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La Ventana named among nation's elite

Staff Writer

Texas Tech's La Ventana Yearbook was recently named to the list of 15 finalists eligible for College Associated Press's Pacemaker Award. Winners will be announced during the National College Media convention November

Since 1925, ACP's Pacemaker competition has been considered to be student journalism's

Publications are judged by non-ACP staff members knowledgeable about design, journalism and yearbook or magazine production.

Each judge will work independently, and the scores will be added to decide the final winners.

"A panel of independent judges choose the different finalists," said Josh Fuhrman, business manager for the ACP. "They look for a variety of different things - design, content, cover and

Tyson Seibly, a senior design communications major from McKinney and 1998-99 editor of La Ventana, said receiving recognition for all the time and effort devoted to a publication makes it all worthwhile.

Being selected as a finalist for a Pacemaker makes you know all the time you spent on that publication was worth it," he said. "It really makes you feel good at your staff and yourself."

Seibly has been a member of the La Ventana staff for four years. He was also on the yearbook staff while in high school and said it was an easy transition from high school to college publications. Yearbook design goes hand in hand with his major, and he plans to be involved in magazine design after he graduates from Tech.

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Incoming ...



Speakers promoting the new program Campus and Community Involvement Record tossed gum for incoming freshman, who were involved in co-curricular activities in high school during an assembly on Thursday. The CCIR is a transcript used to validate your involvement.

Joe Mays m

Program helps students track activities

Staff Writer

Beginning in the fall, students will be able to officially document all the activities they participated in throughout their college career thanks to a new program at the University Center Activities Office.

"I think that this is a great service for students," said Will Kayatin, associate director of Campus Activities and Involvement.

"This is a wonderful way to validate student in-

The Campus and Community Involvement Record is a co-curricular transcript students can have made through the UC activities office in order to validate their participation in campus organizations and the skills they acquired while doing so, said Kayatin.

"In my involvement with leadership activities, I have seen students get involved and basically cram their involvement experiences par-

career," Kayatin said. "We also all realize that there is a 'fudge factor' that some students use to make their involvement seem more impressive than it really is. This helps employers know that the student was really involved in these activities.

While Kayatin believes the "fudge factor" is not prevalent among students on resumes, he does mention it is something

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Alumni Association to give Hispanic students new opportunities

Members of the Rojos Association ways to Hispanic scholarship fund Joe Mays



by Pam Smith

Staff Writer

Hispanic students at Texas Tech will have more opportunities open to them in the future if their alumni have anything to say about it.

Julian Vasquez II, president of Raiders Rojos Alumni Association, as well as other Hispanic Texas Tech alumni have come together to form a new chapter of the Ex-Students Association dedicated to supporting and promoting higher education to the Hispanic population of the university. The organization is geared toward increasing scholarships to

Hispanic students as well as establishing a better job networking system among alumni for Hispanic students to take advantage of when looking for jobs or internships.

"As alumni, it is our duty to foster this type of organization," Janie Ramirez, administrator at the Chancellor's Office of Cultural Diversity said. "We need to take ownership of the problem of Hispanic retentionship. We know what the problems are; we need to take the steps to fix them."

Ramirez said some of the areas the organization is focusing on are recruiting and retaining Hispanic students at the university. She said many of the students who do not complete their college education do so because of the lack of financial resources or because of family pressures at home. Ramirez believes if the students have an organization of alumni who have been in a similar situation to confer with, it will aid the students in completing their education.

Within the Hispanic culture, this organization can be the familiar structure that is lacking in their life," Ramirez said. "It may help them when they feel all alone in their classes where they are the only His

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panic student."

She also said this organization would help the Hispanic students to balance their schoolwork with the pressures of their families to come home.

"Many of the Hispanics at this school are first generation college students in their families, so many of their parents are unfamiliar with their situation," Ramirez said. "Their parents want their kids to visit them more, not quite understanding the student has a midterm to study for. Many times the test loses out in priorities."

Vasquez said financial and cultural factors often deter students from even applying to the university because they see a higher education at a university as an unattainable goal.

"Tech is an intimidating facility to the Hispanic culture because of its size and its reputation; the Hispanic people can't even think about affording to go there," Vasquez said. "This organization sends the message to them that they can go inside, and maybe they can attend a major university instead of just a junior college."

Currently, Raider Rojos is still in the phase of establishing themselves at the university. Vasquez said he is meeting with President David Schmidly on August 2 and Chancellor John Montford on August 4 to discuss staffing of the organization and possibly placing an office on campus. Currently, all the people involved with the organization are alumni volunteers.

"The administrators knew it was

necessary but really didn't know how to approach it," Vasquez said. "They've already helped us with a workshop on how to start the organization by helping to contact alumni and in starting a new chapter."

Ramirez said the organization has received a lot of positive feedback from the Hispanic alumni they have contacted to help in the formation of the association. She said many of them have told her and Vasquez this organization was something that has been needed for a long time. She also said this association would benefit the alumni because it will often provide the feeling they finally belong to the university they graduated from.

"Students upon graduation will have the feeling that they want to come back and help future students," Ramirez said. "It will make them feel like they are part of the university." Ramirez said she believes this is the first alumni organization of this kind to be formed. She said there have been attempts to establish organizations like this before, but they failed because they centered their existence around one event instead of concentrating on the overall picture.

Raider Rojos is a new chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-students Association. Some of its first activities will revolve around a Scholarship Luncheon on August 26, which will raise money for scholarships awarded in the fall, at the Merket Alumni Center. They also will be involved in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. If you would like more information on the organization, you can visit the Ex-Students Association website at: www.techsan.org.

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Director of Student Publications Dr. Jan Childress said she was not surprised when La Ventana was named a Pacemaker finalist. She said Seibly did a beautiful job with design, and his attention to detail is outstanding.

"Being a finalist for a Pacemakers says we have an incredible program and talented students to produce an excellent publication," she said. "It's really phenomenal."

La Ventana has been selected as a finalist several times in the past and was awarded a Pacemaker in 1995 and 1996.

In the Spring, the yearbook was honored with the Golden Crown award. Only four yearbooks in the nation are selected to receive this award, and La Ventana was named among the elite.

"Being nominated for a Pacemaker states that Tech has one of the best books in the nation and a staff with the capability to produce an award winning publication," Seibly said.

Childress said there will be as many as five or as few as four winners chosen to receive a Pacemaker depending on which yearbooks are most deserving.

"College publications are really competitive with one another," Childress said. "There are some colleges with excellent publications, and it is a real honor for Texas Tech to be considered one of the best. This is what this is – the best of the best.

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employers often consider when looking at a resume.

He said by having an activities record that is issued and backed by the university, it gives employers extra confidence the prospective employee really obtained those skills.

External Vice President Ryan Weller said he believes the idea of an activity resume is a really good service to offer students.

"I totally agree with the idea," Weller said. "In fact, I have already been working on one of my own to have upon graduation."

Kayatin said the involvement record is created when a student originally comes in and asks the office to document a particular activity he/she is involved in.

The student will also submit a list of skills he/she acquired while

participating in this activity. The activities office will then take the information and send it to the advisor in charge of the particular activity for verification.

Once the advisor confirms the submission, the entry is added to the student's resume.

He said he estimates the entire process taking approximately two to three weeks at the latest.

For students interested in completing a CCIR, there will be an original \$5 registration fee for the service that does include five free official copies of the transcript.

There will be two forms of the transcript available, an official copy and an unofficial copy.

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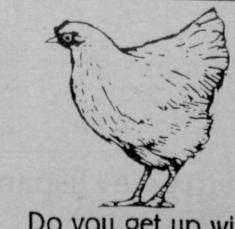
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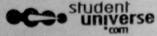
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Red Raider Avenue closure creates new bus routes

Texas Tech Traffic and Parking to distribute new maps with details of bus route changes

by Pam Smith

Maps detailing changes to the bus routes and new entrances to campus because of the closing of Red Raider Avenue will be distributed by Traffic and Parking when the commuter permits are mailed August 1. Eric Crouch, manager of operations at Traffic and Parking, said the new maps will be distributed at the Traffic and Parking headquarters as well.

"We will distribute the maps to students who come and register for commuter permits over the counter in our office and will also mail them to students who pre-registered for their permits when we begin mailing out stickers August 1," Crouch said.

Ryan Weller, External Vice President of the Student Government As-

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Dick Cheney,

sociation, said the mailing of the of Champions. Couch said the Red the large bus making the turn. maps is important in order to inform students about the situation.

'We wanted to warn the students about the closure and to inform them they can still use the lot," Weller said. "However, there will be some

One of the points the SGA wants to emphasize to students is the parking lot will still be available for student use even though the street is closing. Weller said students would still be able to enter and exit the lot at the intersection of Brownfield Highway and Boston.

Among the changes that have been made is a revision to pick up point of the Green Route that serviced the parking lot. Instead of the buses on this route pulling into the C1 lot, they will pick up students along the Drive Route would still pick up students in the parking lot, but revisions will be made to how the buses enter and exit the lot. He also said the buses would now pull halfway into the lot and pick up students along the middle median before exiting towards Holden Hall.

Before the closure, the buses that were coming through before were entering from one side of the parking lot and exiting on the other, "Crouch said. "The street closing eliminates one of those openings. The buses on the Red Route will now loop around the lot after picking up students and will exit on the outside corner of the lot.'

