane — one of only nine in the aging fleet — and its passengers be returned.

The hijackers "must be punished, otherwise it will be an example for others that they can hijack a plane and get asylum if that is what they want," Manzoor said.

"It's not right that they should endanger all the passengers to get asylum."

Britain does not have diplomatic relations with Taliban authorities, who practice a strict brand of Islam and control 90 percent of Afghanistan.

Nick Hardwick, chief executive of the Refugee Council, urged the government to be cautious about sending everyone back Afghanistan, wracked by 20 years of war and home to one of the world's largest refugee populations.

"The truth is this is a desperate act by desperate men, desperate to get their families to safety. It doesn't

excuse it at all, but it doesn't mean we can return people to a very dangerous situation without very careful thought," Hardwick said.

Opposition politicians in Britain suggested the hijackers had been attracted to the United Kingdom by a reputation for lenience.

"Why the United Kingdom? How many European Convention on Human Rights signatories did that plane fly over on its journey from Moscow to the U.K.?" Conservative Party lawmaker Anne Widdecombe said.

Britain received 3,975 applications for asylum from Afghan citizens last year, out of a total of 71,160 from all countries, the Home Office said. In 1998, there were 2,395 applications from Afghanistan, with 35 granted refugee status and 1,500 given permission to remain.

American woman, Falun Gong follower detained in China

BEIJING (AP) — An American woman has been detained in China for five days, since she took a photo-

graph at a protest by members of the banned meditation movement Falun Gong, her boyfriend said Thursday.

Tracy Zhao, 30, of New York City, was taking a picture of police breaking up a Falun Gong protest around midnight Feb. 4 at Tiananmen Square when police detained her, said Lin Chong-li, who also is an

American from New York.

Lin said his girlfriend was not taking part in the protest but was there to observe it and show support.

She was among at least 50 Falun Gong followers detained at the pro-

test, which was held as China welcomed the lunar new year.

Police kicked, punched and dragged many of the demonstrators before putting them in vans and driving them away.

Lin said Zhao borrowed a mobile phone while in the van and called him twice early Saturday to say she was being taken north of Beijing to a detention center.

He said he has not heard from her since. Lin gave Zhao's passport to U.S. Embassy officials, who gave it to Chinese police.

Lin said police telephoned him to ask about Zhao's luggage and plane ticket, but would not give him information about her.

The Chinese government banned Falun Gong in July as a menace to the public and a threat to Communist Party control.

Founded in 1992 by a former Chinese government clerk who now lives in New York, Falun Gong attracted millions of followers drawn to its mix of slow-motion exercises, Buddhist and Taoist cosmology and message of moral living.

Zhao, who was born in Beijing, emigrated to the United States

seven or eight years ago, her mother, Yan Zuo, said from the New York City borough of Queens.

Yan said her daughter had been practicing Falun Gong for about a year.

"She is a practitioner but in Tiananmen did not participate, she just took a picture," said Yan, adding that she had not heard from her daughter since Saturday's arrest.

Zhao is a Northwest Airlines flight attendant. An airline spokesman said the company would go through official channels to determine her status.

"It's now a government to government matter," said Doug Killian. "We will work through the U.S. government to see how we can assist."

Zhao was apparently in China on her own time, another airline official said. She has not worked since Jan. 30 and is on leave until Feb. 16.

Yan said that although her daughter had gone to Beijing on Feb. 3 to visit relatives and celebrate the new year, she also wanted to find out how Falun Gong practitioners in China were being treated.

She gave her passport to her boyfriend so authorities would not know she was American.

