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## STATENEWS —

## El Paso police investigate possible murder-suicide

EL PASO (AP) - Police on Monday were investigating why a 46-year-old man shot and killed his estranged wife and their 15-yearold daughter before killing himself.

Officers first were called to Irene Beltran Garcia's house on the east side of El Paso around 7:15 p.m. Sunday on a report of a domestic disturbance.

Upon arrival, they found Beltran Garcia, 46, lying in a yard across the street, dead of multiple gunshot wounds, Detective Terri Chavira said. Neighbors told police that Beltran Garcia's husband shot her and then went back into the home.

The officers then were fired upon from inside the home, Chavira said. No one was hit, and police did not return fire.

The SWAT team was dispatched, and officers were able to reach the gunman by phone. Chavira said she could not provide details of the conversation.

# NATIONALNEWS —

## Clinton announces big computer firms' gifts to poor

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) - Pushing to bring high-tech benefits to places missing out on America's prosperity, President Clinton won more than \$100 million in pledges from the computer industry Monday. He also promised \$1-a-month telephone service to 300,000 American Indian households.

"No one has to be bypassed this time around," the president said. "The choice is in our hands.

Clinton said, "This is one of those fortunate times when by doing the thing that is morally right, we actually help to keep America's economic expansion churning forward."

On a chilly, rain-threatening morning, the president came to East Palo Alto, a pocket of poverty in technology-rich Silicon Valley, to dramatize the "digital divide" of inequality between computer haves and have-nots.

More than 24 percent of youngsters in East Palo Alto live in poverty and over 80 percent are eligible for the free-lunch program. Schools have just one computer for every 28 students.

# WORLDNEWS —

## U.S. warplanes bomb Iraqi sites in no-fly zone

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - U.S. jets bombed Iraq's air defense system Monday after being fired upon by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery in the northern no-fly zone, the U.S. military said.

All planes left the area safely after being targeted by Iraqi forces from a site near Bashiqah, 250 miles north of Baghdad, according to a statement from the Germanybased U.S. European Command.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the planes bombed civilian installations and left Iraqi airspace after being confronted by antiaircraft weapons. The U.S. military says it only targets military installations.

Iraq does not recognize the no-fly zones set up in the north and south of the country in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish and Shiite populations from the forces of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

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# Depot delicacy Cook happily cures students'

by Laura Hensley News Editor

he glowing yellow flame licks the grill, sizzling, cracking then smoking up into the night sky.

hunger pangs

Last call is over, and a steady stream of people are oozing out of the night clubs and bars lining Lubbock's Depot District. Like bloodhounds, they follow their noses. Someone is cooking barbecue.

Mesquite embers radiate and warm Ferlis Ellis' skin, making it the same deep mahogany brown as the sauce he slathers on the meat.

"What you got for us tonight, Ellis?" one female customer asks.

Ellis shines a smile and flips a sausage to hear it hiss.

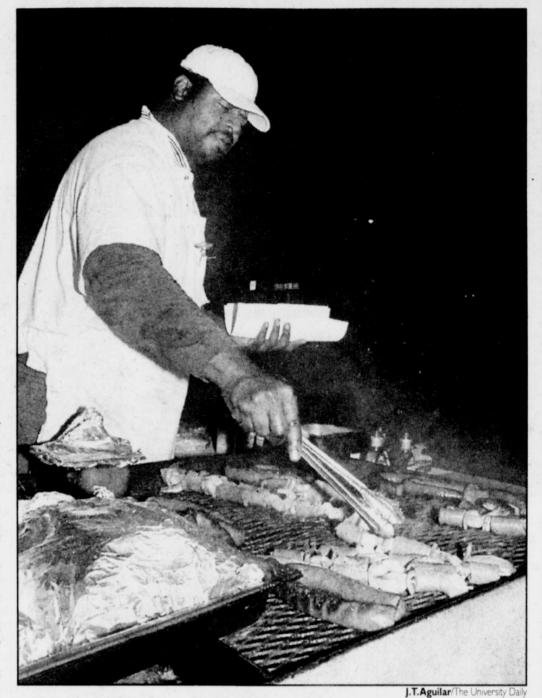
"I make beautiful food for beautiful people, and you fit the description," he

Lubbock party goers can find Ellis each weekend night grilling up beautiful food. With only one small folding table, a couple of big ice chests, a pile of mesquite wood and, of course, his metal barbecue pit, Ellis sets up his small business in an alley behind Einstein's. Serving Lubbock and satisfying its late-night hunger pangs makes him happy.

"I've got some brisket, jalapeno sausage, German sausage, shrimp kabobs," he slowly draws out to passers by, enticing them with the sweet smell of cooking meat and hypnotizing them with the glowing flames.