Along with this change, Crouch said some of the parking spaces around the "loop" area would have to be redrawn in order to accommodate

'We are rearranging the spaces in some rows to accommodate the loop," Crouch said. "One problem with this could be that students who are used to parking in these spaces may be inconvenienced.

Weller also said the SGA and Traffic and Parking are encouraging students to park at many of the off-campus locations instead of in the C1 lot. such as the ones at Wal-Mart on Fourth Street and Frankford Avenue or at the Army Reserve Center next to the police station. He also said students could park at the C-3 lot located across Brownfield Highway or look into routes that may service the apartment complexes they live in. Weller said an additional bus has been added to the route to accommodate more students using this

"We have made arrangements with the Wal-Mart at West Loop 289 to utilize the northwest corner of their lot," Crouch said. "There are signs there clearly marking the lot for student use.

Crouch said after these changes have been made, he doesn't fore see any more major problems that will be associated with the closure He said if anything, he is most concerned with informing returning students of the changes so they can modify their travel habits.

'We are most concerned with students who are sophomores and up who are accustomed to parking in the lot," Crouch said. "The freshmen coming in don't know that they have changed, and these are the first routes they are exposed to.'

Bush running mate Cheney described as regular country boy by friends

He never wanted the limelight, and it's always there..." who has served in the White House and Congress, ran the Pentagon and now finds himself on GOP presidential ticket, isn't much different from the teenager who grew up in a plain, one-story house on a quiet, dead-end

street named Texas Place, friends say. Words used to describe him as a youth, and now in middle age, include laid back, self-effacing, good listener, smart, fond of the outdoors, stable and honest.

We never sat down and thought much about big things like politics,' said boyhood friend Vic Larson of Omaha, Neb.

We just dreamed of being professional baseball players.'

Tom Fake, another childhood

friend, described Cheney as someone who will get the job done, "but unless he's got some vision, he's not going to jump into things."

"He never wanted the limelight, and it's always there, and the reason is no matter what he does, he does it well and people want him," Fake said of the George W. Bush's running mate.

Cheney was born in Lincoln, Neb., in 1941, the oldest of three children of Richard H. and Marjorie Cheney, an administrator for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and a homemaker, respectively. His years in Nebraska centered on summer baseball, Cornhusker football, cowboy movie matinees, and making slingshots and collecting baseball cards. The family moved to Casper in 1954.

In Wyoming, Cheney went on his first antelope hunt at 14. He and his friends also fished, talked about girls and found creative ways to goof off, including water skiing on boards tied to the back of a car driven through a shallow canal.

He maintains a love for the outdoors and is an accomplished flyfisher who does so whenever possible -Tom Fake

in the Jackson Hole area of northwest Wyoming, where he keeps a twolevel, cedar home next to a golf course at the base of the Grand Tetons.

Cheney was an intelligent, approachable teenager who naturally rose to become senior class president and a member of the honor society,

"He had a lot of ability, physical and mental," said former football coach Harry Geldien, of Casper.

"He understood exactly what you were talking about. You never had to repeat yourself. Probably one of the smartest individuals I've come into contact with.'

Cheney was a running back for the Casper Mustangs at Natrona County High School.

He was kind of slow, but once he got up a head of steam you couldn't stop him," said a classmate and friend, Joe Meyer, now Wyoming's. secretary of state. "He loved to hit. He just loved to hit.'

Cheney married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Vincent, whom he started dating when they were sophomores, friends said.

She also was a top achiever and twirled the baton in parades and at football games. They married in 1964, about five years after graduation.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No right to judge

To the Editor: Flipping through Tuesday's issue of *The UD*, my mouth fell open after reading Kevin Kelso's "All too proud" article. Sgt. USMC Kevin Kelso, for those wearing T-shirts and those who missed the article, was offended by a slogan written on a fellow classmate's T-shirt. The slogan, which read "The Few ... The Proud ... High Raiders!" was adopted, said Sgt. Kelso, from the United States Marine Corps' slogan "The Few ... The Proud ... The Marines." Sgt. Kelso's argument is that the slogan should be reserved for "those like me.

The impression Sgt. Kelso gave me in his article is the same impression I get from every Marine: We are the only "Proud" because we're the sh-. My spite isn't directed towards Sgt. Kelso but the commanders of the USMC boot camps. I feel that these commanders are brainwashing the recruits. The effect of this is to give recruits the feeling that Marines are God's gift. Try talking to one of them sometime. It is my guess you will hear more about the rigors of boot camp and their triumphs over mortality than you have the attention span for.

I must admit, however, that their attitude is justified to an extent. I say this because I would rather have my country defended by a pompous marine, not afraid to charge the enemy, than an unconfident Marine who might retreat.

I don't feel that the pride of being a "member of the best fraternity in the world" should be exclusively reserved for a Marine. Talso don't know who or what a High Rider is exactly. But, if they are proud to be one, they should flaunt it and wear the anti-USMC Tshirt. After all, who has the authority to set the criteria for somebody else's

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Pride in Riders

To the Editor: I would like to respond to the letter from Kevin Kelso. Sgt. USMC, and address his concerns regarding the "The Few...The Proud...High Riders!" slogan adopted by High Riders for the Spring 2000 se-

High Riders was established in 1976 and is a spirit organization whose sole purpose is to support women's athletics at Texas Tech University. Each semester the organization adopts a new slogan. Each semester's slogan is unique. The purpose of these slogans is to make the student body aware of High Riders.

The High Riders are very active and proud representatives of Tech. Our membership is unique in that not only do we support women's athletics, but our members are also required to learn the history and traditions of Tech and its campus. I would suspect that a large majority of the student body may not be aware of the history and traditions associated with Tech. It is with great pride that a High Rider member knows this information and if called on, can answer questions concerning the history and traditions of Tech, which may be asked by students, parents, faculty, alumni, etc.

The Few...The Proud..." slogan was adopted at a time when there was a decrease in membership. While membership numbers may have dropped, the pride in promoting women's athletics and being a member of High Riders remained. "The Few...The Proud..." slogan let the students know that although there were "few," our pride was strong. This slogan was never intended to offend the men and women who are current or former members of the USMC and whose sacrifice has meant so much to each of us.

> Jessica Ghormley High Rider Alumna Senior Multidisciplinary Studies

Peace talks provide late-night humor

t should not surprise anyone that the only thing to come out of the Camp David peace talks over the last two weeks was fodder for Dave Letterman's Wednesday night Top As Clinton

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J. David

Columnist

lights just how little he has done in the past seven and a half years in the realm of foreign policy and relations. We have to wonder just what Clinton thought he could accomplish with this latest powwow.

Did anyone really believe that thousands of years of ethnic and religious conflict and violence could be resolved in the country club environment of Camp David? It is a great thing that the United States is relatively civilized enough to allow the leaders of foreign nations hostile to one another to come together and have discourse without fear of being shot at or car bombed (unless you're in L.A.), but it is a black eye for the United States when our leader tries to effectuate peace in such a setting and in such a short

It shows both our arrogance and ignorance as a nation because it belittles the historical magnitude of the fundamental issues underlying the conflict. The lands and religious sites have been sacred to the Jews and Palestinians for thousands of

Countless thousands of people have died over the centuries defending these beliefs that transcend both time and self. The United States has nothing even marginally comparable, yet Clinton postures himself like the world conflict version of Slim-Fast: "Give me two weeks, we'll take away the war.'

Clinton's and therefore America's lack of understanding and appreciation for the totality of the situation is further shown by the failure to include Syria in these talks, since a major barrier to any effective peaceful relationship between Is-

rael and its Arab neighbors is resolution of possession of the Golan Heights.

Were I a cynic, I would dismiss this latest event as just another example of why this administration is known primarily for its scandal and policy failures. But just giving Clinton's record a cursory examination shoes that this attitude, shortsightedness and even hypocrisy is a chronic problem.

Maybe you remember Clinton's 1993 decision to send U.S. troops there despite wide-scale public opposition.

Clinton promised to have our troops home in time for Christmas and when that didn't happen, to have them back within in a year. Both promises were broken although we've now come to expect that. But now it's going on eight years later, and troops are still being sent, the region remains critically unstable and nothing has really been accomplished despite deaths on all sides and the expenditure of billions of dollars.

The question must again be asked: Did he really think we could just show up and end thousands of years of internalized nationalistic hatred and conflict?

Clinton ordered the Kosovo airstrikes and further deployment of U.S. soldiers under the guise of defending the rights of those who cannot defend themselves.

Of course, Hitler cited used human rights to justify his invasion of Czechoslovakia. What went and continues to go unmentioned (much less remedied) are the ethnically-driven atrocities that Clinton does nothing about such as those inflicted by the Turks upon their own indigenous Kurdish population with U.S. support.

After all, it just wouldn't be polite to criticize a fellow dues-paying NATO crony now would it? The grand sadness of all of this is not that our leader wastes what little credibility he, and through him America, might have chasing the ever elusive positive spin for his history book entry.

The great sadness is that he does so on the skulls and bones of thousand of victims of ethnic cleansing and the bodies of American soldiers who died and will continue to die in the name of Clinton's false ideal-

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Local playa lakes summer homes for birds

Several species of shorebird reside in west Texas, eastern New Mexico waters during summer months

by Jeff Lehr

Staff Writer

he playa lakes and saline lakes of the southern high plains of Texas are turning out to be more than just large puddles of water dotting the panhandle.