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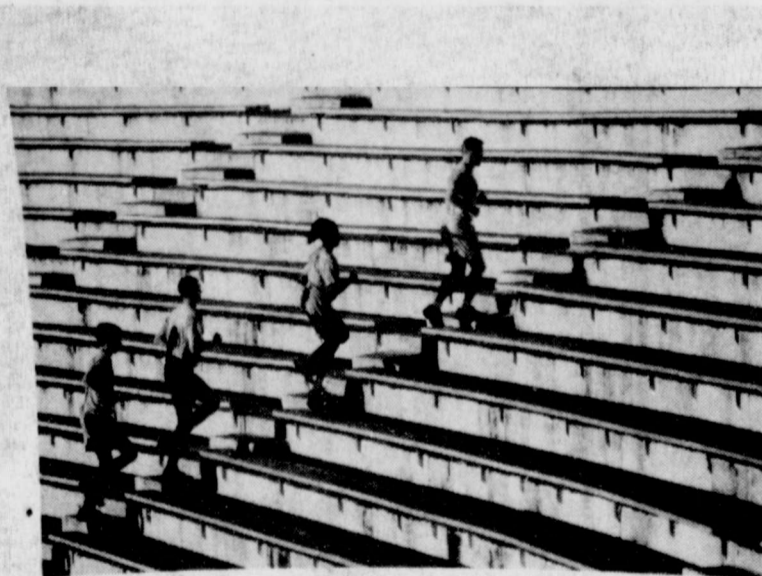
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Volunteer organization 'banking' on students



A group of Tech students help bag beans at the South Plains Food Bank. The food bank offers volunteer opportunities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

by Jamie Laubhan
TechLife Editor

While some of the college population is in bed recovering from the wild night before, suffering a pounding headache and thinking of what stresses the next week will hold, several Texas Tech students are giving up their weekend to help others.

Melanie Davis, a senior family studies major from Spring and member of Silver Wings, a national service organization associated with the Air Force ROTC, spends her weekends helping the community instead of what she said is the college norm. "Community service is something most college students don't think about," Davis said. "They are more interested in sleeping in and grades."

David Weaver, executive director of the South Plains Food Bank, offers his gratitude to all Tech students who volunteer their help throughout the year.

"I really appreciate the support we get from the Tech campus," Weaver said. "We couldn't do 1/3 of the work we do without them."

Weaver said students have been really great about coming out and donating their time. He feels any amount of time they can give is more than enough.

Weaver said the South Plains Food Bank helps feed nearly 5,000 underprivi-

leged families in and around Lubbock each month. He said this would not be possible without the support of Tech students.

"When the students come out and see where the food goes, they find it very gratifying," Weaver said.

T.J. Handrick, a junior business major from Stephenville, said volunteering at the food bank is gratifying, yet it is something that anyone can help with.

"The work we do here is never that hard," Handrick said. "Usually, we sort some sort of food item into smaller bags to be distributed to the community."

Davis agreed and said the food bank is the place she enjoys the most.

"The food bank is a good place for anyone looking for an easy and social service project," Davis said. "Yet at the same time, you are benefiting the community."

Jeremy Fortier, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, volunteered at the food bank to fulfill community service for a traffic violation but said he has grown from the experience.

"I'll keep coming back here," Fortier said. "It is good for the community, and it makes me feel like I am making a difference."

Weaver said the food bank offers much more than food for needy families. He said other programs they sponsor include community gardens and the food bank farm where community members are en-

couraged to grow their own vegetables. The food bank sponsors 26 gardens in and around Lubbock.

Weaver said the gardens help bring the community together, therefore, the motto for the gardens is "Growing Good Neighbors."

Roy Riddle, land manager for the South Plains Food Bank, said many people become more active in the community as a result of the interaction at the food bank.

"When people work in the gardens, we find that they make new friends," Riddle said. "They, often times, meet neighbors they had never spoken to."

Weaver encourages Tech students to come out and enjoy the gardens. The gardens closest to the Tech campus are located in North Overton at 7th Street between Avenue S and Avenue P and in South Overton at 15th Street between Avenue U and Avenue W.

Riddle said the food bank also offers classes through the Food Bank Market, at 47th Street and Globe Avenue, that teach low-income families how to farm and grow food for themselves.

"By growing their own food, families can save money," Riddle said. "They can also sell the food they don't need at the market for an extra source of income."

South Plains Food Bank is located at 4612 Locust St. It offers volunteer opportunities daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for anyone wishing to share their time.

Letterman not ready to return

NEW YORK (AP) — There won't be a Valentine's Day return to the air for heart patient David Letterman.