One by one, they come searching for just the right snack before going home or hitting another bar. Just about anything on the menu comes wrapped in a homemade tortilla and is drizzled with pico de gallo his wife makes or hot sauce made by a

"It's authentic," said Ellis regular Veronica Sparks, a junior English major from Levelland. "That's why we come back. He's a good guy. He's keeping it real. He's just here to take care of everybody's



Ferlis Ellis, Depot District cook and Tech graduate, simmers sausage and kabobs Saturday night behind Einstein's. Ellis has been serving Depot bar and club goers for about a year now and said he

loves to cook for people. appetites."

Ellis has been cooking in the Depot District for almost a year. Each night, he begins bite of Ellis' special South West brisket. "It's cooking around 9:30 p.m. and does not call it a night until about 4 a.m. or 5 a.m.

"He adds to the entire ambiance of the district," said Steve Hinojosa, manager of Liquid 2000. "It's getting closer and closer to the Sixth Stree/Mardi Gras atmosphere."

About a year ago, Ellis was approached by a friend and owner of a bar in the Depot District and asked if he would like to cook outside at night. Ellis has cooked at various functions around town for 13 years and decided to give it a shot.

"I love to cook. Cooking is a passion to me," he said.

Ever since then, Ellis has been braving the snow, rain and cold to bring his best barbecue to Lubbock.

"It has a Texas taste that surpasses any

barbecue restaurant," said Jeff Wheeler, a 1993 Texas Tech graduate, as he takes a big like nothing I've ever had."

Ellis' customers range from Tech students to Lubbock police officers. Many know his name, ask him about his life and offer happy hellos and goodbyes. "It's comfortable and relaxed," he said.

"They come out here, and they've had a few beers, and they all have one thing in mind; they want food. They come from all different ethnic backgrounds and religions, but they all want one thing - food."

Ellis graduated from Tech in 1986. He played football on a full athletic scholarship and originally is from Houston where his grandfathers taught him how to cook. "One thing about barbecue is the sim-

pler it is the better it is," Ellis said. "Somesee COOK p. 3

# Medina calls for cultural 'bridge'

by Jeff Lehr

Contributing Writer

District Judge Sam Medina urged Hispanics in West Texas to be more culturally aware and to give something back to their society during a recent speech at Texas Tech.

"You can't just fit into a society, you have to bring something to it," said Medina, who has been serving Lubbock County as a judge

Medina received his law degree from Tech and had been practicing law for 19 years before he became judge in the 237th District Court of Lubbock County.

Medina spoke to students Friday and was brought in by the Latin American and Iberian Studies Program at Tech. He spoke in the courtroom of the Tech law school building. The event was part of the Cycle of Lectures 2000 and was called "Renaissance Hispanic."

Medina said he believes a bridge must be formed between cultures.

"If we fail to learn culture, we've robbed ourselves of a sense of society," he said.

Alberto Julian Perez, director of Latin American and Iberian Studies and professor of Spanish at Tech, said Medina's ideas are full of hope.

"To me, it makes a lot of sense to have a society of Hispanics with the rest of American society but enriched with the experiences of their own culture," he said.

Perez said he understands the needs and demands that national society has for integration. He said the American society is making a special effort to recognize the identity of the many cultures inhabiting American

Perez said Medina has a special solution to the needs of national society.

"You can form a part of American society without renouncing to your own ethnic origins," Perez said of Medina's solution.

Medina said today's Hispanic society is

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# HSC speech pathologist appointed to state board

by Shannon Davis

Staff Writer

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center speech-language pathologist Sherry Sancibrian has been appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Sancibrian is the program director for the Department of Communication Disorders at the medical school.

She will serve on the seven-member board, which is based out of the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

The board evaluates qualifications of and provides examinations for individuals applying for licenses as speech-pathologists and

"With my variety in the clinical setting at the

college level, I hope to in turn give a different perspective to the board," Sancibrian said.

The board meets at various locations around the state to approve licenses, establish rules for continuing education, receive consumer complaints and maintain licenses for about 6,000 professionals in Texas.

"This is a prestigious honor for Sherry and the Department of Communication Disorders," said Paul Brooke, dean of the School of Allied Health, in a written statement. "Her knowledge and professionalism will serve the state board well."

Sancibrian began her term in March and will serve until August 2005. She will travel to Austin and attend meetings four to six times

"I have worked for Tech for 16 years, and I will continue to do my job at Tech and also serve on the board," Sancibrian said.



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Sherry Sancibrian,

# Analysts: Too soon to tell if stocks truly recovering

NEW YORK (AP) — Big-name technology 10,582.51. Leading the charge were bell-the biggest and most popular companies that stocks sprang back to life Monday, driving the Nasdaq composite index to a record point gain, as investors mustered some confidence to hunt for bargains in the wreckage of last week's selling frenzy.

The Nasdaq and the Dow Jones industrial average each rose more than 200 points after alternating between positive and negative territory throughout the day. But on the broad market, most stocks fell again as the bargain hunters remained leery of smaller companies with less predictable revenues and profits.

Despite the buying spurts, analysts said it was too soon to tell if Wall Street was truly recovering from last week's plunge, which slashed nearly \$2 trillion from the market's

The Nasdaq rose 217.87 to 3,539.16 with nearly all the gain coming in the final hour of the session, topping the previous one-day record of 178.89 points.

