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STATENEWS —

Four killed, two injured after car wash shooting

IRVING (AP) — Four people were fatally shot and two others were critically wounded during an apparent robbery at a car wash Monday morning, police said.

The victims were discovered when an employee arrived to work at the Mi-T-Fine Car Wash about 7:45 a.m. Monday, said David Tull, public information officer for the Irving Police Department.

"Once he entered the building, he made a very grisly discovery inside," Tull said.

Police would not say if the victims were employees of the full-service car wash.

There was no immediate indication when the shootings happened, but a former employee said workers generally arrive about 7 a.m. to prepare for the car wash opening an hour later. The car wash closed at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

NATIONALNEWS —

Boeing engineers, technical workers back at work

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Boeing Co. engineers and technical workers returned to their jobs at the world's No. 1 maker of passenger jets Monday after a 40-day strike that proved surprisingly effective.

The strike was one of the biggest white-collar walkouts in U.S. history.

The Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace voted Sunday to end the strike and return to their jobs, ratifying a three-year contract that provides raises, bonuses and expanded health care coverage.

"Thanks to you, no adversary of workers will ever underestimate the staying power of women and men who just happen to work with their brains instead of their backs," AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka told about 2,000 workers at a rally before they filed back to their jobs.

Many of the striking workers said were relieved to be back on the job but didn't predict a sweet reunion.

WORLDNEWS —

Man with knife arrested near Queen Elizabeth luncheon

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A man with an 8-inch kitchen knife strapped to his leg was stopped by police Monday when he attempted to make his way into a convention center that was the site of a lunch for Queen Elizabeth II.

Gregory Philip Pailthorpe, 39, sought to pass himself off as a member of the elite Special Air Services but was grabbed by police because he was seemed suspicious, police Superintendent Donald Graham said. He was wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

In court Monday, Pailthorpe was charged with unlawfully possessing a knife in a public place and possession of cannabis. His lawyer told the court Pailthorpe would plead guilty but that he did not intend to harm the queen.

"His intention was protecting the queen at all times, not harming her in any way," Simon Bleasel said. He told the court Pailthorpe suffers from a nervous disorder that requires medication.

Pailthorpe was ordered to undergo a psychiatric assessment before appearing in court Tuesday.

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HEADED FOR GRACELAND

Pierson leads Lady Raiders to Memphis for Sweet 16

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

A sweet 19 points from freshman post Plenette Pierson led the Lady Raiders to the Sweet 16 round Monday night as Tech defeated Tulane, 76-59, at the United Spirit Arena.

For the second consecutive season, Tech coach Marsha Sharp's squad will be headed for the third round of the NCAA Tournament, shaking off a slow start to defeat the Green Wave in front of 11,631 fans.

"It is great for us to be a part of the Sweet 16," said Tech forward Keitha Dickerson. "I am also happy we will go to Tennessee because I have said all along that I have wanted to go to Elvis' house."



After trailing 11-2 in the first five minutes of the game, Sharp knew the Lady Raiders were not out of it.

"I just told them it was still early in the game, and I could tell by the look on their faces they knew it wasn't over, and they were going to fight back," she said.

The Lady Raiders then would go on one of their two key runs in the first half as they went on a 20-5 scoring stretch over the next nine minutes of the game to take a 24-19 lead.

Sharp said Tech forward Tanisha Ellison was a big factor in the run as she scored seven points during the run and grabbed some key offensive rebounds.

"(Ellison) has been a big factor for this team the last two months," Sharp said. "She is so strong and physical."

Ellison finished with 12 points and five rebounds in only 10 minutes of playing time.

Pierson was one of four Lady Raiders to finish with double-digit scoring.

After the game, she was just thrilled to have won and getting to travel to a place where she has never been.

"I'm going to Memphis, I'm going to Memphis," Pierson sang with a big smile on her face.

Tulane then would come within two points with just more than five minutes to play when Tech exploded for a 12-2 run, taking a 36-24 halftime lead.

The run ended with 3-pointers by guard Amber Tarr and a buzzer-beater by Dickerson.

Tech's lead would never be fewer than 10 points in the second stanza en route to the 76-59 victory.

The Lady Raiders ended up with 21 offensive boards, and Dickerson said that was something they wanted to do the entire game.