Instead, CBS will continue to air versions of "Late Show Backstage," where stars are interviewed reminiscing about their appearances on Letterman's show, with guests like Julia Roberts and Jerry Seinfeld.

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ABC hit gameshow insurer wants out of contract

NEW YORK (AP) — The company that insures ABC's hit game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," is suing to get out of its contract because it claims the questions are too easy and they're at risk of paying out too much prize money.

ABC says viewers shouldn't worry about the legal fight — they're planning no changes to the show.

The London-based insurance underwriters Goshawk Syndicate filed suit in Britain's High Court of Justice on Jan. 24 against Buena Vista Entertainment, Inc., the show's producers, to end its contract.

In essence, Goshawk said it needed assurances that "Who Wants

to Be a Millionaire" would ask harder questions and select dumber contestants.

"Millionaire" has been the television sensation of the year, frequently pulling in 30 million viewers a night and propelling ABC to the top of the ratings. Host Regis Philbin's question — "Is that your final answer?" — has become a national catchphrase.

Other television networks have quickly tried to imitate "Millionaire," to mixed success.

Under its contract, Goshawk is required to pay out prize money to contestants who win \$500,000 or more on the show. There's a deductible of \$1.5 million before Goshawk

is required to pay and a ceiling of \$5 million. That means, for example, Goshawk would only be required to pay prizes to five winners of \$1 million.

Reached in London on Thursday, a spokeswoman for Goshawk refused to comment.

"Unquestionably, the integrity of the show is above reproach and nobody is claiming otherwise," ABC spokeswoman Julie Hoover said. "This is simply a dispute in which the company providing insurance is trying to get out of coverage on the basis of a conversation it had with a broker."

Two "Millionaire" contestants —

an Internal Revenue Service agent from Connecticut and a Miami attorney — correctly answered 15 questions and won \$1 million. By contrast, no player on the original British version of the game show has ever won the big prize.

Through 51 shows, there have also been three \$500,000 winners. "Millionaire" has given out a total of \$9,314,000 in prize money since it has been on the air, according to ABC.

The multiple-choice questions are frequently easy in the early rounds. One contestant was asked which condiment is also known as a Latin dance, correctly choosing salsa

over the other options: mustard, mayonnaise and relish.

They get harder as the stakes grow higher. The first million-dollar winner won by correctly identifying the U.S. president to appear on the television show, "Laugh-In" (Richard Nixon). The second had to know the distance between the Earth and the sun (93 million miles).

Simply getting on the show can actually be harder than winning big money: it requires potential contestants to successfully navigate a three-tier elimination process where they are judged on speed and accuracy.

In the lawsuit, Goshawk said it needed "significant changes in the

level of control" to "reduce the unacceptable level of losses." Specifically, the syndicate asked for changes in the method of contestant selection and the degree of difficulty of the questions.

Since no changes were made since it first asked for them in late December, Goshawk said that "substantial losses under the insurance are expected."

Hoover was not sure what the next step in the case would be.

Even if the show's producers were to lose the insurance, it wasn't likely to affect ABC's commitment to the series. It now airs three nights a week, and gives ABC bragging rights as the No. 1 network.

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Raiders hope to slide into win against Trojans

Tech hopes to boost national rankings

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Tech baseball squad journeyed to Los Angeles last year to face the Trojans of Southern California but dropped two-of-three in the series.

This season, Tech will try to return the favor to Southern California when the Trojans visit Dan Law Field this weekend for a three-game series.

Action will start at 4 p.m. today, and the second contest will be at noon Saturday. The series will conclude at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Tech is 4-1 on the season and ranked No. 18 in the nation.

The Trojans also boast a 4-1 record and are ranked No. 6 nationally.

Tech coach Larry Hays has faced Southern California four times in his career at Tech, including a memorable 11-inning, 13-10 loss to the Trojans in the NCAA Central Regional in 1996.

Hays said this season the Trojans are as strong as ever.

"They are definitely one of the best teams in the country," Hays said. "It'll be like the club we faced last year, except they've reloaded like we have."

Pitching definitely will be the key

for a Tech victory, Hays said.