Meanwhile, the Dow rose 276.74 to

In addition to Intel, high-tech favorites like Cisco Systems and Sun Microsystems dominated the 6.5 percent gain by the Nasdaq index, which last week lost one-quarter of its value.

"It's too early to call a bottom, but today is evidence that these low levels have sparked quite a bit of buying interest," said

Bob Dickey, market analyst at Dain Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis. Although there was renewed interest in

wether technology stocks such as Hewlett- tumbled last week, the broad market Packard, Intel and IBM, which together struggled all day, with declining issues outadded the equivalent of 150 points to the numbering advancers by nearly a 3-to-2 mar-

"This will take time to heal ... it's not likely that the market will regain its enthusiasm very quickly."

> **Bob Dickey** stock market analyst

> > record 355 points off the Nasdag.

"This will take time to heal. While we have some bargain hunters, we have a lot of investors who were hurt very badly, so it's not likely that the market will regain its enthusiasm very quickly," Dickey said.

Still, it was encouraging to see signs of stability, especially since foreign markets had tumbled overnight in reaction to

Friday's brutal slide on Wall Street, which

bounced from its downturns on Monday, suggesting that investors weren't panicking at the first sign of trouble. "We had several selloff attempts, and yet

Likewise, analysts noted how the market

the market held up. When the market just wouldn't fall victim to the selling attempts, that encouraged people to get back in," said Eugene E. Peroni Jr., director of equity research at John Nuveen & Co. in Radnor, Pa. Last week, worried that rising inflation

and interest rates will cut into company profits, investors began dumping stocks in just about every sector of the market along with the speculative high-flyers from the Internet boom. The Dow was left 12 percent below its record high, while the Nasdaq fell to 34 percent below the record it reached March 10.

Possibly helping sentiment on Monday were some more strong profit reports on the first three months of the year, this time from sliced a record 617 points off the Dow and a Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, Eastman Kodak and Ford Motor.

# Indian Divine Mother to visit Tech

Sri Karunamayi, the Indian Divine Mother, will present a public program that includes individual blessings, devotional singing and spiritual discourses in English on today at the Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 2801 42nd St.

Karunamayi's visit is part of her Year 2000 USA Tour. The program begins at 3 p.m. with personal blessings and interviews.

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# Art with an ulterior motif

Exhibit celebrates new artwork by local artists

by Amber Morgan

Staff Writer

eople from all walks of life gathered Saturday night for one of the most exciting and unusual art shows to ever take place in the Hub City.

"Ulterior Motif II," an exhibit addressing such topics as religion, nudity and West Texas life, was shown at the Wheeler Brothers Studio, 1414



The show was a celebratory exhibition of new artwork by local artists Jim Johnson, Jeff F. Wheeler, Bryan Wheeler, B.C. Gilbert, Mary Ann Bonjorni, San Francisco artist James A. Porter and infamous Seattle artist Franklin Ackerley.

Studio 14 and the Wheeler Brothers Studio made for the perfect setting for such an unusual array of artwork. The halls of Studio 14 were adorned with art from Johnson, Ackerley and Gilbert.

The Studio 14 fitness room was turned into a viewing gallery for Johnson's new animation video. His video consisted of artwork scanned into a computer and then animated into one of the most unique art videos viewed in Lubbock to date. Using hypnotizing kaleidoscope imagery and smooth flowing movements, the video was both eerie and beauti-

Johnson also had other works on display as well. His collection of paintings consisted mostly of portraits of people, some wearing masks, with such titles as "Alien in West Texas," "Wonder Woman Man" and "Screwed Up but Happy."



Wheeler Brothers . Courtesy Pho-

Elly Gonzales, a senior communication studies major from Puerto Rico, said he was particularly impressed with Johnson's work.

"His drawings look like a picture," Gonzales said. "They are so bright and clear with so much detail."

Both of the Wheeler brothers attended Texas Tech and also displayed their artwork, mostly depicting life in West Texas in the form of drawings, oil paintings and wood work.

A new sculpture by Porter also was unveiled.

Ginny Messer, a senior art/painting major from Spring, said she was excited by the exhibit.

"I work on wood too, and their a junior history major from Ransom

work is very appealing," said Messer. "Bryan (Wheeler) was my painting teaching assistant a year and a half ago. His work and his manipulation of the wood is very good."

Turnout for the exhibit was great and was definitely one of the most diverse gatherings ever seen in Lubbock. From cowboys to grunge, college students to hippies, flip flops to high heels, people could be seen sporting blue hair, red feather boas, pink cowboy hats or orange camouflage pants. This was a crowd where anything went.

"I'm surprised at the mix of art and people," said Kendra Campbell,

Canyon. "It was definitely worth coming to."

Local band Watermelonfastbass and the Brazos River Boys played at the exhibit giving it a club atmosphere. Local magician Russell Scoggin roamed around performing his illusions for the crowd. Topping off the carnival-like atmosphere was a dog roaming the party and a shoe shine guy.