Each summer, several species of shorebird call more than 25,000 lakes spread across west Texas and New Mexico home.

Loren Smith, Caesar Kleberg Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Texas Tech, intends to keep it that way.

"When you think of shorebird breeding areas, you don't think of the high plains," he said.

"But this particular habitat is one of the most important breeding areas for shorebirds."

Three years ago, Smith and Warren Conway, a doctoral student from Rhode Island, began their study of four types of water habitats in order to examine the potential each one has for shorebird breeding.

The four types studied included playa lakes, saline lakes, draws and man-made tanks.

In studying these four habitats, they discovered the nesting habits of four species of shorebird: American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Snowy Plovers and Killdeer.

"We found all four species nesting

in saline lakes and only two of the species nesting in playa lakes," Smith said.

The Avocets and Killdeer were the only two species found nesting in playa lakes due to their fondness of the increased levels of vegetation found there.

Conway and Smith are capturing the birds using mist nets as well as a nest trap, which features a design they came up with on their own.

"When we capture them we band them around the leg and take a blood sample to do a parenting test," Conway said.

"We have spotted one of our birds on South Padre Island, and a lot of our birds do come back each summer to nest." he said.

As far as where the birds come from, Conway said many researchers are still puzzled about their primary nesting areas.

Smith said there is a concern about keeping the water levels of these lakes high enough for the birds each year.

"The summer months can prove to be hard on the lakes if they don't get enough rain," he said.

Farmers around Lubbock have contacted Smith about the levels of their playa lakes decreasing from year to year. He said farmers plowing the crop fields around the lakes normally cause this problem by pushing sediment into the lakes causing them to fill up faster.

"These and other problems, such as spring water flow damming up causing decreased pumping of the springs, need to be monitored to ensure these birds have a place to nest," Smith said.

The difference between playa lakes and saline lakes lies mainly in the two distinct ways they are formed.

"When it rains on large areas of flat land, that rain has nowhere to go, so it finds a low spot to gather and over time the playa forms," he said.

Saline lakes or salt flats, which are fed by spring water, are formed when that water evaporates leaving behind much of the sediment carried by the spring water.

It is the sediment that gives these lakes their salty content.

Smith said the saline lakes are much deeper than the playa lakes and can reach an overall length of two to three miles.

During 1998 and 1999, Conway and Smith documented over 300 Snowy Plover nests inhabiting the saline lake wetlands.

The smallest of the four species being documented, the Snowy Plover, has recently become a concern of several United States agencies be-



Courtesy Phot

A Snowy Plover takes a break and cools its legs in a local playa lake.

cause of their low numbers nationwide. Smith believes the need to maintain the wetlands of the high plains will become crucial for the survival of this particular bird.

This summer, which will be the third and last season Conway and Smith will research the shorebird nesting habits, they have concentrated more closely on the Snowy Plo-

"We have basically covered the other birds enough to narrow our research down to the Snowy Plover for this last season," Smith said.

When this summer comes to an end and all of the shorebirds return to their basic habitats, Conway will finish his dissertation in hopes that many scientist will become aware of the importance the high plains wetlands serve for shorebirds.

Jury to decide family heritage, history of Padre Island

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The heritage of a storied border family — and the history of Padre Island — will be decided by an all-Latino jury.

The Ballis say they slipped into poverty and obscurity after a New York lawyer cheated them out of a stake in Padre Island.

Arguments ended Thursday in a lawsuit brought by hundreds of Ballis against 90-year-old Gilbert Kerlin.

The jury must now decide whether Kerlin has been swindling the Ballis since 1938.

The Ballis are descendants of Juan Jose Balli, the nephew and heir to Mexican priest Nicolas Balli, the tropical island's original owner.

Kerlin bought the island from the surviving heirs in 1938.

The lawyer promised the family a share of any oil pumped from beneath the beaches — but he never handed over a penny.

"It's ugly, it makes you want to turn away," Balli lawyer Britton D. Monts told the jury.

"This case is about broken promises and fraud."

The case also could rewrite South Texas history.

The jury has heard two months' worth of tales about the auctions, squatters, lawsuits and inheritances that form Padre Island's blurry past.

"How do we know what really hap-

pened 62 years ago?" Kerlin lawyer M. Steve Smith asked jurors.

"You've got to solve the case with not enough evidence, not enough witnesses, not enough memory."

According to Kerlin, the Ballis sold off the island amid the border disputes before the Mexican-American

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Buying Padre Island from the Ballis was a meaningless mistake, Kerlin lawyer Horacio Barrera told the jury.

"There's a lot of emotion to these claims, and I know a lot of (the Ballis) sincerely believe them," Barrera said.

"But they just don't want to see the

reality.

The family disagrees.

They say Kerlin, a graduate of Harvard law school, can't deny the Balli title. Kerlin used Balli deeds to cling to the island through a series of lawsuits beginning in the 1940s.

"He used those (Balli) deeds -

used them again and again," Monts

"And he I'll bet he still gets a check every month."

If the Ballis prove Kerlin used their family documents as evidence of Padre Island ownership, the aging law-yer will be forced to pay up.

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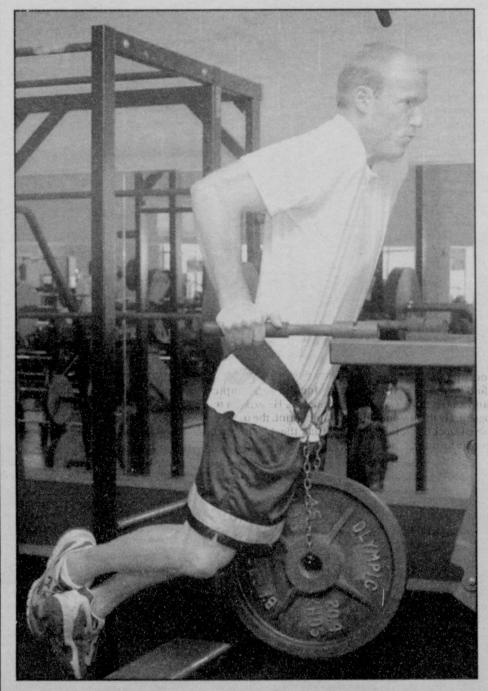
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Hearst to buy Chronicle; judge gives permission

judge refused Thursday to block the sale of the San Francisco Chronicle to the Hearst Corp., clearing the way for the media company to sell the rival San Francisco Examiner to a local newspa-

U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker ruled that Hearst's \$660 million purchase of the Chronicle would not break antitrust laws, saying it "would not create a monopoly, substantially lessen competition or unreasonably restrain trade.

Hearst will give the Examiner to a local publisher, thus ending a joint-operating agreement the newspapers had shared since 1965. Hearst agreed to do so in order to stave off antitrust allegations and satisfy community demands.

Walker said that Hearst's move to give the Examiner away to satisfy antitrust worries was unnecessary. There is no legal obligation, Walker wrote, "to spin off some of the JOA's assets to a third party for purposes of establishing competition.

Chronicle publisher John Sias said the Chronicle Publishing Corp. was "thrilled" with Vaughn's decision.

"It means we intend to close the sale at a very, very early date," he said. "It's our intent to close very expeditiously."

Hearst announced its purchase of the Chronicle, the second-largest newspaper in California and 12thlargest in the nation, in August 1999. Hearst subsequently said it would sell or close the Examiner, one of the largest remaining afternoon papers, after 120 years of Hearst ownership.

Hearst said its agents contacted more than 80 prospective buyers and found no one willing to pay for the money-losing Examiner.

After months of civic pressure to keep the Examiner alive. Hearst agreed to pay Ted Fang, publisher of the Independent newspaper and Asian Week, a \$66 million subsidy over three years if he assumed ownership.

The U.S. Justice Department found no antitrust violations in the sale and approved the dissolution of the JOA.

But Clint Reilly, a real estate investor and former mayoral candidate who lost his bid for the Examiner, sued to stop the sale. He contended the transaction was a sham, designed to fail quickly and leave San Francisco with only one newspaper after more than a century of competition.

All three publishers — Hearst, Chronicle Publishing and Fang's company, ExIn LLC, owner of a free local newspaper chain and prospective publisher of the Examiner - have denied the charge, saying their transactions will promote competition, not

On March 30, a day before the sale was to be completed, the judge stunned the publishers by issuing a restraining order. Walker said the purpose of the federal law that authorized the JOA - to keep foundering newspapers afloat - would not be served if the transactions were designed to let only one paper survive.

The trial opened May 1. In the two weeks that followed, the most riveting and controversial testimony came from the first witness

Tim White, the Examiner's publisher, revealed that at a lunch meeting in August 1999, weeks after the purchase of the Chronicle had been announced, he offered Mayor Willie Brown favorable treatment in editorials if Brown would support the deal.

KTXT-FM giveaway to send local teen to Deftones concert

A local high school student won a chance Thursday afternoon to see one of his favorite bands live

Chris Hyatt won tickets to see the Deftones and Glassjaw perform in Dallas Saturday at the Bronco Bowl. College radio station KTXT 88.1 FM gave tickets away through a contest in Memorial Circle.

The promotion asked fans to show their love for the band and the KTXT show, the Weekend Breakdown, by decorating themselves. Hyatt was the most decorated fan - wearing a Deftones shirt with two homemade stickers of the band on it and a large homemade patch covering the back of ing the band for the first time.