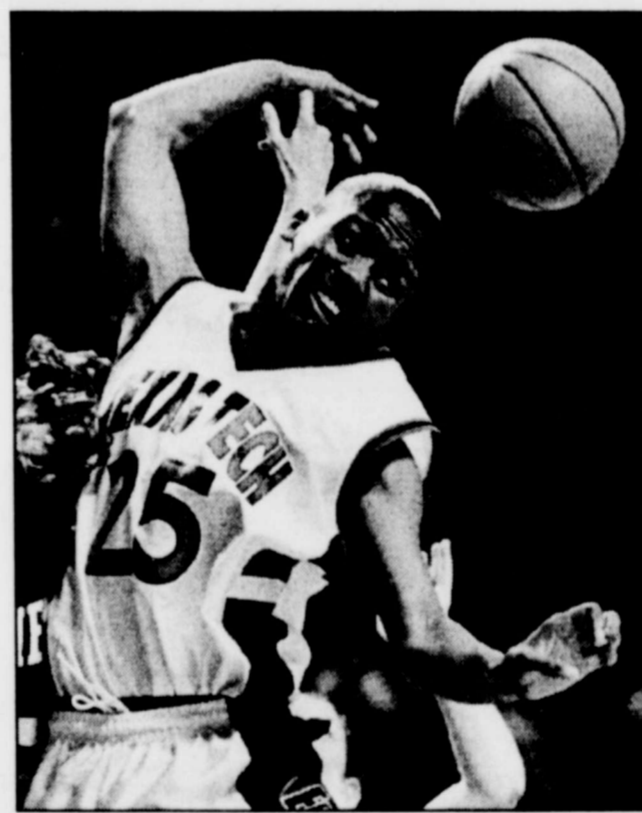
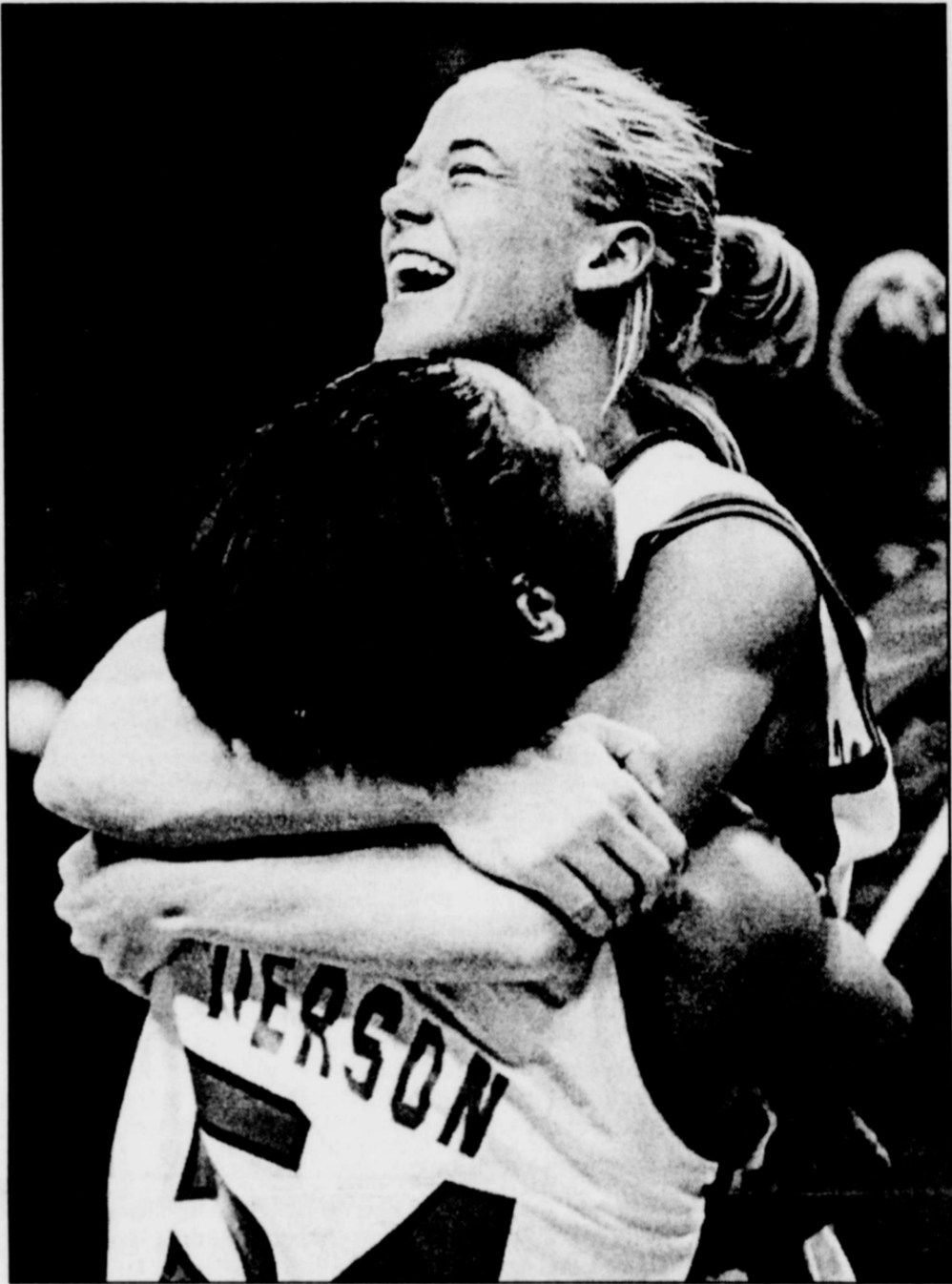
"Coach Sharp said that we needed to go get the boards, and we can really hurt them on the offensive end," she said. "We just wanted to fight for position, grab the board and put it back up."

Tulane guard Grace Daley said the 27 turnovers they had hurt them.

"Tech played good defense," she said. "But I think it is more what we didn't do than what they did do."

Daley lead the Green Wave with 24 points, but Sharp said stopping Tulane center Janell Burse was a defensive key.

"Burse had been averaging 19 points a game, and we just tried to take her out of the paint," Sharp said. "I have to give all that



▲ Tech guard Melinda Shumucker-Pharies and post Plenette Pierson celebrate after the Lady Raiders' 76-59 defeat of Tulane on Monday night at the United Spirit Arena. Pierson, the Big 12 Freshman of the Year, led Tech with 19 points. With the win, the Lady Raiders advance the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament in Memphis, Tenn.

◀ Tech forward Keitha Dickerson elevates for a rebound against a Tulane player Monday at the United Spirit Arena. Dickerson led the Lady Raiders with 11 boards during the win over the Green Wave.

photos by Greg Kreller/
The University Daily

credit to Aleah (Johnson), Keitha and Tanisha."

The game marked the last time seniors Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, Dickerson and Johnson will play in Lubbock.