However, one of the biggest surprises of the evening was finding that Seattle artist Ackerley was a phantom. When Porter identified himself as "Ackerley, but not Franklin Ackerley," suspicions about the artist were raised. After further investigation, Jeff Wheeler finally confessed the artist's true identity.

"My middle name is Franklin, and Porter's middle name is Ackerley," Jeff Wheeler said. "We met in college, and those works by Franklin Ackerley are actually pieces that both of us worked on. The funny thing is that Franklin Ackerley is more famous than either of us."

As for future shows, Jeff Wheeler anticipates another show in the Hub City in September and a show in San Francisco this summer.



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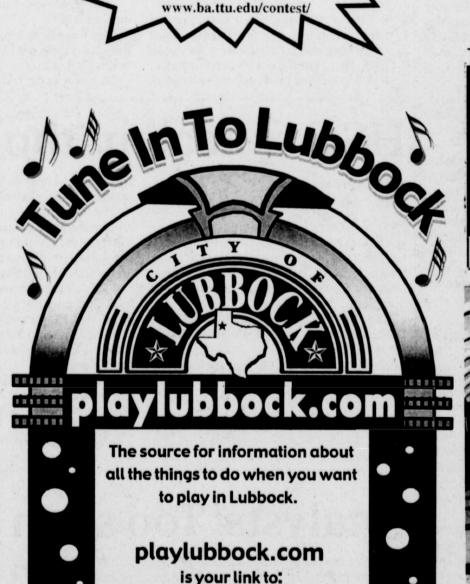
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# Tech students to get into the swing of things

Staff Writer

Texas Tech students can take a study break and venture into the nostalgia of the 1930s while spinning on a dance floor with a total stranger who just might become a new friend

Swing dancing will invade the Wall/Gates Residence Complex lobby from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday. Free lessons will be offered from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All Tech students are invited to attend, refreshments will be served, and the event is free.

Michele Franzwa, a freshman undeclared Arts and Sciences major from Houston, said she is aiming to bring swing dancing back to Tech and has been organizing this event for the past few months.

"It's about having fun," she said.

Franzwa is organizing students to create a Tech swing dancing organization for next fall.

similar to the one at the University of Texas-Austin.

"Once you get versatile in the moves, you can dance with anyone," she said.

She said she also hopes to bring the Watson Building, a former swing dance club in Lubbock, back to life.

"Swing is a part of our culture," Franzwa said.

The focus of the organization will social dancing in a smoke-free environment with

friendly wednesday people. april 19th "It's 7-10 pm wall/gates lobby good way to meet people,

> to have a partner beforehand," Franzwa said. Five experienced couples will teach basic swing steps, and students who wish to learn more can stay af-

> ter the event to work with the instruc-

tors, she said.

get some exercise and you don't have

"It's such a friendly atmosphere it's fun to do, and it's fun to watch," Franzwa said.

She has been swing dancing for two years and was instructed at Rick Archer's S.S.Q.Q. Dance Studio in Houston.

Mark Shuck, former Watson coowner and Tech graduate student from Plano, has been swing dancing for two years. Picking up swing in the Dallas area, Shuck and some friends opened the Watson Building in October 1998 to centralize swing dancing in the Hub City.

"It was a way to bring swing to Lubbock," he said.

Bands from London, Austin and California performed at the club, and crowds of 200 attended, Shuck said. However, revenue could not keep up with the bills and forced the club's to close in December.

"Once MTV stopped playing swing videos, people just lost interest." he said.

Shuck said swing originated in Harlem during the 1930s, and dances were held in places like the Savoy Ball Room. Aerial movements, however, were not integrated into the dance until 10 years later.

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Invention

"There's 60 to 70 years of history behind swing — there's something new to learn every time," Shuck said Forms of swing range from the

very basic. East Coast to the Lindyhop, which is more intricate. "Some people call it body commu-

nication," Shuck said. "It's kind of sexy, sassy, and the music is very upbeat." For more information, contact Franzwa at 724-4737.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert William

# COOK, from p. 1

times the simple things in life are the best things.

All the meat he prepares is purchased from Tech's Meat Lab and is marinated for hours in a secret blended sauce.

"I prepare people's food to perfection or to the best of my abilities," Ellis said. "I make it the way I think the food should be prepared."

Ellis offers only a few basic cooking tips and gives away only one or two secrets.

He said to handle the meat as little as possible and only use metal tongs instead of a fork to

ing Lubbock's barbecue man, standing on the corner serving up a little slice of life.

He said after cooking for a year, he has recently achieved some-

"Every now and then, people come up to me and say, 'hey, you're that guy who cooks food and stuff," Ellis said. "I don't know what makes me so special. I just do what I love to do.'

## MEDINA, from p. 1

well-educated and possesses a global mentality. He examined the changes Hispanic society has endured in the last century and found the general attitude of the culture has progressed from submissive to visionary.