Hyatt brought a bag with Deftones paraphernalia and even covered his yearbook in stickers, and Deftones was spelled out across his knuckles.

Weekend Breakdown hosts Gabe Aguilar and Sebastian Kitchen hosted the contest and named Hyatt the winner. The Bronco Bowl and Kitchen worked together to make the giveaway

The concert giveaway to Dallas is the first in an upcoming series for the Weekend Breakdown.

Hyatt said Thursday was his birthday, and he was looking forward to see-

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Despite loss of arm, Whitford makes second Olympic appearance in Paralympic Games

Staff Writer

t the age of four, he lost his right arm in a tragic farming accident. Now 28 years later, Bob Whitford, a 1992 Texas Tech graduate and a wordrecord holding cyclist, is preparing to represent the US in the 2000 Paralympic games in Sydney, Aus-

The Paralympics are the Olympic equivalent for the world's top athletes with disabilities. According to the International Paralympic Committee, the Paralympic Games recognize competitors' athletic endeavors rather than their disabilities.

Athletes at the Paralympics include paraplegics, tetraplegics, amputees, the blind and those who have cerebral palsy.

The Paralympics are held every four years just after the Olympic Games and are located at the same

Whether at beginner, social, competitive or Paralympic level, the International Paralympic Committee stated that Paralympic sport for the disabled provides many benefits.

It offers recreation, social contact, physical and mental achievement, as well as improvements in physical and intellectual strength and muscular co-ordination.

Participation at the international level requires the same attributes required by all athletes dedication, sacrifice, skill and determination.

Defying any and all limitations and stereotypes associated with having a disability, Whitford always insisted on being self-reliant. Born in Ft. Worth, he began riding a bicycle when he was seven years old

Julia Spallholz, accounting clerk IV for purchasing/payables, met Whitford - a college friend of her future husband at the time - eight years ago and was instantly impressed by his strong will.

"My husband and I have never seen Bob as being disabled even though he gery and time-consuming rehabili-

Through Whitford's passion for cycling, he was able to quickly bounce back from his injury and was soon back on the track at full force. He said the key for being a successful athlete is to stay healthy and be extremely cautious.

Riding in numerous competitions every month, Whitford has been in

Bob Whitford prepares for the Oct. 18 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia .

*My husband always said the only thing

Bob couldn't do was scratch his elbow."

— Julia Spallholz

doesn't have an arm," Spallholz said. "He can do anything. My husband always said that the only thing Bob can't do is scratch his elbow.'

After attending Tarrant County Junior College, Whitford transferred to Tech where he earned his biology degree. Once in college, Whitford began riding his bike competitively.

Whitford's said his bike has only slight modifications in the shifting and braking mechanisms for a onearmed rider. His track bike, however. has no modifications to accommodate his disability.

Whitford was a member of the Tech Cycling team from 1989-92 though cycling was merely a club sport.

"I decided while I was at Tech that I wanted to focus on athletics and education," he said. "But I had to start concentrating more on school in order for me to finish."

After graduating from Tech. Whitford then went on to graduate school at Texas Weslyan University to get his masters in occupational therapy. In 1994, Whitford joined US Disabled Sports Team, a division of the US Olympic Sports Program. He then went on to win the Disabled Track Cvcling National Championship for three consecutive years beginning in 1995.

He has set the world record twice in the 200-meter time trial and a national record in the one-kilometer time trial.

Whitford was also a member of the 1996 US Paralympic team and finished first in the 200-meter time trial and sixth overall in track cycling at the Atlanta Games.

"One you start winning, it's kind of infectious," he said.

After several successful finishes in competition, Whitford encountered a devastating setback on July 1, 1998, which brought his racing career to a halt for six months. He crashed his bike during training and fractured his left clavicle. The injury required surstrict training for the Paralympic Games on October 18. He expects to enter the Olympic sprint, the one-kilometer time trial, the 4,000-meter pursuit and the 75-kilometer road race in Sydney.

"There is such a thrill in out-training and out-performing your competition," Whitford said. "And in the Olympics, there is just a sense of pride representing your country in a spectator sport.

Since Whitford still rides at the amateur level, he said most people think the majority of his financial needs are met through competition and spon-

However, to continue traveling to competitions, funds for all his endeavors usually come out of his own pocket.

Whitford, 32, is currently employed by Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin where he has resided for the past two years with his wife. Kelli. and their one-month-old daughter, Riley

He said his day to day life almost becomes overwhelming between his family, career and cycling.

"I work out two to three hours a day during the week and five to six hours on the weekends," Whitford said. "I also has full-time job and a family. It's difficult to be a husband, father and an athlete."

Spallholz said Whitford should be considered a role model for those who let their disabilities rule their lives.

"He sets a very good example for disabled people," Spallholz said. Most people with a disability think, 'I'm disabled, and you are going to have to help me with certain things.' In Bob's case, he can do it all without anyone else's help."

Researchers say obesity can be caught like a cold

(AP) — A cold-like virus may cause obesity, new experiments suggest.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin in Madison have found that mice and chickens infected with a common human virus put on much more fat than uninfected animals. They have also discovered that the same virus is more prevalent among overweight people, a strong indication that it may also cause obesity in humans.

In four experiments, the Wisconsin researchers inoculated chickens and mice with adenovirus-36, a member of a viral family that includes about 50 strains. Most adenoviruses cause colds, diarrhea or pinkeye.



Judge could sign Napster's death warrant

Inc., the small company that has used the Internet and digital technology to revolutionize music distribution, could see its death warrant signed by a federal judge.

The Recording Industry Association of America is seeking a temporary injunction that would all but put Napster out of business pending a trial over whether the San Mateo-based company is violating copyright law.

The hearing was scheduled to begin

Napster works as a clearinghouse pointing users to computers where songs in the popular MP3 format can be downloaded. The industry considers itself in a life-or-death struggle with a software startup that has made music piracy simple.

Music is the healing force of the universe. A true artist is going to want his music to be heard through whatever medium. "

The dispute is being closely watched. Heavy metal band Metallica has been particularly outspoken against Napster. Other artists are also anti-Napster, but many are ambiva-

The company is daily conversation grist among young people who use it with a vengeance, but it has also prompted congressional hearings and caused considerable angst in corporate

It is unclear whether Internet music file-swapping is so bad for the music industry after all.

A recent study of more than 2,200 online music fans by Jupiter Communications suggests that users of Napster and other music-sharing programs are 45 percent more likely to increase their music purchasing than fans who aren't trading digital bootlegs online.

The recording industry says the Napster case isn't about alienating music lovers, but rather about protecting artists.

-Stephen Flinn

'Clearly, people who are using Napster love music. They're probably our best customers," said Hilary Rosen, president of the RIAA

On May 9, Chief U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel rejected Napster's claim that the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 protected it from the illegal actions of its users. Napster promptly adjusted its defense strategy,

sic is protected by federal law.

The RIAA estimates that song-swap ping via Napster by an estimated 20 million people worldwide has cost the music industry more than \$300 million in lost sales.

Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich told a Senate committee earlier this month that Napster users are basically steal-

That attitude has angered many

"Napster and the Internet shouldn't hurt record sales," said Stephen Flinn, 40, a jazz percussionist attending an Internet music convention in New York on Tuesday. "Music is the healing force of the universe. A true artist is going to want his music to be heard through whatever medium.

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Springer killing suspect fled to Maine

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A national television audience this week watched the twisted tale of a violent love triangle between Nancy Campbell-Panitz, her ex-husband and his new wife.

On "The Jerry Springer Show," Campbell-Panitz, Ralf Panitz and Eleanor Panitz traded barbs for five minutes, with Campbell-Panitz walking off the stage to applause shortly after her ex-husband's new wife called her "old" and "fat."

A few hours after the show aired Monday — and after Campbell-Panitz told a judge she feared for her life she was found dead in her Sarasota home, putting the lurid and sensational nature of some television talk shows again in a critical spotlight.

"One of the things that give these shows their juice, their energy and their power is their danger," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "We have this idea that what is going on there is se-

A first-degree murder warrant was

issued Thursday for Ralf Panitz, 40, charging him with his ex-wife's death. A judge ordered Eleanor Panitz, 35, held as a material witness

They have disappeared, and authorities believe they fled to Maine and may be attempting to cross into Canada. Panitz, a German citizen, may be trying to reach Germany's Canadian embassy, while his wife, an American Indian, may be trying to reach a Canadian Indian reservation.

Springer has one of the nation's highest-rated syndicated talk shows, specializing in over-the-top subjects and brawling, cursing guests.

Springer, stepping out of his blue Bentley at his home on Sarasota Bay, just seven miles from the murder scene, said he thought what happened was horrible, but his show was

The show is television," Springer said. "This is life and death. Someone got murdered, and I want to respect that and let the police do their work.'

The incident is similar to one that occurred after the taping of an unaired 1995 episode of the "Jenny

Jones Show" where guest Jonathan Schmitz was surprised to learn that his secret admirer was a man. Scott Amedure. A few days after the show's taping, Schmitz fatally shot Amedure. He was convicted of murder and Amedure's family won a \$25 million judgment against the show.