Getting the starting nod in the first contest will be senior right-hander Kevin Tracey. Tracey replaces Brandon Roberson who strained a tendon in his right elbow in Tech's season opening win against West Texas A&M. Tracey has a 1-0 record this season and a 5.40 ERA in five innings pitched.

Helping support Tracey in the series opener will be a Red Raider lineup that is averaging 16.8 runs-per-contest through its first five games.

Tech first baseman David O'Keeffe has slugged his way to a .400 batting average with one home run and seven runs batted in his five starts.

O'Keeffe said he expects to see better pitching from the Trojans than they have seen from their first two opponents, but he said he thinks the Red Raiders are up to the challenge.

"Our hitting has been fine," O'Keeffe said. "But we're going to see a lot better pitching this weekend, and

it will be a good test for our batters."

O'Keeffe, who has yet to commit an error this season while on the field, said defensive consistency will be a focus for the Red Raiders against the Trojans.

"We're stressing that right now," O'Keeffe said about the Red Raiders' fielding. "Our defense needs to stay with it through nine innings. We can't

have any of these mental errors out in the field."

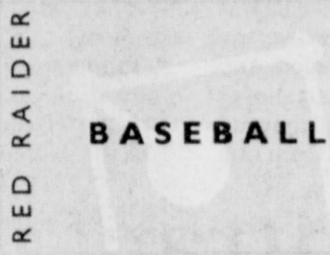
Tech designated hitter Chaz Eiguren is batting .467 on the season and has a team-high 11 RBIs.

Eiguren said Tech is playing well heading into the series with Southern California, but there always is room for improvement.

"Every team can improve on something," Eiguren said. "We're no different than any other team when it comes to that. We need to work on some defense, but overall, we're playing some pretty good defense. We may need to work on some pitching, but other than that, we're playing really well."



The Red Raiders look to avenge last year's loss to the Southern California Trojans at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. Tech is 4-1 on the season and No. 18 in the nation. The Trojans also hold a 4-1 record and are ranked No. 6 nationally. Tech is averaging 16 runs-per-contest so far this season. The series will continue until Sunday.
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Rodman plays 'Good Dennis' in debut with Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Now that Dennis Rodman has played his first game for the Dallas Mavericks, the wait begins for his first outlandish act.

There was no reason for Rodman to dye his hair a new shade or to try anything wild on the court in his debut Wednesday night, a 117-106 loss to Seattle. His mere presence already had him where he wanted to be: in the spotlight.

The key with Rodman will be how he responds once people get used to him being around again. That's when he's likely to start pulling the stunts that have made him more famous than rebounding ever could have.

Another way to push his buttons is for the Mavericks to lose a lot,

something that's entirely possible. Just because Rodman knows Dallas' past doesn't mean he's ready to lose more often than he wins.

No matter what Rodman does is interesting to a lot of people. His return to the NBA after 10 months of making movies, wrestling and generally getting into trouble was truly a big-time event.

The game drew 18,203 fans, the second-largest home crowd in the Mavs' 20-year history. More than 150 media credentials were issued, triple the typical amount.

With so much buildup, all Rodman had to do was show up. And he did, even arriving five minutes earlier than he had to.

"If I can make this team get to the playoffs, my job is done. My job is done."

**Dennis Rodman
Mavericks forward**

Rodman played 32 minutes without any problems.

He grabbed 13 rebounds and played tough defense. He committed five fouls and drew just as many. He missed his only shot, an attempted tip.

"Same old Dennis," said Sonics forward Horace Grant. "He is still the

same, pushing old Dennis."

Rodman got away with one of his old tricks — locking his arms in another player's, then acting like he was the one knocked down when the other guy tries to get untangled. And he was effective at doling out shoves in traffic; Emanuel Davis still may not have regained his balance from one

particular jolt.

Rodman will need to learn about the NBA's new rules limiting contact. While he's at it, he should consider a refresher course in illegal defense.

Teammates were excited by what they saw Wednesday. They figure that as he gets into the swing of things, he'll become more of a force.

"He just has to get his lungs and his feet ready for basketball," teammate Cedric Ceballos said.