"I don't believe that we will know what to do if Hispanics become the predominant society," Medina said.

Genaro Perez, Tech professor of Spanish, noted the growing popularity of Spanish in institutions of higher learning. He cited a recent survey by

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handle the meat. Also, he said throwing a whole onion in the fire adds to the flavor and cures the Ellis has found happiness be-

what of a celebrity status.

#### the Modern Language Association that found students registered in Spanish courses in institutions of higher learning have increased consistently since 1960. The survey also found Spanish class registrations have

percentage of all registrations. Alberto Perez believes Medina's ideas show his dream.

progressively accounted for a greater

"A broad understanding of culture makes you a Renaissance man," said Alberto Perez. "That is Judge Medina's dream and for me is a necessary and worthy dream."

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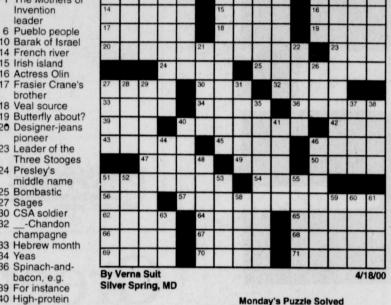


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# Greetings from Texas Tech

efore this baby boy left home, my position, while hypnotically singing the theme mother insisted that I send her an email every now and then to let her know how her first tax deduction was faring in his inaugural year away from home.

Well, just the other day, my mother sent back the letters she had received over the course of my freshman year, with a note that said, "Do you see a pattern here?" I've yet to find it, but maybe you can help me out. So without further ado, I give you a freshman's letters home.



Columnist

just wanted to write to let you know how great things are going. So far I've read ahead in all of my textbooks, have arrived early at each one of my classes, have gone to church every Sunday morning and still managed to clean my room twice a week. I've found it really easy Strickland to resist the temptations that have been placed before me. Student Health Services

Sept. 15: Hi mom! I

gave me a condom when I got here, but don't worry because I threw it away so I wouldn't be tempted to use it. Some guys down the hall invited me to go to a place called "The Strip" too, but I politely refused. I told them I had to work on a research paper due in November and that I couldn't miss this week's episode of "Seventh Heaven." Well, I guess I'll end here. I just wanted to say that I miss you guys a lot and that I can't wait to get back home. I love you — Kenny.

Oct. 23: I'm afraid things aren't going as well as they previously were. I'm finding it really hard to study when everyone on my hall insists on simultaneously playing the same Kid Rock song over and over. And I'm getting really homesick, too. Last night, my roommate found me in my closet, huddled in the fetal

song from "Friends." The other day, I walked in the bathroom to take a shower and found a girl passed out on the floor in her underwear. In her underwear, mom, can you believe that? She smelled just like Uncle Clark when we found him relieving himself in the swimming pool last summer, remember? Classes aren't going too well, either. I still show up every week, but sometimes, I'm the only one. I mean that literally. Often, the professor isn't there either. And I don't want you to freak out, mom, but I may make a B in one of my classes this semester. I'm sorry, hopefully, I'll have better news to report to you in my next letter. Well, I have to go hide in my closet for awhile, I'll talk to you again soon, I miss you - Kenny.

Dec. 4: This letter is just to let all parties concerned know that I won't be returning home for Winter Break this year. I have received a calling to travel with some friends to Cancun for the break to ensure that the children of this small village are able to enjoy Christmas, too. Supposedly this small town relies neavily on the sale of alcohol for their economy, and if more college students don't travel down there for the break, then the children of the region will go hungry. I think it's pretty obvious what the right thing to do is. I wish I could be home with you guys, but sometimes, your conscience just tells you otherwise. Don't worry though, you can just send my presents to my address here at Texas Tech. Thanks, and happy holidays — Kenny.

Jan. 27: OK, so it's been a while since I've written, but I need a favor. I'm in jail, and I need someone to pick up bail for me. We thought it would be funny to run down the hall naked when the high school students and their families came to tour our building, but I guess we were wrong. To be honest with you, I think I'm the real victim here. A residence hall video camera caught the incident on film. Where's the privacy in that? I told them that it could be someone else with a Japanese expletive tattooed across their posterior end, but they just didn't listen. Get me out of here,

mom, and quick! I think the rumors about jail are true. Sincerely - prisoner C597B.

Feb. 18: Mother, send money. My stash is running low, and I have to resupply. If I don't do it quick, my girlfriend may leave me. Actually, she's not my girlfriend, she's just some girl I met at Midnight Rodeo last night. Come to think of it, I don't even remember her name. I'll ask her when she wakes up. You should have seen me last night, mom, you would have been so proud. When it comes to dancing, I'm whiter than a 4-H convention, but I was still able to get my groove on. You may get a letter saying that I'm on academic probation in the next few days. If you do, just disregard it. It's merely something they send to all the kid's parents to motivate us to do better. Anyway, I hope to see a check soon. Ciao - Special "K."