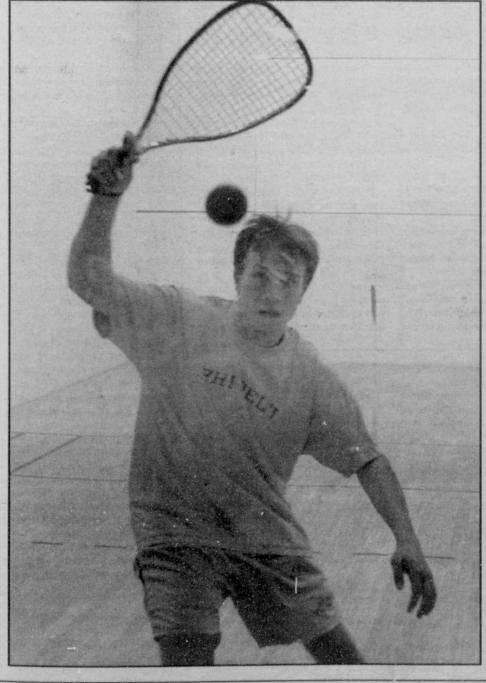
"Jenny Jones lost that case, but they didn't take the show off the air," Thompson said. "They said 'Well, let's work it into our budget that we probably will get sued every now and again.

Monday's segment of Springer's show begins with Campbell-Panitz and Eleanor Panitz sitting on opposite sides of the stage. Springer gives a short introduction, saying that Ralf Panitz wants his ex-wife to leave him alone but adds that he had been sleeping with her the nights before the taping.

Panitz, entering to a chorus of boos, kisses his wife and then tries to kiss his ex-wife, but she turns her cheek. After taking his seat between the two women, Panitz says he loves his wife and then turns to his ex.



Court's in session



Ed Dennehey, a sophomore business major from Dallas, enjoys a game of raquetball Thursday afternoon.

Joe Mays m

People news

Boothroyd to step down after eight years

LONDON (AP) — The first woman to serve as speaker of Britain's House of Commons said goodbye with a cry for which she has become famous: "Time's up!"

Betty Boothroyd, a former chorus girl and a Labor Party lawmaker since 1973, announced Wednesday that she was stepping down after eight years of keeping unruly lawmakers in order.

She said her decision to resign her speakership made her think of the biblical passage "about there being a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

To laughter from both sides of the house, she declared, "Well, my dancing days are long gone."

She went on: "I shan't weep, I can promise you that, but I shall certainly mourn the fact that an all important phase in my life has come to a natural end."

Entertainers rally behind rap star

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — Some big name entertainers are rallying behind a rap star who is serving a prison term for assault.

Recording artists such as LL Cool J, Busta Rhymes, Redman, Nas and pop singer Britney Spears are among those lending their support to Keith Murray.

Murray, 25, is serving a three year prison term after his conviction for taking part in a 1995 fight at The Sting, a New Britain nightclub.

Prosecutors said he beat David Hughes, 16, with a bar stool, leaving him with disfiguring scars on his head. Murray began serving his sentence in October 1998 after his appeals were rejected.

At a New York City news conference Tuesday, Joseph Moniz, an attorney handling Murray's appeal, said there is new evidence that justifies a new trial including allegations that some helpful witnesses were scared away.

"Keith told me he was innocent and I knew he wasn't lying," said Erick Sermon, a member of the Def Squad rap group that included Murray and rapper Redman.

Douglas takes tour on royal helicopter

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Kirk Douglas has avoided helicopters ever since escaping from one that crashed in 1991. But the king of Jordan finally made him an offer he couldn't refuse: A scenic tour of his kingdom by royal chopper.

"I hadn't ridden in a helicopter since the accident, but I had no fear at all," the actor said last week. "I guess I'm a fatalist. I figured, what are the chances that I would have two helicopter crashes in my life-time?"

Douglas, 83, suffered cuts and bruises when the helicopter he was riding in collided with a small plane over Santa Paula in 1991. Two people in the plane were killed.

He was in the Middle East recently to dedicate two playgrounds in Jerusalem, one for Jewish children and one for Arab children, that he and his wife, Anne, financed. It was his first lengthy trip since suffering a stroke in 1996.

UC summer series showing postponed

The University Center's Summer Film Series of "Princess Mononoke" on Thursday, July 27 has been postponed until Tuesday, August 1, because of a shipping error from the distributor.

The film will be shown in the Allen Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

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Schilling hopes to 'Raise Arizona'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After three years of endless rumors, Philadelphia Phillies general manager Ed Wade announced that Curt Schilling indeed was traded. The problem was Wade forgot to which team.

The Phillies traded the ace righthander to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday for first baseman-outfielder Travis Lee and pitchers Omar Daal, Vicente Padilla and Nelson Figueroa.

"Curt Schilling has been traded to the Toronto Blue Jays," Wade said before realizing the mistake. "I'm sorry. It's been one of those days,"

Wade did make a deal with Toronto, sending reserve outfielder Rob Ducey to the Blue Jays for a player to be named. But that was nothing compared to the blockbuster with Arizona which gives the Diamondbacks a 1-2 pitching punch of Randy Johnson and Schilling.

"Koufax and Drysdale come to mind," Arizona general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "I'll take these two guys." Schilling, who for three seasons had openly campaigned to be dealt to a contender, got his wish and is going home to Phoenix.

Arizona, the defending NL West champion, is in first place, one game ahead of San Francisco. Schilling will make his Diamondbacks' debut Friday at Florida.

"I made up 12, 13 games in the standings in one day," Schilling said.

Schilling, who admitted he envied Andy Ashby after the Phillies traded the right-hander to the Atlanta Braves on July 12, is likely to pitch against Ashby next Wednesday.

They could face each other in the playoffs as well.

Schilling's job is to help Arizona get there.

"With the addition of Curt, it'll make things a lot easier for everybody," Johnson said. "Maybe we can push one another, too."

As part of the deal, Schilling waived his right to demand a trade following the season, a power given to veterans traded while under a multiyear contraci

"He can only pitch once every fifth day," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said before the Diamondbacks' 8-4 loss to St. Louis. "Hopefully, this will be a new chapter for us. We've taken a lot of blows after 100 games and we're still standing."

Schilling, considered by some to be a disruptive force in the clubhouse for his outspoken views and trade demands, will be missed in Philadelphia.

"He's a premier pitcher. You can't replace a guy like that," Doug Glanville said.

The Phillies went 22-48 when Schilling was on the disabled list the last two seasons. They haven't fared much better with him.

The last-place Phillies haven't finished above .500 since 1993, when Schilling won 16 games and helped lead them to the World Series.

"I'm not sure how I feel," Phillies manager Terry Francona said about the deal. "If anybody appreciates how good he's been, it's me. I understand it. I hope it turns out to be the best thing that's ever happened to the Phillies."

Daal, 16-9 last season with a 3.65 ERA, is 2-10 with a 7.22 ERA this year and has lost his spot in the starting rotation. He will start for the Phillies on Friday.

"I know that I have not had a good year this year," Daal said. "They need someone to be a starter and Schilling is a great starter. That's how it works."

Francona hopes pitching coach Galen Cisco can turn Daal's season around.

"Every time we've seen him, he's tied us in knots," Francona said.

The left-handed hitting Lee was signed to a then-record \$10 million signing bonus by Arizona before its 1998 expansion season. He was considered the cornerstone of the young franchise, but he has struggled at the plate the last two seasons.

Francona said he doesn't know what he plans to do with Lee, who was optioned to Triple-A Tucson on July 16 to work on his hitting.

Armstrong enjoying cycling success

NEW YORK (AP) — A year ago, the impact of winning the Tour de France was lost on cancer survivor Lance Armstrong.

Not the second time around. Now, the Texan understands the significance of the world's grandest cycling race more

"Last year, I didn't know the impact on my life and my career and my team," he said. "Now, I understand what the Tour is, the meaning of it. I crossed the finish line knowing that."

There was, most importantly, the nature of the competition. Last year, the Tour was still recovering after the event was rocked by a drug scandal. Even Armstrong heard whispers. This year, the world's elite cyclists were back.

"For that reason, it was sweeter," Armstrong of Austin, Texas said. "Everybody was there. The Tour changes every year. This was a harder Tour. The course was not made for me. The course suited them, not me."

Which made winning it all the better, especially for a man who was given a 40 percent chance to live. Four years ago, Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer. The disease surged through his body, spreading to his brain.

"In 1996, two months before I was diagnosed, the illness was raging," he said. "It's not that I felt bad, but I didn't compete well."

There are those who are astonished by what Armstrong has achieved following his illness. He's not one of them, though.

"In 2000, I'm not so much of a miracle," he said. "Thirty years ago, yes, it would have been a miracle. Thirty years ago, 95 percent of those who had testicular cancer died. Today, 95 percent survive."

The difference is none of the other survivors have won the grueling Tour de France, a 23-day, 2,250-mile test of courage and stamina. There was a time as he pedaled through the mountains that Armstrong thought he might lose this race.

"I was suffering physically," he said. "I had run out of energy and run out of fuel. More than that, I was scared. Suffering in the mountains, you can lose 20 minutes.





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Baseball to market more toward female fans

NEWYORK (AP) - Baseball, citing a survey that says women are 46 percent of the average crowd at a major league game, wants teams to market more to female fans.

Forty-three percent of women could not name a player on their home team's current roster, according to the report issued Wednesday, 'The Commissioner's Initiative: Women and Baseball."