"I think it is going to kick in once the season is all said and done," Dickerson said. "We can look back and be happy that we won our last game at home like we did."

Dickerson said the fans have been a big factor in the last two Lady Raider wins.

"In my four years here, I have never seen the crowd so great," she said. "They were so

loud it put chills in our back."

The Lady Raiders will meet No.2-seed Notre Dame in Memphis on Saturday at a time to be announced.

Tech guard Katrisa O'Neal said they want some revenge from when Notre Dame knocked the Lady Raiders out of the tournament two years ago.

"... Coach Sharp has this saying, 'Respect all, fear none,' and we are going to go out there and hopefully, come out with a win," O'Neal said.

Tech publications win awards

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

The University Daily and La Ventana yearbook received top honors March 16 at the 22nd annual College Media Convention in New York.

The awards, sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, has been owned and operated by Columbia University since 1925.

The event attracted 361 college newspapers, 214 magazines and 500 yearbooks and represented editions published during the 1998-1999 academic year.

The UD garnered 10 Gold Circle awards while La Ventana received 20 Gold Circle awards.

Those awards range from individual honors in writing and layout to overall staff awards, in which The

UD staff won for best overall design. CSPA is an international student press association that educates student journalists and faculty advisers through conferences, idea exchanges and award programs.

Three college newspapers, two magazines and four yearbooks, including Tech's La Ventana, received the Gold Crown award, CSPA's highest honor.

UD Editor Wayne Hodgins, a senior journalism and English major from Haskell, said these national awards show the quality of work The UD and La Ventana produces.

"I believe these awards are a visual reminder to us and to our public that what The UD and La Ventana provide this campus is nationally acclaimed," Hodgins said. "The last few years, we've all worked really

hard at producing top-quality publications, and this shows that our work has paid off. I am especially pleased with how The UD did in the design category. It's great to see our students' work pay off."

Brandon Formby, a senior journalism from Plano and managing editor of the La Ventana, received five individual awards for his work with the yearbook.

"Our staffs and the individuals recognized are all honored," Formby said. "Winning the Gold Crown is a very big deal for a yearbook staff. These awards bring a lot of national recognition to our staffs and show how our publications are viewed throughout the nation. I hope the students are as pleased and impressed with our work as our colleagues and competitors."

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COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

NAME	AWARD	CATEGORY
laura hershey & ginger pope	certificate of merit	news writing
patrick gonzaless	2nd place	sports news writing
andrew schoppe	2nd place	off-campus issues
greg kreller	1st place	spot news photography
wade kennedy	certificate of merit	single feature photograph
cheri hollis	3rd place	single sports photograph
ud staff	1st place	advertising single advertisement
wayne hodgin	certificate of merit	broadsheet
laura hipp	3rd place	page one design broadsheet
ud staff	3rd place	opinion page design
		single subject presentation: single page

LA VENTANA NAME	AWARD	CATEGORY
brandon formby	certificate of merit	feature writing
brent dirks	certificate of merit	sports reporting
brandon formby	1st place	sports feature writing
laura hershey	1st place	academic writing
brandon formby	certificate of merit	organization or greeks writing
sebastian kitchen	2nd place	personality profiles
tyson seibly	2nd place	end sheets
tyson seibly	certificate of merit	opening and closing spread design
tyson seibly	1st place	division page design
tyson seibly	1st place	sports spread
diana staudt	1st place	organization or greeks spread
valerie brown	1st place	caption writing
brandon formby	certificate of merit	caption writing
diana staudt	certificate of merit	sports action photo
wade kennedy	2nd place	feature photo
tyson seibly	2nd place	color spread
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tyson seibly	3rd place	theme selection and development

Stadium face-lift ready to kick off

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

Although the Texas Tech football team does not hold its spring practices in Jones Stadium, there will be a fair share of men in hard hats in the area for the next few months.

As spring football workouts begin today, construction workers in the south end zone of Jones Stadium soon will begin the first stage of renovations to the 53-year-old facility. The Lee Lewis Construction Company has mobilized equipment in the east stands of the stadium in preparation to begin.

The overall plan is expected to reach a \$75-million price tag. Phase one's projected costs range from \$18 million to \$20 million and will include about 2,000 more seats, additional restrooms, concession stands and ramps for fans in wheelchairs.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said there are no specific dates for completion, and the entire process will be done in a "pay-as-we-go" scenario.

"We are just going to get the job done," he said. "We will not start stage two until we have raised all the money."

In November, Southwestern Bell donated \$20 million to start phase one, but more funds are needed.

Although plans for phase two of the stadium are not fully drawn out, it is expected to cost between \$53 million and \$55 million.

The stadium improvements will include a three-level press box with 40 suites and 500 club seats.

Thirty suites will be available ranging in prices from \$25,000 to \$45,000 per year, and the remaining 10 suites are reserved for multimillion-dollar donors.

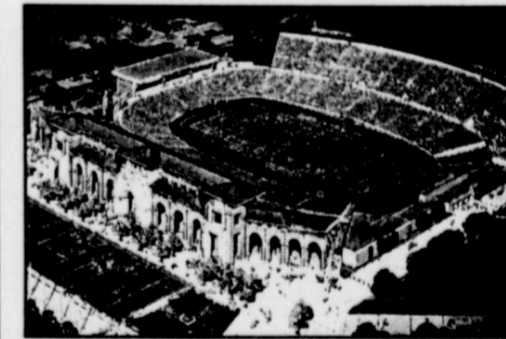
Montford said the new suite designs are comparable to some of the finest in the nation.