March 10: Dear Mrs. Strickland, this letter is to inform you that we found your son passed out on one of the runways at Lubbock International Airport. According to witnesses, he tried to board a commercial aircraft as it was taking off. His blood alcohol level was the highest we've seen since we arrested George W. Bush back in the late '70s. You may claim your son at your discretion. - Lubbock Police Department.

April 12: Well, it's been a good year, but it's nearly over. I didn't do so well academically, but I think I know why. My professors hate me. That must be it. I told them how studying violated my religion because God has a plan for everyone's lives, so whether I study or not, I'm destined to get the same grade. They just didn't seem to get it. Anyway, your baby boy will be back home in a few weeks, and I'm really looking forward to it. The FAA has prohibited me from ever flying again, so I'll be riding back with a few friends. We have to make a short detour in Miami, but don't worry, I'll bring you back a T-shirt. Love you — Kenny.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. For some reason, his mother stopped paying his tuition

ated with my university. However, your students and alumni should be proud of how your cheer and dance teams pulled for one another. It was the best demonstration of school spirit I have ever witnessed. They showed up for each performance, though in different venues, stood up and cheered for their teams as they were introduced and started their routines.

In the face of adversity, they were simply awesome and their performances were outstanding! Even other teams were pulling for them.

I was so impressed with the maturity of these young adults considering the circumstances and pressure put upon them. Tech should be proud and honored to be represented by such truly amazing stu-dents, let alone that the "all-girl" squad won a national title in the process!

My daughter would give anything to have such talented coaches. Maybe we could talk them into moving to Ohio State where national television coverage and national titles are valued.

Jan Mathis Sugar Land

Write a letter to the editor. Drop it by 211 Journalism, have your Tech ID; or e-mail it to UD@ttu.edu, include your social security number and phone number.

# We're students so deal with it

The first thing I do when I get to the campus every weekday morning is pick up a copy of The University Daily. Instead of conforming to the more general method of reading the paper from the front page to the last, I always begin on the "Forum" page.

Opinions are much more interesting than news. News is boring and depressing, unsubstantiated and uncontrollable crap - sort of like my

People's opinions are rather fascinating to me even if I don't agree with them. Some of us write about current events and others stay on a lighter note and write little anecdotal editorials that are simply meant to amuse. It ends up being a good mixture of subject matter.



Joseph Colley Columnist

I want to refer to a letter to the editor that appeared in The UD on April 11 that claimed columnist Brandon Formby "set a poor example" with his column on things to do when you're skipping class. It reminded me of a different letter sent to the editor last semester that claimed The UD was confusing students by printing an advertisement for XXX-porn on the same page as an announcement for a religious activity. What kind of crap is that?

Nearly all of the people enrolled at Tech are 18 years old or older. The last time I checked, 18 years of age means that we are big boys and girls. We can do grown-up things such as vote, buy our own cigarettes and join the military, possibly giving our lives for this country. Hell, we can even get into R-rated movies. Have you caught on? Very

# Stay in school a long as possible ... all that waits on the other side is student loan payments and a memory of college days.

We are adults now! I'd like to think that each us can make our own decisions when it comes to things like skipping class or paying attention to a religious advertisement rather than a porn advertisement.

It is a fact of life that most college students, at least during part of their college years, are going to skip class occasionally and take part in such detrimental acts as drinking beer and, shall I say, endeavors to consummate short-term romantic relationships.

Why shouldn't we? Being an adult does not mean you have to be a prude - not for me, anyway. For those people who don't miss any classes and study all the time so they can keep that 4.0 GPA, more power to you. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but I look at it another way: Our college years are supposed to be the best of our lives.

Most of my crazy stories and memories have something to do with indulging in things that the petty, prude people disapprove of. College is an education, a degree and a time to get everything out of our systems. If we can't live a little now, when can we?

Ten years from now, most of us will be married and have a few children to support. There won't be anymore chances to act spontaneously and dangerously.

Twenty years from now, who wants to say, "Yeah, I remember my college days. I never missed a class and had a 4.0," when you could say, "I remember that day I skipped American lit to go to The Strip, and when I got back, my girlfriend had a can of whip cream, a bucket of ice, a pair of handcuffs and a Polaroid camera."

The choice is clear to me. And don't forget that once we are through with school, there will be no more three-month summer vacations. We can forget about a week off for Spring Break and a month off for Winter Break.

Stay in school as long as possible. Get three or four degrees if you have to because all that waits on the other side is student loan payments and a memory of the college days.

We are all adults, so I'm sure we can struggle through our college years without columnists "setting bad examples" for everyone. If an amusing editorial hurts your well-being that much, then get a life.

Damn, I love college.

Joe Colley is an English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant. So far this semester, he has had perfect attendance along with a 4.0. What a hypocrite.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Cheering section

To the editor: Anyone who is critical of the Texas Tech "all-girls" cheerleading squad must have their head up in the clouds (or somewhere else).