Based on surveys in pilot markets in Atlanta, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Milwaukee and New York, the report said 81 percent of women have the final say on family conwomen determine family merchandise purchases and 58 percent of women determine family leisure ac-

"Although women easily identify baseball as one of their favorites and one of the best sports for the family,

sumer purchases, 76 percent of they have a much more difficult time translating this belief into the behavior of an active fan." commissioner Bud Selig said in a memo accompanying the study. "While they can talk about baseball's positive traits in the abstract, women often do not relate the game and the ballpark experience to the needs of their daily lives.

"In every city and among every aspect of the women's market, the research showed that this group is seriously unfamiliar with ballpark amenities and discount and family packages, as well as club philanthropy and even player rosters.'

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Texas woman reaches Olympic goal

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-Sandra Cummings Glover

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PALESTINE, Texas — While attending Palestine High School, Sandra Cummings Glover never dreamed of competing in the Olympics. After finishing third in the 100-meter hurdles at the 1987 state track and field meet, Glover set her sights on getting her college degree and teaching school.

Thirteen years later, Glover's life is quite a bit different. In September, she will be competing in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Glover earned a berth in the Olympics by capturing the 400-meter hurdles at the recent U.S. Track & Field Trials in Sacramento, Calif.

Despite running from lane seven, Glover led from the fourth of 10 hurdles and cruised to the win ahead of world-record holder Kim Batten and 1996 bronze medalist Tonja Buford-Bailey. Glover, who resides in Sugar Land, set a personal record of 53.33 seconds and broke the trials record. Also, the time is the fastest in the world this year and the fourth-fastest by an American ever.

"Back in high school, I never

dreamed I would have an opportunity to compete at the Olympic games," said Glover, who was visiting family at her parents' (T.A. and

E u n i c e Cummings) home in Palestine recently. "I never gave it a thought."

She was happy to get a chance to relax after the tension-filled meet in California.

"I'm just relieved," Glover said of making the Olympic

team. "The 400-meter hurdles is a very grueling event. We ran for three straight days — there was no off day. I was happy I won, but the U.S. trials are so stressful. I was happy I was victorious, but I was happy it was over with.

"The day of the final I was saying,

I don't know if I can do this.

"Every part of my body was hurting. It was the stress, the tension, the anxiety. One thing — I just stayed

within myself, and I just used the Lord for confidence. When that gun went off, I ran," she said. It has been a

It has been a long journey for the 31-year-old Glover. At Palestine High School, she placed fourth in the 100 meters at the state meet

in 1986 and won a bronze in 1987. Not exactly the finishes on most Olympians' resumes.

After two years at Stephen F. Austin State University, Glover transferred to the University of Houston, where she won the Southwest Conference 100- and 400-meter hurdles as a senior in 1991. She was on a high then, but Glover would come back to earth. After placing seventh at the 1992 U.S. trials and failing to make the finals in 1996, Glover had some thinking to do.

"I went into '96 not really prepared," said Glover, who is coached by her husband, Don. "We were still working and improving in a lot of areas. My husband had just taken over as far as being my full-time coach. He was still learning. But in '97, things

started improving. In '98, I finished third at the U.S. championships (55.11 in New Orleans) and in 1999, I won (54.95 in Eugene, Ore.)."

From there, it was off to Seville, Spain, for the World Track & Field Championships. Glover ran a personal-best of 53.65 at the time for fifth. That made her even more determined for 2000. Four years has made guite a bit of difference.

"Sandra has always been a good hurdler, but she is a lot stronger," her coach said. "She is a lot more powerful."

Glover works out six days a week —21/2 hours in the weight room and 21/2 hours running each day.

"In 1996, Hacked speed, power and endurance training," said the Palestine native. "After the '96 trials, my husband and I got together and talked with Kim Winkle (a coach in the Houston area). He started me in short interval training. That's where you run short recovery — run 400 meters and then take a three- to five-minute rest and then go again.'

She also worked with Rice University women's track and field coach Victor Lopez, who helped her with race preparation, and Rice men's assistant track coach Wen Yong Yang, who helped her with power.

"I always had good technique," Glover said. "I picked that up at U of H. After '96, I said, 'I need more.' I needed to be faster. We worked on speed, power and endurance."

Glover said the hurdles are a hythm race.

Cornhuskers favored to win Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Nebraska has been chosen to win the Big 12 football title again this season in a poll of media covering the conference.

The poll was released Thursday in Kansas City, where coaches gathered for their annual media day.

Nebraska was favored to win the North Division over Kansas State, followed by Colorado, Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri. In the South Division, Texas was the choice to win once again, setting up a rematch of last season's championship game with Nebraska, which the Cornhuskers won

Picked behind Texas in the South Division were Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Baylor.

This year's championship game between the two divisional winners will be played Dec. 2 at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.

The media pollsters picked Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch as the conference's offensive player of the year, and they expect defensive tackle Casey Hampton to be the top defensive player.





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Tech alumnus makes second appearance at paralympics





La Ventana named among nation's elite

by Amy Curry

Staff Writer

Texas Tech's La Ventana Yearbook was recently named to the list of 15 finalists eligible for College Associated Press's Pacemaker Award. Winners will be announced during the National College Media convention November

Since 1925, ACP's Pacemaker competition has been considered to be student journalism's highest honor.

Publications are judged by non-ACP staff members knowledgeable about design, journalism and yearbook or magazine production.

Each judge will work independently, and the scores will be added to decide the final winners.

"A panel of independent judges choose the different finalists," said Josh Fuhrman, business manager for the ACP. "They look for a variety of different things - design, content, cover and theme.

Tyson Seibly, a senior design communications major from McKinney and 1998-99 editor of La Ventana, said receiving recognition for all the time and effort devoted to a publication makes it all worthwhile.

"Being selected as a finalist for a Pacemaker makes you know all the time you spent on that publication was worth it," he said. "It really makes you feel good at your staff and yourself."

Seibly has been a member of the La Ventana staff for four years. He was also on the yearbook staff while in high school and said it was an easy transition from high school to college publications. Yearbook design goes hand in hand with his major, and he plans to be involved in magazine design after he graduates from Tech.

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Incoming ...



Speakers promoting the new program Campus and Community Involvement **Record tossed** gum for incoming freshman, who were involved in co-curricular activities in high school during an assembly on Thursday. The CCIR is a transcript used to validate your involvement.

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Program helps students track activities

by Pam Smith

Staff Writer

Beginning in the fall, students will be able to officially document all the activities they participated in throughout their college career thanks to a new program at the University Center Activities Office.

"I think that this is a great service for students," said Will Kayatin, associate director of Campus Activities and Involvement. "This is a wonderful way to validate student in-

The Campus and Community Involvement Record is a co-curricular transcript students can have made through the UC activities office in order to validate their participation in campus organizations and the skills they acquired while doing so, said Kayatin.

"In my involvement with leadership activities, I have seen students get involved and basically cram their involvement experiences particularly during the end of their academic career," Kayatin said. "We also all realize that there is a 'fudge factor' that some students use to make their involvement seem more impressive than it really is. This helps employers know that the student was really involved in these activities."

While Kayatin believes the "fudge factor" is not prevalent among students on resumes, he does mention it is something

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Alumni Association to give Hispanic students new opportunities

Members of Alumni Association discuss ways to increase the Hispanic scholarship fund Joe Mays ■



by Pam Smith

Staff Writer

will have more opportunities open to them in the future if their alumni have anything to say about it.

Julian Vasquez II, president of Raiders Rojos Alumni Association, as well as other Hispanic Texas Tech alumni have come together to form a new chapter of the Ex-Students Association dedicated to supporting and promoting higher education to the Hispanic population of the university. The organization is geared toward increasing scholarships to

Hispanic students as well as establishing a better job networking system among alumni for Hispanic stu-Hispanic students at Texas Tech dents to take advantage of when looking for jobs or internships.

"As alumni, it is our duty to foster this type of organization," Janie Ramirez, administrator at the Chancellor's Office of Cultural Diversity said. "We need to take ownership of the problem of Hispanic retentionship. We know what the problems are; we need to take the steps to fix them."

Ramirez said some of the areas the organization is focusing on are recruiting and retaining Hispanic students at the university. She said many of the students who do not complete their college education do so because of the lack of financial resources or because of family pressures at home. Ramirez believes if the students have an organization of alumni who have been in a similar situation to confer with, it will aid the students in completing their education.

"Within the Hispanic culture, this organization can be the familiar structure that is lacking in their life," Ramirez said. "It may help them when they feel all alone in their classes where they are the only His

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Red Raider Avenue closure creates new bus routes

Texas Tech Traffic and Parking to distribute new maps with details of bus route changes

by Pam Smith

Staff Writer

Maps detailing changes to the bus routes and new entrances to campus because of the closing of Red Raider Avenue will be distributed by Traffic and Parking when the commuter permits are mailed August 1. Eric Crouch, manager of operations at Traffic and Parking, said the new maps will be distributed at the Traffic and Parking headquarters as well.

"We will distribute the maps to students who come and register for commuter permits over the counter in our office and will also mail them to students who pre-registered for their permits when we begin mailing out stickers August 1," Crouch said.

Ryan Weller, External Vice President of the Student Government As-

sociation, said the mailing of the of Champions. Couch said the Red the large bus making the turn. maps is important in order to inform students about the situation.

"We wanted to warn the students about the closure and to inform them they can still use the lot," Weller said. "However, there will be some changes.

One of the points the SGA wants to emphasize to students is the parking lot will still be available for student use even though the street is closing. Weller said students would still be able to enter and exit the lot at the intersection of Brownfield Highway and Boston.