Rodman told *The Dallas Morning News* he doesn't consider his return a sideshow.

"I think this is a real good opportunity for me to come back and one, just to see if I can do it," Rodman said. "Two, the people here are very gener-

ous and nice. Three, to prove a point. If I can make this team get to the playoffs, my job is done. My job is done.

"It's a challenge, a hell of a challenge to try to turn this team around. Even though I'm not the Michael Jordan of the NBA, I can do something to make this team a little more physical, a little more hard-core minded that they can go out there and say, 'Hey, we can't be beat. If we're going to get beat, let's go out there and fight our butt off every night.'"

If it happens, the perception of Rodman being a grand disruptor could change.

If the plan doesn't work, then don't be surprised if Dennis the Menace returns.

Marino voids last two years of contract with Dolphins

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino now has some time, and the Miami Dolphins have more money.

Marino, the NFL career leader in passing yardage, voided the final two years of his contract with the Dolphins on Thursday. It remained un-

clear whether the 38-year-old quarterback will retire or return for another season.

Marino could rejoin the Dolphins or go to another team as a free agent.

"I'm not going to speculate about what Dan's going to do," Dolphins

president Eddie Jones said Thursday. "Dan is a great athlete, and he's done everything he can possibly do in football."

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better. I'm sure that's what he's thinking about."

Marino threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions last season, missing five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury. He finished with a career-low 67.4 passer rating.

Coach Dave Wannstedt has indicated that he would prefer to go with a younger quarterback like Jim Druckenmiller or Damon Huard,

who was 4-1 as a starter last season.

Though there is no timetable for Marino's decision, he likely will make an announcement before March 20, the day the Dolphins begin their offseason workout program.

"We've got a new coordinator, a new head coach and we're going to have a new offensive system," Jones said. "And I don't know how Dan fits into that."

With Marino no longer under contract, the Dolphins gained \$5.8 million to spend during the free agent signing period, which begins Friday. They also released veteran tight end Troy Drayton on Thursday.

Drayton, 29, said he will not re-sign with the Dolphins for less money.

"I've paid my dues as far as a football player," said Drayton, who caught 32 passes for 299 yards last season. "I'm financially secure, but money is definitely an issue. I'm a veteran and I consider myself one of the best tight ends in the league."

"I'm just going to put some bait on the end of the hook, watch the line and see if there are any takers."

Marino might have some takers, too.

At times last season, Marino showed glimpses of the player who owns nearly every NFL passing record.

He led Miami to two fourth-quarter comebacks during the regular season. But the Dolphins were embarrassed 62-7 at Jacksonville in the

second round of the playoffs. Miami trailed 38-0 before Marino completed a pass. He finished 11-of-25 for 95 yards with three turnovers.

"I don't think anybody wants to end a career on the kind of game that we played in Jacksonville," Drayton said. "He deserves to go out on a white horse and with lots of fanfare. He's done a lot to revolutionize the quarterback position and the NFL as a whole."

It could happen, if Marino wants to contend for a starting job. Marino needed to void his contract by Thursday or the Dolphins would have had to waive him or pay him \$5.75 million for the 2000 season plus a \$1 million bonus for being on the roster April 1. Marino would have made \$6.75 million in 2001.

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Lady Raiders face struggling Aggies

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

After playing two road games in four days and losing one of them, the Lady Raiders (18-3 overall, 7-3 Big 12) will try to get back on the winning track at home against the Aggies.

Coming off of Tuesday's 52-49 loss at Missouri, the Lady Raiders hope to bounce back when they battle Texas A&M (10-10 overall, 2-8 Big 12) at 3

p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The Lady Raiders will try to extend their 27-game home winning streak when they face the Aggies.

"I don't think we will have a problem bouncing back on Saturday," said Tech forward Aleah Johnson, who is the Lady Raiders' leading scorer. "I think the fact of having three home games in a row will make it easier to come back."

The Aggies come in to the contest having dropped two of their last 10 games.

Both of the Aggies' wins were against the Baylor Bears who happen to be 0-10 in Big 12 Conference play.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said her team cannot look at the Aggies' record and go into the game thinking it will be an easy win.