The fine athletes who make up this group are hard-working, civic-minded, academically-conscious women who have worked harder than any other sports-related organization this year as is indicated by the national championship trophy that they brought back from Florida last week.

They paid for their own uniforms and sold programs and advertising to pay for their entire year's activities.

Tech athletic department pours (dare I say) millions of dollars into programs

Is it me or is Tech eliminating the only organization that I've seen bring home an award this year? Whoever thought the "allgirls" squad was a bunch of doo-wop chicks doesn't know squat about cheerleading or leadership!

To the editor: First, let me state that I have no personal connection to Texas Tech. I live in Texas, but my daughter attends Ohio State University, where she is on the "all-girls" cheer squad that competed

I went to Daytona Beach, Fla., to watch my child compete in the most prestigious cheerleading event in the world. Though the National Cheerleading Association calls it "nationals," there were five college teams from Costa Rica, Mexico, Puerto

Rico and Canada. It truly is an "international" cheer competition.

There were 108 cheer teams and 65 dance

represented some of the top universities and colleges in the nation, like - North Carolina, Clemson, Florida State, Pitt, Purdue, U-Mass, Alabama, Virginia Tech, Oklahoma, Georgia Tech, Indiana State, Houston, UC-San Diego, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Illinois, Oklahoma State, North Texas, Louisville, Colorado, Mississippi, Texas A&M, Duke, Kentucky, Hawaii Pacific, BYU, Penn State, Columbia, North Carolina State, Ohio State, Boston College, the U.S. Air Force Academy and Harvard. As if that is not impressive enough, the Citadel (the all-male military school in South Carolina that made national news when it was forced by the government just a few years ago to accept females into the school) also had a co-ed cheer squad compete.

I must say, Tech certainly has made a name

regarded collegiate event. Scarcely a cheerleader, dancer, coach, judge, university chaperone or administrator had not heard about the firing of the Tech coaches just days before the teams were to compete at nationals.

The university looked, still looks, like they edge of the material they are in charge of and isn't knowing your "stuff" what college is all

It would scare me if a person who would make such a poor decision were still associ-

teams listed on the schedule. These teams

Welcome to the 21st century of equal opportunity when cheerleaders and dancers are valued for their years of dedication to their

for itself as the university that is going backward in time. I was embarrassed to admit I was from Texas and that I actually knew where Tech and Lubbock were located. Your university was the talk of this highly-

were trying to sabotage their own squads chances of winning. How tacky! This is a classic example of someone not having knowl-

plan, the team was put up for bidding to Kansas City-area individu-

als and companies, with the

ers refused to approve a \$75 mil-

lion purchase by New York lawyer

tive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.,

little differently once he's the

sions we had to defer during the

period of time we thought we

would shortly have an owner," he

said. "We probably have fewer dol-

lars committed beyond this year

than any other team in baseball.

That was sort of deferring for the

person who owns the team so they

can make that decision."

then re-entered the bidding.

owner, not just the chairman.

Last September, baseball own-

Glass, the former chief execu-

He said the Royals will be run a

"There have been lots of deci-

money going to charity.

Miles Prentice.

Glass purchases Royals

HOUSTON (AP) - Ending

nearly seven years of uncertainty

for the Royals, baseball owners

voted Monday to approve the \$96

million sale of the team to Kansas

at the start of their two-day meet-

ing, approving it within the first

announcement, the approval was

confirmed during a brief break by

one owner, speaking on the con-

Royals president Mike Herman

said before the meeting began. "It

man since September 1993, about

six weeks following the death of

founding owner Ewing Kauffman.

Under Kauffman's succession

will be unanimously approved."

"It seems like a slam dunk,"

Glass has been the Royals chair-

dition he not be identified.

Owners took up the Royals sale

While there was no immediate

City chairman David Glass.

hour.

# **Kenyans rule Boston Marathon**

BOSTON (AP) First, it was the Kenyan men. Now, even the women are winning the Boston Marathon.

Kenya's domination in Boston extended to a record 10 consecutive victories Monday, as Elijah Lagat outkicked Ethiopia's Gezahenge Abera and Kenya's Moses Tanui in the closest finish in the race's 104-year

Lagat and Abera were both timed in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 47 seconds, with Tanui three seconds back.

The women's ending wasn't as close, but it was still the same: A Kenyan wearing the laurel wreath.

Catherine Ndereba, competing in only her third marathon, pulled away in the final mile and became the first Kenyan winner, at 2:26:11. Ndereba thwarted the bid of Ethiopia's Fatuma Roba to become the first competitor - male or female — to win the race four consecutive times.

The struggling Roba finished third at 2:26:27, the same time as runnerup Irina Bogacheva of Kyrgyzstan, who came from behind and beat her in the final stride.

Like the men, the women's finish was the closest ever between the top two and among the top three run-

"I'm not only happy to win, but I'm going to the Olympics and represent my country," said Lagat, who took up running professionally only after his doctor told him in 1992 that he had a heart condition and might

With this race being an Olympic qualifier for the Kenyan men's Olympic team, Lagat and Tanui earned places on the squad, joining Kenneth Cheruyiot, winner of Sunday's Rotterdam Marathon.