"We want to build a first-class stadium that is good for Tech, that is good for Lubbock, that is good for West Texas, that is good for the Big 12," he said.

Much like the newly-constructed United Spirit Arena, Jones Stadium also will feature Spanish Renaissance architecture upon completion of the renovations.

Montford said by next week, final detailed information regarding suite and donor-based club seat suite sales will be available.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the prices of all club and suite seating are finalized, but an active campaign will begin soon to sell seats.



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E-commerce panel endorses national Internet access tax ban

DALLAS (AP) — Congress should permanently ban taxes on access to the Internet and repeal a century-old telephone tax, and lawmakers should refrain from now trying to apply state sales taxes to purchases online, a federal e-commerce panel decided Monday.

A majority of the 19-member Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce endorsed a proposal from its business members that also would extend by five years a moratorium expiring in October 2001 on new Internet taxes. The proposal also would encourage state and local governments to simplify their sales tax systems.

"This is definitely a no-new-taxes-on-the-Internet proposal, but it's not a no-sales-taxes-ever proposal," said David Pottruck, president of Charles Schwab Corp. "It's a starting point."

The proposal also asks Congress to define what the Supreme Court meant in a 1993 ruling that requires a business based outside a state's borders to have a physical presence, or "nexus," in the state before the state can collect sales taxes on the business sales in the state. The plan suggests that such things as Internet

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Robert Pittmann
 president of AOL

service providers and World Wide Web pages should never be considered a physical presence.

Several state and local government representatives on the panel objected to that section and to language exempting sale of digital products such as books and music, as well as their physical counterparts sold in stores.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, a Democrat, called that "a huge money grab for the business members of this commission." The panel includes top executives of AT&T, America Online, Time Warner and MCI Worldcom.

"I don't think business is at all grabbing for money," said Robert Pittmann, president and chief operating officer at AOL. "It's less about

taxes than it is about where you deploy your resources."

The decision marked a defeat for most of the state and local officials on the commission, who wanted a clear statement supporting equal sales tax application to goods sold in stores or via the Internet. Business members said if states simplified their thousands of different sales tax rates, the tax eventually could apply to the Web.

"I don't think any form of distribution should have an advantage over any other form of distribution," said AT&T Chairman Michael Armstrong.

The panel planned another meeting today to wrap up its work, which is due April 21 in Congress. Given its freeform rules, it was possible that the commission could endorse one of several other positions, or that a two-thirds majority could be achieved in last-minute negotiations over sales taxes.

"We are awfully close to getting the required consensus," Kirk said.

In Monday's vote, the six business members gained support of the panel's chairman, Gov. Jim Gilmore, R-Va., and others who have taken fierce anti-tax positions throughout the panel's 10-month life.

Local Red Cross chapter seeks student volunteers

by **Jessie Myracle**
 Contributing Writer

The Lubbock chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of student volunteers. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to serve others.

Volunteers are sent through free training courses including CPR, first aid and disaster relief training.

The Lubbock Red Cross now has less than 100 active volunteers and only seven full-time employees and three part-time employees, thus creating a need for student volunteers.

"We have responsibilities out there and not enough people to cover them," said Penny Towers, executive director of the Lubbock Red Cross.

About 20 college students presently are active volunteers at the Lubbock Red Cross.

"We would really like more student volunteers, especially students who are going to be around this summer," Towers said.

The Lubbock chapter is in need of lifeguards for the summer, health and safety instructors and instructors for various youth programs.

"I can't tell you how much college students do for us," Towers said. "They are truly part of our bloodline."

Following training, volunteers are qualified to teach health and safety classes, administer first aid at local concerts and sporting events as a member of the first aid team and respond to local and international disasters as a

member of the disaster relief team.

The first aid team has attended a variety of different concerts including Big Tent Revival, Motley Crue and Marilyn Manson. The team ensures safety at events all over the city.

Locally, the Red Cross contributed more than \$126,000 last year in relief efforts after floods damaged the Levelland area. Volunteers were on the scene to hand out food vouchers and clothing vouchers to the victims and assist rescuers in their efforts.

The Red Cross provides humanitarian relief and emergency relief to disaster victims, whether they are man-made or natural disasters. The organization also provides international communication for soldiers who are away from their families.

"Right now, we have two disaster action teams rotating on a biweekly basis," said Rosa Martinez, director of emergency services. "We would like to have a third team to relieve some of the work for our current volunteers."

Martinez said college students are the perfect volunteers and help the Red Cross tremendously despite having hectic schedules.

"Everyone can learn from the example that college students provide," Martinez said. "They have great demands on them, yet they make time to volunteer for this humanitarian effort."

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Woman who was stabbed 47 times survives attack

ABILENE (AP) — A woman was stabbed 47 times, but survived and was reported in serious condition Monday at Hendrick Medical Center, authorities said.

Linda Barrientes, 33, was attacked about 2 a.m. Sunday outside her home, Abilene police detective Jay Hatcher said.

An arrest warrant was issued for her husband, Gilbert Barrientes, 30.

"It would be an understatement to say it's extremely fortunate she survived this," Hatcher said. "She was stabbed all over — back, chest, eye, face, legs. A couple of people drove up at the end of the attack, called police and scared the guy off. She was found lying on the street. We're not talking about superficial stab wounds. There was a range of vengeful stabbing motions that should have killed her."

Hatcher said the couple's 11-year-

old daughter witnessed the attack. She is staying with relatives, Hatcher said.

Police were told the couple quarreled just before midnight Saturday. Barrientes reportedly left the house, returned a couple of hours later, started another discussion and forced his wife outside, where the knife wounds were inflicted.