"Everyone in the Big 12 always presents a challenge," Sharp said. "The Aggies are in a situation where they have nothing to lose, and it is always a little bit scary to play someone like that."

The Lady Raiders and Aggies last clashed Jan. 29 at College Station with the Lady Raiders proving victorious 71-49.

Tuesday's loss to Missouri hurt the Lady Raiders because a win would have put them only one game out of first place in the conference.

However, Sharp and her players said they just have to regroup and look forward.

"Now we realize that we will have to play our hardest every time, and we can't go into every game expecting to win easy," Johnson said. "We also have to know anything can happen at anytime."

Sharp said her defense is the strong point of her team, and the offense will need to improve a little before post-season play.

"I think definitely our weakness is running a half-court game and finding shots that we like," Sharp said. "I also was not too happy with the way we passed the ball during the two road games which didn't give us many opportunities to score."

The Lady Raiders as a team are shooting 43.3 percent from the field, 29.9 percent from beyond the 3-point line and 59.1 percent from the charity stripe.

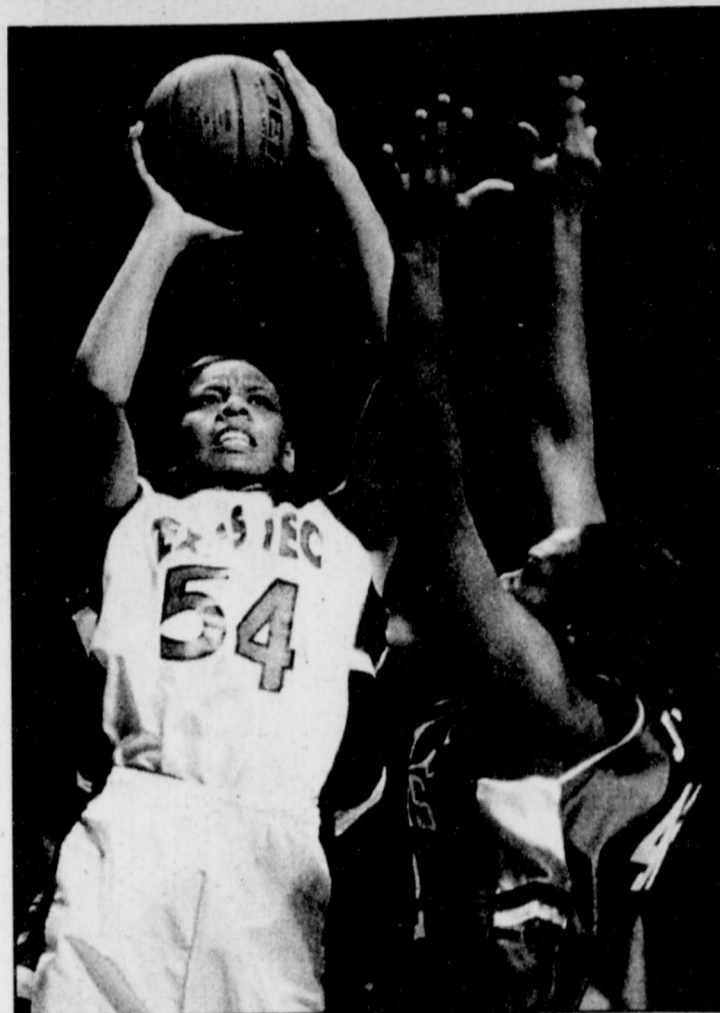
Sharp said she was not pleased with her team's effort from the free-throw line against Missouri.

"From a coach's point of view, it is the most frustrating part of the loss," Sharp said. "Hopefully, our legs will be rested, and we can hit some free throws this weekend."

Texas A&M comes into the contest with two players averaging more than a dozen points-per-game.

Aggie guard Jaynetta Saunders (15.1 points-per-game) and center Prissy Sharpe (13.5 points-per-game) have been the two best offensive producers for the Aggies this season.