The 33-year-old Lagat said his doctor warned him that he had a lot of fat around his heart and urged him to lose weight. At the time, he weighed 158 1-2 pounds. Now, he weighs 125 1-2.

"After I started running, my heart problem disappeared," he said. "I'm

Make that sensational.

Staying with the lead pack throughout the race that was slowed by headwinds and cold, the persistent Lagat came into the final stretch locked in a dramatic duel with Abera and Tanui, the 1996 and 1998 win-

The three exchanged the lead a couple of times, and with less than a half-mile remaining, it appeared Tanui would go on to his third victory.

But Lagat was not to be denied, and his final surge enabled him to edge the charging Abera as Tanui Abera, running on his 22nd birth-

kicking and pushing him. "I can't say it was intentional," he said, "but it was a strain on my

day, contended the Kenyans were

Tanui, the most experienced run-

ner in the men's elite field, admitted he made his move too early.

"Everybody gets to make a mistake, and that was my mistake," the 34-year-old Kenyan said. "I felt strong at the end, but I was too nervous.

The victory was the third of Lagat's career. He won the 1997 Berlin Marathon in a career-best 2:07:41 and the 1998 Prague Marathon at 2:08:52. In his previous marathon, he finished sixth at New York in November.

The 1999 Boston and New York winner, Joseph Chebet of Kenya, finished eighth at 2:12:20.

Overall, Kenyans took seven of the top 10 places.

Their winning streak began in 1991 with Ibrahim Hussein. The last non-Kenyan winner was Seoul Olympic champion Gelindo Bordin of Italy

Jamie Hibell, of Bethlehem, Pa., was the top American finisher, arriving 24th with a time of 2:22:09.

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ference series loss of the season. The victories put Tech in a tie for third place in the conference with

Nebraska, while Texas and Baylor hold the top two spots, respectively.

The Bobcats (22-21) enter the

contest on a six-game winning streak and are coming off a threegame sweep of Sam Houston last weekend.

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# Men's tennis faces uphill battle to NCAA Tournament

by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sports Editor

ment just got a lot harder for the Texas Tech men's tennis team as it split its final two conference matches of the year over the weekend to finish the regular season in sixth place in the Big 12 Conference with a 3-5 conference record.

Tech dropped a 5-2 decision to the Oklahoma State Cowboys on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

The Red Raiders' only points came at the No. 5 and No. 6 singles positions where Patricio Espinosa and Jeremy Earl picked up wins.

The Red Raiders dropped the doubles point to lose the match.

With the loss, Tech lost the oppor-The road to the NCAA Tourna- tunity to finish as high as fourth in the regular season Big 12 Conference standings.

> Sunday, Tech picked up a victory against Oklahoma in a closely con-

tested 4-3 match in Norman, Okla. The Red Raiders and the Sooners split the singles matches, but Tech picked up the doubles point with wins from the No. 2 and No. 3 teams.

Though Tech split the two weekend matches, it needed to win both matches to even its conference mark at 4-4 and get a higher seed in the upcoming Big 12 Tournament.

the No. 3-seeded Texas Longhorns in the first round of the conference tournament April 28 in Kansas City,

Tech freshman Clay Estes picked up a singles win in Tech's win over the Sooners but said the team feels it could have put itself in a better position to make the NCAA Tournament this season.

"A lot of the guys are disappointed in the outcome of our regular season," Estes said. "But we will just have to get ready for the Big 12 Tournament now."

The Red Raiders were pounded by the Longhorns, 7-0, in the teams' first meeting March 11 in Lubbock.

Estes said the entire squad is anxious to get another shot at the Long-

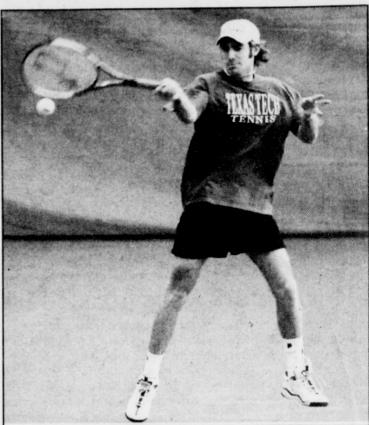
The Red Raiders will have to face horns in the conference tournament. "We got killed the first time we

played them," Estes said. "I think everybody just had a bad day the first time we faced them. Everybody on the team is ready to face them again."

The Red Raiders have made it to the NCAA Tournament the past four seasons but have a 9-11 overall record this season.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said if the Red Raiders do not make the tournament this season, it will probably be because of their record in close

"In my mind, we're the fourth best team in our conference," Siegel said. "But this regular season we had a lot of 4-3 losses in matches, and we just did not get the job done in those close matches.'



**Clay Estes** and his Texas Tech men's tennis teammates will face Texas in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament on April 28 in Kansas City, Mo.