Hatcher said investigators have not determined the nature of the disagreement or what kind of knife was used in the attack. Police were able to speak only briefly to the victim, Hatcher said.

"We have stepped up and intensified our search for the husband," Hatcher said. "We're looking in town but are prepared to increase the boundaries to out of town. I've been here 21 years. I've seen a number of cases like this and most of them ended up in a homicide."

Center offers help with Census forms

An assistance center is now available to provide help with completing Census questionnaires.

The booth is located in South Plains Mall and will be available un-

til April 2 during regular mall hours.

Certified Census employees will offer individuals assistance who need help filling out their Census forms.

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Tech's dual degree program now accepting applications

Texas Tech's College of Business Administration and the Universidad Anahuac in Mexico City now are accepting applications for the joint international master's of business administration program.

The collection of students will be the first to participate in the program and will complete three trimesters in Mexico City and then finish with two semesters at Tech.

The unique program integrates political, legal and socioeconomic elements from both Tech and Anahuac within areas of business. Also required is an internship with

a Mexican corporation while in Mexico City.

In a written statement, Tech president Donald Haragan said, "As our global community expands and we are linked socially, culturally and most obviously, through the business world, today's MBA must be able to direct successful negotiations in a highly competitive international business environment."

For more information, contact Nancy Dodge, director of graduate services center for the College of Business Administration, at 742-2221.

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Zelvis lives through music, spirituality

by Eric Shaw
Contributing Writer

People express their feelings, emotions and beliefs in many different ways. One Texas Tech student said he expresses his spirituality through his music.

Zelvis Applin, a senior music major from Houston, said writing songs for Jesus Christ is the epitome of his music.

"Jesus is so much my life now that if I didn't write a song that helped spread the message of Christ, then it would be like a slap in his face for all that he's done for me," Applin said.

He said he was born with a talent for playing instruments and songwriting.

"I believe it's so God-given because of the fact that when I was little, I didn't take piano lessons," Applin said. "From then, I learned how to write poetry. No one taught me how to do that either."

From that point, the music and poetry came together, he said.

Every song Applin writes has a

positive message in it.

"I do not sing about anything negative because I believe that God has given me a gift to reach people who may not listen to gospel music or who care about gospel music," he said.

Applin knew he wanted to be a musician at a young age when Michael Jackson was performing.

"He was a genuine, true performer," he said. "It didn't matter what he was saying, he was jammin'." Applin said singing brings him happiness.

"It brings me the ultimate joy because actually something that was within me came out, and it's all coming together, something I did myself with the help of God," he said.

Although Applin hopes to someday write songs for other artists, he is not sure where he is supposed to go with his music career. He said he will let God direct him.

Tiffany Danieo, a friend of Applin's, said she respects him for his music.

"It seems like that everything he

does, he never waivers from it being God's purpose," she said. "He praises God through everything."

Danieo said Applin's songs give people something to relate to.

"His songs can relate to anybody," she said. "In my life, it related to some of my experiences."

Applin said he plans to send demos out to different record companies to play the field and see what kind of response he gets.

Although Applin plays different styles of music, he has one theme he tries to express through each of his songs.

"My overall theme is there's always hope for every situation," he said.

After performing, Applin said he enjoys hearing positive audience reactions because it makes him feel that he has done his job.

Applin tells students if they feel the call to be a musician, don't hesitate to do so.

"If when you wake up in the morning and all you can think of is singing and writing music, then you're supposed to be a musician," he said.



Zelvis Applin, a senior music major from Houston, plays the piano in the Nulen-Clement lobby Monday. Applin combines music and poetry to convey a positive message. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Web site provides closer link to Lubbock music scene

by Alicia Field
Staff Writer

Before the start of the fall semester, Texas Tech students and Lubbock residents will have a closer link to the Lubbock music scene through a Web site called *Lubbockmusic.com*.

Created by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, the Web site will feature almost every aspect of the local music venue.

Robert Granfeldt, director of online services at the *AJ*, said it was a natural site to initiate because Lubbock has a good music industry.

Granfeldt said *Lubbockmusic.com*

will include information and performance locations of local groups, music classifieds, extensive message boards for discussion, movie reviews and show times, a calendar of events and a registering system for musicians, as well as a MP3 area for local bands.

"It will be one-stop shopping for music in Lubbock," Granfeldt said.

The Web site will serve as a tool to connect the community with the local music scene, said *AJ* Commercial Web Designer Stacie Herndon.

Herndon, who previously worked in the Austin music industry, said cities such as Dallas and Austin have similar Web sites; however, most of those

"Lubbock has a rich tradition that deserves attention."

Brian Enderson
Spilling Poetry lead vocalist

sites are created on a free-lance basis.

Herndon said *Lubbockmusic.com* will offer a more complete guide to music in Lubbock and will be updated regularly since it is an extension of the newspaper.

Brian Enderson, lead vocalist for local band Spilling Poetry, said there are a number of good bands in Lub-

"It's a symbiotic relationship," Enderson said. "Artists need support-

ers." Enderson said there is a recording studio in Lubbock, and for the most part, Lubbock musicians are greatly respected. He also pointed out artists need to be faithful in their community and take pride in Lubbock since music is a part of the economy as well as a symbol of the community character.

"Lubbock has a rich tradition that deserves attention," Enderson said.

Lubbockmusic.com will provide the attention and support local musicians need and will be a great opportunity to tie music into the community.

The cornerstone of the Web site will be the Buddy Holly Archives. The archives will be translated into different languages in the future, and Walk of Fame musician biographies will be included in the site.