Among the changes that have been made is a revision to pick up point of the Green Route that serviced the parking lot. Instead of the buses on this route pulling into the C1 lot, they will pick up students along the Drive Route would still pick up students in the parking lot, but revisions will be made to how the buses enter and exit the lot. He also said the buses would now pull halfway into the lot and pick up students along the middle median before exiting towards Holden Hall.

Before the closure, the buses that were coming through before were entering from one side of the parking lot and exiting on the other, "Crouch said. "The street closing eliminates one of those openings. The buses on the Red Route will now loop around the lot after picking up students and will exit on the outside corner of the lot.

Along with this change, Crouch said some of the parking spaces around the "loop" area would have to be redrawn in order to accommodate

"We are rearranging the spaces in some rows to accommodate the loop," Crouch said. "One problem with this could be that students who are used to parking in these spaces may be inconvenienced.'

Weller also said the SGA and Traffic and Parking are encouraging students to park at many of the off-campus locations instead of in the C1 lot, such as the ones at Wal-Mart on Fourth Street and Frankford Avenue or at the Army Reserve Center next to the police station. He also said students could park at the C-3 lot located across Brownfield Highway or look into routes that may service the apartment complexes they live in. Weller said an additional bus has been added to the route to accommodate more students using this

We have made arrangements with the Wal-Mart at West Loop 289 to utilize the northwest corner of their lot," Crouch said. "There are signs there clearly marking the lot for student use."

Crouch said after these changes have been made, he doesn't foresee any more major problems that will be associated with the closure. He said if anything, he is most concerned with informing returning students of the changes so they can modify their travel habits.

"We are most concerned with students who are sophomores and up who are accustomed to parking in the lot," Crouch said. "The freshmen coming in don't know that they have changed, and these are the first routes they are exposed to."

Bush running mate Cheney described as regular country boy by friends

He never wanted the limelight, and it's always there..."

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Dick Cheney, who has served in the White House and Congress, ran the Pentagon and now finds himself on GOP presidential ticket, isn't much different from the teenager who grew up in a plain, one-story house on a quiet, dead-end street named Texas Place, friends say.

Words used to describe him as a youth, and now in middle age, include laid back, self-effacing, good listener, smart, fond of the outdoors, stable and honest.

"We never sat down and thought much about big things like politics," said boyhood friend Vic Larson of Omaha, Neb.

"We just dreamed of being professional baseball players."

Tom Fake, another childhood

friend, described Cheney as someone who will get the job done, "but unless he's got some vision, he's not going to jump into things."

"He never wanted the limelight, and it's always there, and the reason is no matter what he does, he does it well and people want him," Fake said of the George W. Bush's running mate.

Cheney was born in Lincoln, Neb., in 1941, the oldest of three children of Richard H. and Marjorie Cheney, an administrator for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and a homemaker, respectively. His years in Nebraska centered on summer baseball, Cornhusker football, cowboy movie matinees, and making slingshots and collecting baseball cards. The family moved to Casper in 1954.

In Wyoming, Cheney went on his first antelope hunt at 14. He and his friends also fished, talked about girls and found creative ways to goof off, including water skiing on boards tied to the back of a car driven through a shallow canal.

He maintains a love for the outdoors and is an accomplished flyfisher who does so whenever possible -Tom Fake

in the Jackson Hole area of northwest Wyoming, where he keeps a twolevel, cedar home next to a golf course at the base of the Grand

Cheney was an intelligent, approachable teenager who naturally rose to become senior class president and a member of the honor society, friends said.

"He had a lot of ability, physical and mental," said former football coach Harry Geldien, of Casper.

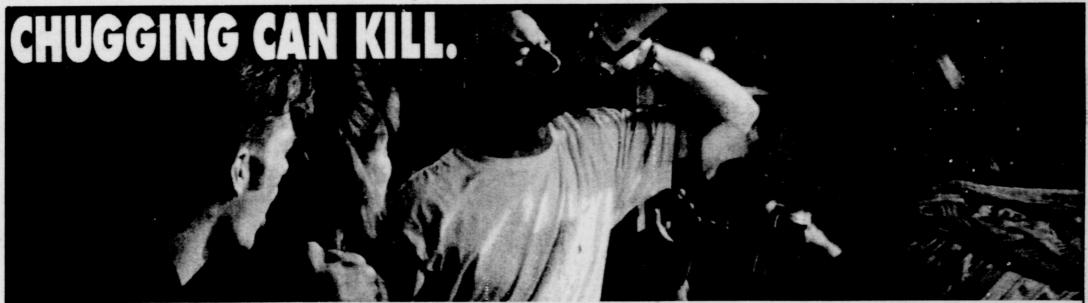
"He understood exactly what you were talking about. You never had to repeat yourself. Probably one of the smartest individuals I've come into contact with."

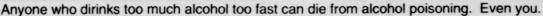
Cheney was a running back for the Casper Mustangs at Natrona County High School.

"He was kind of slow, but once he got up a head of steam you couldn't stop him," said a classmate and friend, Joe Meyer, now Wyoming's secretary of state. "He loved to hit. He just loved to hit."

Cheney married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Vincent, whom he started dating when they were sophomores, friends said.

She also was a top achiever and twirled the baton in parades and at football games. They married in 1964, about five years after graduation.







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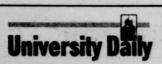
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panic student."

She also said this organization would help the Hispanic students to balance their schoolwork with the pressures of their families to come home.

"Many of the Hispanics at this school are first generation college students in their families, so many of their parents are unfamiliar with their situation," Ramirez said. "Their parents want their kids to visit them more, not quite understanding the student has a midterm to study for. Many times the test loses out in priorities."

Vasquez said financial and cultural factors often deter students from even applying to the university because they see a higher education at a university as an unattainable goal.

"Tech is an intimidating facility to the Hispanic culture because of its size and its reputation; the Hispanic people can't even think about affording to go there," Vasquez said. "This organization sends the message to them that they can go inside, and maybe they can attend a major university instead of just a junior college."

Currently, Raider Rojos is still in the phase of establishing themselves at the university. Vasquez said he is meeting with President David Schmidly on August 2 and Chancellor John Montford on August 4 to discuss staffing of the organization and possibly placing an office on campus. Currently, all the people involved with the organization are alumni volunteers.

"The administrators knew it was

necessary but really didn't know how to approach it," Vasquez said. "They've already helped us with a workshop on how to start the organization by helping to contact alumni and in starting a new chapter."

Ramirez said the organization has received a lot of positive feedback from the Hispanic alumni they have contacted to help in the formation of the association. She said many of them have told her and Vasquez this organization was something that has been needed for a long time. She also said this association would benefit the alumni because it will often provide the feeling they finally belong to the university they graduated from.

"Students upon graduation will have the feeling that they want to come back and help future students," Ramirez said. "It will make them feel like they are part of the university." Ramirez said she believes this is the first alumni organization of this kind to be formed. She said there have been attempts to establish organizations like this before, but they failed because they centered their existence around one event instead of concentrating on the overall picture.

Raider Rojos is a new chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-students Association. Some of its first activities will revolve around a Scholarship Luncheon on August 26, which will raise money for scholarships awarded in the fall, at the Merket Alumni Center. They also will be involved in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. If you would like more information on the organization, you can visit the Ex-Students Association website at: www.techsan.org.

PACEMAKER, from p. 1

Director of Student Publications Dr. Jan Childress said she was not surprised when La Ventana was named a Pacemaker finalist. She said Seibly did a beautiful job with design, and his attention to detail is outstanding.

"Being a finalist for a Pacemakers says we have an incredible program and talented students to produce an excellent publication," she said. "It's really phenomenal."

La Ventana has been selected as a finalist several times in the past and was awarded a Pacemaker in 1995 and 1996.

In the Spring, the yearbook was honored with the Golden Crown award. Only four yearbooks in the nation are selected to receive this award, and La Ventana was named among the elite.

"Being nominated for a Pacemaker states that Tech has one of the best books in the nation and a staff with the capability to produce an award winning publication." Seibly said.

Childress said there will be as many as five or as few as four winners chosen to receive a Pacemaker depending on which yearbooks are most deserving.

"College publications are really competitive with one another," Childress said. "There are some colleges with excellent publications, and it is a real honor for Texas Tech to be considered one of the best. This is what this is – the best of the best.

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employers often consider when looking at a resume.

He said by having an activities record that is issued and backed by the university, it gives employers extra confidence the prospective employee really obtained those skills.

External Vice President Ryan Weller said he believes the idea of an activity resume is a really good service to offer students.

"I totally agree with the idea," Weller said. "In fact, I have already been working on one of my own to have upon graduation."

Kayatin said the involvement record is created when a student originally comes in and asks the office to document a particular activity he/she is involved in.

The student will also submit a list of skills he/she acquired while

participating in this activity. The activities office will then take the information and send it to the advisor in charge of the particular activity for verification.

Once the advisor confirms the submission, the entry is added to the student's resume.

He said he estimates the entire process taking approximately two to three weeks at the latest.

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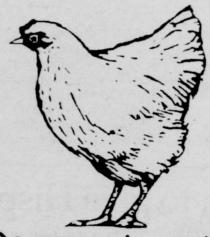
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Local playa lakes summer homes for birds

Several species of shorebird reside in west Texas, eastern New Mexico waters during summer months

by Jeff Lehr

Staff Writer

he playa lakes and saline lakes of the southern high plains of Texas are turning out to be more than just large puddles of water dotting the panhandle.