"We have to be ready to go and ready to play anybody," said Tech guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, who is 22 assists away from breaking the school record. "You never know who you're going to play and who you're going to face in the Big 12."



Pienette Pierson and the Lady Raiders will be back at home tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena to face the Texas A&M Aggies

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Griffey headed to Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Junior has come home.

Following three months of often deadlocked trade talks, the Cincinnati Reds reunited Ken Griffey Jr. with his father and his hometown Thursday by sending four players to the Seattle Mariners.

The final piece of the deal came when Griffey agreed to a nine-year contract worth \$116.5 million, the

richest package in baseball history. The pact covers from 2000-08, and the Reds even have an option for a 10th season.

"The last time I put on this uniform, I think I was 8 — for a father-son game," Griffey said, pulling on a Reds jersey at a news conference.

Streets, put up "Welcome Home" signs in their yards and reveled in the team's most celebrated trade since

Pete Rose returned as player-manager in 1984.

"His name comes up like Pete Rose's name as far as Cincinnati," said coach Ron Oester, a native who played for the Reds. "That's the magnitude he's at for Cincinnati fans."

And for all of baseball, too. Widely regarded as the best all-around player in the game, the 30-year-old Griffey is considered a threat to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. Junior already has hit 398 with his sweet, left-handed swing, and was voted onto baseball's All-Century team last fall.

Tech women's tennis to continue spring season with three in Arizona

The Texas Tech women's tennis squad will continue its spring season today at 1:30 p.m. at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. against the Wildcats.

The Tech women are 1-2 on the season after picking up a win against Wyoming last week at the University of New Mexico's tournament in Albuquerque, N.M.

Tech's two losses have come at the hands of Abilene Christian and New Mexico.

The Red Raiders will face Ari-

zona State in Phoenix, Ariz. at noon Saturday.

Tech will conclude its trip to Arizona with a match against Northern Arizona Sunday in Phoenix. The women's next home match will be their first Big 12 Conference contest of the season against Oklahoma State at 10 a.m. Feb. 27th. in the Athletic Training Center. The match against Oklahoma State will be the first of five home conference matches for the women's squad.

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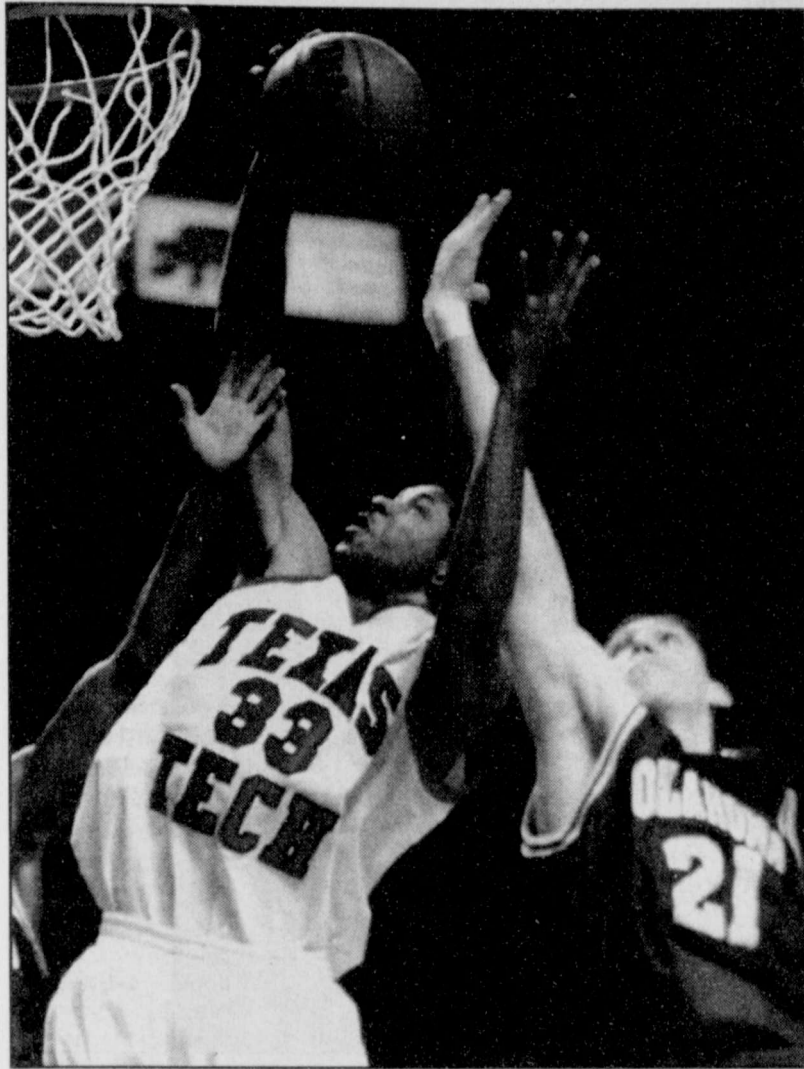
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Raiders search for Big 12 win against Baylor