Expected to be completed around Aug. 15, bands can have information posted on the Web site, and all information will be validated by online services at the *AJ*.

To submit information, send e-mail to info@Lubbockmusic.com. MP3 music on CD-ROM can be taken to the *AJ* offices at 710 Ave. J.

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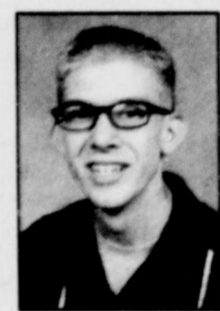
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Home always good for morale

So, there I was about a week before Spring Break trying to decide where I wanted to go. I pondered the thought of traveling to South Padre for the week, but then I remembered that I have the alcohol consumption capabilities of a 75-pound Vietnamese school girl. I figured I'd probably get so plastered the first day that I'd wake up the next morning wearing a Texas Tech chemical engineering shirt and finding myself wrapped in the arms of a male member of the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets. Plus, I used to live with my grandparents in Hawaii, so I know what nice beaches are supposed to look like, and you won't find any in Texas.

Then, there was the thought of making a road trip out to Los Angeles to fulfill my lifetime dream of being a contestant on "The Price is Right." But that plan fell through the cracks when I realized that with the amount of money I'd end up spending on gas, I'd have to take out a small loan just to make it back. Plus, my "I had all the cats on the Tech campus spayed or neutered" T-shirt wasn't ready in time.



Kenneth Strickland
Columnist

So, I basically had two options left: go home or stay in Lubbock. The thought of going home wasn't too appealing. I'd probably go home more often if my family didn't live there, but compared to the alternative, I didn't have much choice. So it was back to Dallas for Kenny.

Now, I don't think urbanized comes even close to describing my social status, so the short amount of time I've spent in Lubbock has been quite the culture shock for me. Several friends of mine here at Tech are from West Texas, and they've tried to clue me in to how things work out here, but I've just never caught on. I've made an honest to God effort to try and adjust to this culture, but I guess I'm just a black sheep.

But as I drove into Dallas County, I began to feel comfortable again. It actually felt good to be home. A big smile hit my face as I sat in traffic and realized the last five miles of my trip had taken just as long as the previous 200. I actually missed sitting in traffic — can you believe that? And as I passed through town, a feeling of pride hit me when I realized that only in the city can you have a highway closed down to one lane for construction and not see a single construction worker. And the feeling of stepping out of my car and taking a deep breath of polluted and contaminated air nearly put me in a state of euphoria. I felt like a soldier returning home from a war, but my happiness didn't stop there.

I decided to stop by a local fast food restaurant, and who else took my order but that girl from high school? You guys know who I'm talking about. The one girl who always thought she was too good for you and always looked down on you. The one who was valedictorian and had the big scholarship to an Ivy League school. "Kim, you're working here?" I said in the most sarcastic voice I could muster up. "Yeah, just until the baby comes." Now it took everything I had in me to not say something, but as she started to close the drive-through window, I quickly intervened just long enough to say, "You never asked me if I wanted fries with that." I kid you not, I hadn't been that happy since I found out that Lubbock's local cable company would stop airing the channel that "Dawson's Creek" is on.

And of course, there were the little things that I missed about home, like being able to have a conversation with an open-minded person. Lubbock had some open-minded people for a while, but I think the Southern Baptists ran them out of town. I missed being able to watch the local news without having to sit through 30 minutes of high school basketball scores. Believe it or not, in some societies, stories about high school athletes are less important than stories of ethnic cleansing and worldwide massacre. And of course, who could forget quilted toilet paper? It's a lot more comfortable than that residence hall stuff you could take calculus notes on.

Maybe going home isn't for everyone, but I just felt like sharing what a joyous experience I had going back to the town I was in such a hurry to leave. Now when you read my columns, at least you'll know where I'm coming from. Now, I know what some of you are thinking (especially local NRA members who I love to harass). You're thinking, "why don't you just stay back home and leave us the hell alone?" The thought actually had crossed my mind, but then I remembered one thing. As much as I love being able to see the air I breathe, driving an hour and a half to go seven miles and hearing gun shots fly over my head, there's just one thing that I can't do in the city. Make fun of this place.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. If he hasn't gotten under the skin of Tech's rural community yet, then the bumper sticker on his Subaru that says "Big Truck = Small Package" is sure to get him run out of town.

SUVs or cheap gas? You decide

Man bites dog! Or, how special interests accidentally steered us toward good public policy. In a pleasant change from the norm, we have a reversal of the usual dreary political story in which big donors and special interests shaft the public: House Republicans Drop Call for Rollback of Gasoline Tax.

Isn't that nice? Leaving aside, as our elected leaders so often do, the wisdom of repealing the 4.3-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, lo, regard with wonder the politics of the thing.

You may recall that this buffle-headed suggestion was made last week by Gov. George W. Bush, backed by some Senate Republicans. Dubya, as we know, has little interest in policy but excellent political skills. And what could sound better, as prices at the pump soar across the nation, than an offer to cut 4.3 cents a gallon off the total? Great politics: Vote for that guy, or you'll have to be Bill Gates to fill up the pickup, not to mention those monster SUVs.

Even better, the R's get to call it "the Gore tax" because Veep Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate back in '93 that raised the tax in the first place. So here's Trent Lott urging, "Repeal the Gore tax," Dubya holding the whole administration responsible and nobody of the R persuasion even mentioning OPEC — because what would OPEC have to do with it?

Alas for this lovely ploy, according to the

wires, "An outcry from leading Republicans, road builders and truckers has driven supporters of the repeal into retreat."

Rep. Bud Schuster, the king of political pork as chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (that's your roads, bridges, mass transit, airports and such), sent a letter to his colleagues reminding them that repealing the tax would mean a \$20.5 billion drop in highway money over the next couple of years — no new roads for your district, buddy. Schuster predicted that a repeal would mean the loss of "420,000 high-paying jobs in each of the years 2002 and 2003."

The *New York Times* went on to report, "If that were not chilling enough to Republicans eager to maintain their tenuous control of the House this fall, other party leaders voiced skepticism over the repeal's impact on consumers."

"I don't know if the tax has any effect on fuel costs," said Rep. J.C. Watts. "Supply and demand is driving price right now."

Actually, as policy, the repeal idea is even dumber than that. As economist Paul Krugman points out, repeal wouldn't do a thing for prices at the pump — but it would mean a multibillion-dollar windfall for OPEC and U.S. refiners.

What's a cartel to do if the United States cuts 4.3 cents off a gallon of gas? Raise the price, of course, by about 4.3 cents a gallon. Gore, who does care about policy, called it "a half-baked nonsolution" that would do little to cut prices and leave the "highways in disrepair."

The R's left it up to Rep. Dick Arme to say: Oops, wrong move. "Let's not get bogged down on only one dimension of the problem, that is in itself a short-term dimension that offers scant relief," Arme said. "Let's look at the larger long-term problem of U.S. depen-

dency on foreign supplies, failed diplomatic relationships with critical producing nations and our own inability to fully develop our own domestic resource."

Yeah, let's not get bogged down.

The prospect of lowering the gas tax and letting the roads go to pot, or potholes, is what set the road construction and trucking industries off, and there you have some major contributors. What happy harmonic convergence for us.

I have a modest suggestion: Before we drill in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge (proven oil reserves — that's what we can get at with existing technology at existing prices — have increased more than 50 percent since the oil crisis of the '70s) or tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, we might consider more effective long-term and short-term strategies.

Short-term: OPEC meets on Monday, and the Mexican and Saudi oil ministers have indicated the price may be dropped to \$25 a barrel from \$30. Leaning on our friends is a time-honored way of dealing with the cartel.

Long-term: one reason we haven't had much trouble with OPEC for a long time is that fuel efficiency also has risen by more than 50 percent since the '70s — under pressure from the government, of course.

We all know that low gas prices encouraged people to buy the gas-guzzling SUVs. Why not try cutting demand again?

During Texas droughts, we see bumper stickers urging, "Save water, shower with a friend." Why not take a friend to work with you?

We also could try getting the Republicans in Congress to support the next step on standards to improve fuel efficiency yet again. Or, you could sell your SUV.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for action

To the editor: As gasoline prices skyrocket, oil companies look to fill the void left by OPEC's self-indulgent exploitation of the law of supply and demand. Thus, once again, the lobbyists are making the rounds to gain permission to drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — the last remaining 5 percent of the coastal plain protected from oil exploitation.

Alaska may be a long way from Lubbock, but the root of the problem is as close as your garage — the solution is within your reach.

Drilling more and producing more oil is a temporary solution at best. Instead, Congress should be encouraging Detroit to follow the lead of more forward-thinking automobile manufacturers such as Honda (with their new hybrid car) by raising the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for light trucks and automobiles.

Right now, automobiles account for 40 percent of our nation's fuel consumption and are responsible for 20 percent of the United States' global warming pollution, yet the fuel economy standards have stagnated for 19 years.

The average fuel economy of new vehicles sold is the lowest since 1980, yet we have the ability to produce cars that achieve an average of 65 mpg.

If gasoline prices frustrate you, then work for the lasting solution. Contact your senator and demand a change in CAFE standards and purchase automobiles that go further on less.

It is time to break the oil addiction and quit destroying land so big oil can turn a profit on America's delusions of fuel dependency.

Loren Bell
junior
philosophy, biology

Keep skating

To the editor: I would be certainly pleased if you could publish my response to the March 7 article "Keeping inline." Matt, keep on skating! I was happy to see the problem of skating and bicycling addressed in the article. However, I was disappointed with the message: "stick to the rules," we don't care for you weirdoes.

Yes, indeed, non-motorized people are social outcasts in the West Texan truck culture. Did anyone realize that bicyclists have to push their vehicles to their assigned parking spaces? Did anyone ever see motorists having to push their vehicles into their parking lots? No, they conveniently have their lane interrupting the pedestrian's path.

It is time to address problems of our non-motorized students and citizens. Where are the bike lanes on campus? Where can skaters enjoy their healthy activities?

My suggestion for a start: build bike lanes at the entrances of the campus. Then ask for the cooperation of the city to extend them in the nearby neighborhoods.

Right now, not even the two city bike lanes bordering the campus are extended on campus — a clear sign of how bike-friendly we are at Texas Tech.

We also might think about the concept of multi-use paths where pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, bicyclists and skaters can be sheltered from motorized traffic. Some of the pedestrian paths could be made more skater-friendly, allowing students to play on wheels on campus.

We might hire construction workers instead of policing personnel. This is safer than pushing our students off campus into the dangerous Lubbock traffic. Besides, the campus should be a place where students enjoy themselves.

The law enforcement mentality does not solve the problem. Some visionary planning and some thoughtful modifications, however, could significantly improve campus life.

Yes, the faculty cares. I am willing to serve on a committee in order to achieve

positive changes for our non-motorized students.

Andreas Schneider
assistant professor
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Under the blanket

To the editor: Recently a column appeared in *The University Daily* which defended the role and value of police in our society and objected to a previous column which had blanket-labeled all police with derogatory names.