J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily
Tech faces Baylor at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

After facing four straight top 25-ranked teams, the Texas Tech men's basketball squad (9-11 overall, 0-9 Big 12) will return home to the confines of the United Spirit Arena to take on the unranked Baylor Bears at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tech has dropped eight-straight contests and nine-straight Big 12 Conference games.

This is the second time this season Tech has battled the Bears, with Baylor taking a 71-57 decision Jan. 26 in Waco.

Tech guard Rayford Young had eight points against Baylor in that contest, which is eight points below his season average for scoring.

Young said Tech wasn't prepared to play the Bears in their first meeting.

"We didn't come out ready to play," Young said. "We didn't play as hard as we should have. We didn't rebound the ball that well either. We've just got to do some things better this time to get the victory."

The Bears' 14-point victory against Tech earlier this season snapped the three-game winning streak the Red Raiders had in the series.

Tech forward Mario Layne had nine points and four rebounds against the Bears in Waco.

Layne said revenge will play a small part in this game, but the ultimate goal will be to end the losing

streak.

"Revenge will play a little factor," Layne said. "But we just want to win." In Tech's last two games against Kansas and Texas, it held early leads only to allow the opposition to go on runs before halftime to build big leads.

Tech guard Moses Malone Jr., has seen his playing time increase as the conference schedule has progressed and said Tech has lost focus in parts of games which has allowed teams to go on runs.

"I think when we lose leads, we get lackadaisical," Malone said. "We lose our focus on what we want to accomplish when that happens. Then we don't do what we're supposed to do and that's when we start making turnovers and bad decisions. That is what causes us to be down by a lot at halftime."

Tech has four starters who are averaging at or above 30 minutes of playing time per game.

With only nine players suiting up for each game, Malone said Tech has to have intense effort from each member of the team to win.

"I don't think we should have to worry about the depth of our bench," Malone said. "I think if everybody does what they're supposed to do and plays the way they are capable of playing, then we won't have to worry about the depth of our bench."

Tech only has seven games remaining in its conference schedule, but four of those games will be in Lubbock.

Those four home games will be the last four home games for Young and three other Red Raider seniors.

Young, the only senior to play four years as a Red Raider on this season's squad, said it is good to be at home after two-straight road games, and the schedule should be in Tech's favor as the season draws to a close.

"It feels good to be at home," Young said. "We have a great chal-

lenge in front of us on Saturday, but I feel we can step up to it and get our first victory in conference. Our schedule is definitely in our favor now after playing five top-ranked teams. We look forward to coming out and playing hard."

Tech will face Missouri at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena before returning to the road to face Texas A&M Feb. 19.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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ACROSS

- Call for ewe
- One who has been to Mecca
- Rang
- Begley and Begley
- Matures
- Infuse with oxygen
- Back talk
- Start of an Evan Esar quote
- Honolulu garland
- Most uncommon
- Hiker's shelter
- Part 2 of quote
- Dry, as wine
- NYC summer hrs.
- Majestic
- Karate school
- Israeli hero
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- Actress Sara
- Alias
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- American operatic tenor
- Intimidated
- Saints' Day
- Cupid
- Famous fair lady
- Renowned
- Carried the burden
- '50s hairdo
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