The columnist said the writer of the derogatory letter was obviously a liberal. Whoa! By labeling all liberals as anti-police, he has done the same thing that he was objecting to in the other column.

I for one consider myself a political liberal, but I am quite appreciative of law and order and its role in protecting citizen's rights and society's laws. This does not mean that I support police who take advantage of their badge or their authority or who deny the rights of one group of citizens because of their race or socioeconomic status.

Corruption can occur in any context, including the university or police department. Let's quit blanket-labeling and take each incident and each person as worthy of respect and value, regardless of their race, gender or political persuasion.

Lane Powell
professor
College of Human Sciences

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Tech hurler injured, out for season

The Texas Tech baseball squad will have to go the rest of the season without starting pitcher Brandon Roberson.

Roberson, who injured his right elbow during the Feb. 2 contest against West Texas A&M, was the team's No. 1 starter at the beginning of the season.

Tech will appeal to the NCAA on behalf of Roberson for a medical redshirt since he has not played in more than 20 percent of the squad's contests this year.

Roberson's injury will not require corrective surgery but is considered serious enough to sideline him for the remainder of Tech's season.

He was named to the All Big 12 first team and set the single-season school save record last season.

Tech's next contest is against TCU at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

Texas, UT-Pan Am cancels game

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas and Texas-Pan American have canceled a baseball game Wednesday.

They'll play a game in Austin on Tuesday, as scheduled, but both teams have three-game series this weekend, and neither wanted to play five games in one week. They agreed to cancel the game after failing to find a suitable replacement date.

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Tech men's tennis back on track after losing streak

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's tennis team got off to a slow start in the spring season but has rebounded to win its last three contests to even its record at 7-7 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

The Red Raiders have been hampered by an injury to their No. 1 player Ryan Shupe.

Shupe suffered an ankle injury in the early goings of the spring campaign, and Tech had dropped five straight matches before the recent winning streak.

The Red Raiders ended the losing

streak Tuesday in San Diego with a 5-2 win against No. 65-ranked Wisconsin in the University of San Diego Tournament.

The Red Raiders beat San Diego, 4-3, on Wednesday.

Tech returned home Sunday to defeat No. 60-ranked Colorado, 5-2, to even its conference record.

Doubles play has aided the Red Raiders in their winning streak as Tech has picked up the doubles point in each of its last three contests.

Red Raiders Patricio Espinosa and Clay Estes have teamed up to take two out of their last three doubles matches.

Espinosa said getting the doubles

point has played a key role in Tech's winning streak.

"I think Clay and I feel comfortable playing doubles now," Espinosa said. "The last few matches we have won the doubles point. We hadn't done that earlier in the season and that was hurting us."

In singles play, the No. 3, 4 and 5 players have picked up six points for Tech in the last three matches.

Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said those players have stepped it up for the Red Raiders during the winning streak.

"With our No. 1 player injured, it has been tough early on," Siegel said. "But our No. 3, 4 and 5 players have really played strong for us."

Tech's No. 5 player is Estes, and he has rolled up three straight wins on the singles side of the net for the Red Raiders.

Estes, a freshman, said the injury to Shupe set the Red Raiders back at the beginning of the season but taking three straight matches has helped Tech get its confidence back.

"Even though Ryan isn't back 100 percent yet, we've got our confidence back," Estes said. "We just keep getting better and better as the season progresses."

He said playing the No. 5 singles position for Tech is a perfect fit for him this season.

"It's been good for me playing at No. 5," Estes said. "It's not too high



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Texas Tech men's tennis player Jevgenij Cariov and the rest of the Red Raiders have evened their overall record with three straight victories. Tech has six Big 12 Conference contests remaining on its regular season schedule.

and getting some wins this season has helped my confidence level. It should help me in the years to come."

Tech is ranked No. 46 in the country and has six conference matches

remaining on its regular season schedule.

Siegel said it is important to close out the season on a strong note.

"I think it is realistic for us to be

one of the top four teams in the conference," he said. "But if we don't play to our potential, it is also possible for us to finish eighth or ninth in the conference."

Longhorns wait; Mihm seeks Duncan's advice on entering draft

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas ended one of its best basketball seasons in school history with a second-round loss in the NCAA tournament. The next question is, do the Longhorns have a future with center Chris Mihm?

The 7-foot All-American has not said if he'll enter this summer's NBA draft—where he's a sure lottery pick—or return for his senior season.

Every NBA team has scouted Mihm, who is considered the best

pure center in college basketball.

Mihm said he would wait until after the season to make a decision, and the clock is ticking.

He has until May 14 to declare for the June 28 draft and said he wants to talk to many people before making a decision.

"I'd like to talk to Tim Duncan, sit down and run some stuff by him," Mihm said after Texas' loss Saturday to Louisiana State ousted the Longhorns from post-season play.

Duncan had a chance to leave Wake

Forest early, but stayed for his senior season.

With another year of experience in college under his belt, Duncan made an immediate impact with the defending NBA champions San Antonio Spurs once he was drafted.

"I don't know at this point," Mihm said. "Right now, I'm going to have to take some time, and I'm going to decide, and when the time comes I'm going to call a press conference."

Mihm was the center of media attention on the Longhorns this sea-

son.

He averaged nearly 18 points and more than 10 rebounds as Texas finished 24-9 and cracked the AP Top Ten for the first time since 1982. Mihm was the first Longhorn named to the AP All-America basketball team.

"I can only tell you I think this has been a real hard year for him, with everyone saying, 'What are you going to do? What are you going to do?'" coach Rick Barnes said.

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