Each summer, several species of shorebird call more than 25,000 lakes spread across west Texas and New Mexico home.

Loren Smith, Caesar Kleberg Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Texas Tech, intends to keep it that way.

"When you think of shorebird breeding areas, you don't think of the high plains," he said.

But this particular habitat is one of the most important breeding areas for shorebirds.'

Three years ago, Smith and Warren Conway, a doctoral student from Rhode Island, began their study of four types of water habitats in order to examine the potential each one has for shorebird breeding.

The four types studied included playa lakes, saline lakes, draws and man-made tanks.

In studying these four habitats, they discovered the nesting habits of four species of shorebird: American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Snowy Plovers and Killdeer.

"We found all four species nesting

species nesting in playa lakes," Smith said.

The Avocets and Killdeer were the only two species found nesting in playa lakes due to their fondness of the increased levels of vegetation found there.

Conway and Smith are capturing the birds using mist nets as well as a nest trap, which features a design they came up with on their own.

"When we capture them we band them around the leg and take a blood sample to do a parenting test," Conway said.

"We have spotted one of our birds on South Padre Island, and a lot of our birds do come back each summer to nest," he said.

As far as where the birds come from, Conway said many researchers are still puzzled about their primary nesting areas.

Smith said there is a concern about keeping the water levels of these lakes high enough for the birds each

"The summer months can prove to be hard on the lakes if they don't get enough rain," he said.

Farmers around Lubbock have contacted Smith about the levels of their playa lakes decreasing from year to year. He said farmers plowing the crop fields around the lakes nor-

in saline lakes and only two of the mally cause this problem by pushing sediment into the lakes causing them to fill up faster.

> "These and other problems, such as spring water flow damming up causing decreased pumping of the springs, need to be monitored to ensure these birds have a place to nest," Smith said.

> The difference between playa lakes and saline lakes lies mainly in the two distinct ways they are

> "When it rains on large areas of flat land, that rain has nowhere to go, so it finds a low spot to gather and over time the playa forms," he said.

> Saline lakes or salt flats, which are fed by spring water, are formed when that water evaporates leaving behind much of the sediment carried by the spring water.

> It is the sediment that gives these lakes their salty content.

> Smith said the saline lakes are much deeper than the playa lakes and can reach an overall length of two to three miles.

> During 1998 and 1999, Conway and Smith documented over 300 Snowy Plover nests inhabiting the saline lake wetlands.

The smallest of the four species being documented, the Snowy Plover, has recently become a concern of several United States agencies be-



A Snowy Plover takes a break and cools its legs in a local playa lake.

cause of their low numbers nationwide. Smith believes the need to maintain the wetlands of the high plains will become crucial for the survival of this particular bird.

This summer, which will be the third and last season Conway and Smith will research the shorebird nesting habits, they have concentrated more closely on the Snowy Plo-

"We have basically covered the other birds enough to narrow our research down to the Snowy Plover for this last season," Smith said.

When this summer comes to an end and all of the shorebirds return to their basic habitats, Conway will finish his dissertation in hopes that many scientist will become aware of the importance the high plains wetlands serve for shorebirds.

Jury to decide family heritage, history of Padre Island

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) - The heritage of a storied border family and the history of Padre Island - will be decided by an all-Latino jury.

The Ballis say they slipped into poverty and obscurity after a New York lawyer cheated them out of a stake in Padre Island.

Arguments ended Thursday in a lawsuit brought by hundreds of Ballis against 90-year-old Gilbert Kerlin.

The jury must now decide whether Kerlin has been swindling the Ballis

The Ballis are descendants of Juan Jose Balli, the nephew and heir to Mexican priest Nicolas Balli, the tropical island's original owner.

Kerlin bought the island from the surviving heirs in 1938.

The lawyer promised the family a share of any oil pumped from beneath the beaches handed over a penny.

"It's ugly, it makes you want to turn away," Balli lawyer Britton D. Monts told the jury.

"This case is about broken promises and fraud."

The case also could rewrite South Texas history.

The jury has heard two months' worth of tales about the auctions, squatters, lawsuits and inheritances that form Padre Island's blurry past.

"How do we know what really hap-

pened 62 years ago?" Kerlin lawyer M. Steve Smith asked jurors.

"You've got to solve the case with not enough evidence, not enough witnesses, not enough memory."

According to Kerlin, the Ballis sold off the island amid the border disputes before the Mexican-American

Buying Padre Island from the Ballis was a meaningless mistake, Kerlin lawyer Horacio Barrera told the jury.

There's a lot of emotion to these claims, and I know a lot of (the Ballis) sincerely believe them," Barrera said.

"But they just don't want to see the

reality."

The family disagrees.

They say Kerlin, a graduate of Harvard law school, can't deny the Balli title. Kerlin used Balli deeds to cling to the island through a series of lawsuits beginning in the 1940s.

"He used those (Balli) deeds

used them again and again," Monts said.

"And he I'll bet he still gets a check every month."

If the Ballis prove Kerlin used their family documents as evidence of Padre Island ownership, the aging lawyer will be forced to pay up.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No right to judge

To the Editor: Flipping through Tuesday's issue of The UD, my mouth fell open after reading Kevin Kelso's "All too proud" ar-ticle. Sgt. USMC Kevin Kelso, for those wearing T-shirts and those who missed the article, was offended by a slogan written on a fellow classmate's T-shirt. The slogan, which read "The Few ... The Proud ... High Raiders!" was adopted, said Sgt. Kelso, from the United States Marine Corps' slogan "The Few ... The Proud ... The Marines." Sgt. Kelso's argument is that the slogan should be reserved for "those like me."

The impression Sgt. Kelso gave me in his article is the same impression I get from every Marine: We are the only "Proud" because we're the sh-. My spite isn't directed towards Sgt. Kelso but the commanders of the USMC boot camps. I feel that these commanders are brainwashing the recruits. The effect of this is to give recruits the feeling that Marines are God's gift. Try talking to one of them sometime. It is my guess you will hear more about the rigors of boot camp and their triumphs over mortality than you have the attention span for.

I must admit, however, that their attitude is justified to an ex-

tent. I say this because I would rather have my country defended by a pompous marine, not afraid to charge the enemy, than an unconfident Marine who might retreat.

I don't feel that the pride of being a "member of the best fraternity in the world" should be exclusively reserved for a Marine. I also don't know who or what a High Rider is exactly. But, if they are proud to be one, they should flaunt it and wear the anti-USMC Tshirt. After all, who has the authority to set the criteria for somebody else's pride?

John Yost III Senior Electrical Engineering/Computer

Pride in Riders

To the Editor: I would like to respond to the letter from Kevin Kelso, Sgt. USMC, and address his concerns regarding the "The Few...The Proud...High Riders!" slogan adopted by High Riders for the Spring 2000 se-

High Riders was established in 1976 and is a spirit organization whose sole purpose is to support women's athletics at Texas Tech University. Each semester the organization adopts a new slogan. Each semester's slogan is unique. The purpose of these slogans is to make the student body aware of High Riders.

The High Riders are very active and proud representatives of Tech. Our membership is unique in that not only do we support women's athletics, but our members are also required to learn the history and traditions of Tech and its campus. I would suspect that a large majority of the student body may not be aware of the history and traditions associated with Tech. It is with great pride that a High Rider member knows this information and if called on, can answer questions concerning the history and traditions of Tech, which may be asked by students, parents, faculty, alumni, etc.

"The Few...The Proud..." slogan was adopted at a time when there was a decrease in membership. While membership numbers may have dropped, the pride in promoting women's athletics and being a member of High Riders remained. "The Few...The Proud..." slogan let the students know that although there were "few," our pride was strong. This slogan was never intended to offend the men and women who are current or former members of the USMC and whose sacrifice has meant so much to each of us.

> Jessica Ghormley High Rider Alumna Senior **Multidisciplinary Studies**

Peace talks provide late-night humor

t should not surprise anyone that the only thing to come out of the . Camp David peace talks over the last two weeks was fodder for Dave Letterman's Wednesday night Top Ten List.



Leamon

Columnist

As Clinton enters the twilight of his presidency and scrambles frantically to throw together some semblance of a legacy, he again shows his boundless arrogance as well as highlights just

how little he has done in the past seven and a half years in the realm of foreign policy and relations. We have to wonder just what Clinton thought he could accomplish with this latest powwow.

Did anyone really believe that thousands of years of ethnic and religious conflict and violence could be resolved in the country club environment of Camp David? It is a great thing that the United States is relatively civilized enough to allow the leaders of foreign nations hostile to one another to come together and have discourse without fear of being shot at or car bombed (unless you're in L.A.), but it is a black eye for the United States when our leader tries to effectuate peace in such a setting and in such a short

It shows both our arrogance and ignorance as a nation because it belittles the historical magnitude of the fundamental issues underlying the conflict. The lands and religious sites have been sacred to the Jews and Palestinians for thousands of

Countless thousands of people have died over the centuries defending these beliefs that transcend both time and self. The United States has nothing even marginally comparable, yet Clinton postures himself like the world conflict version of Slim-Fast: "Give me two weeks, we'll take away the war."

Clinton's and therefore America's lack of understanding and appreciation for the totality of the situation is further shown by the failure to include Syria in these talks, since a major barrier to any effective peaceful relationship between Is-

rael and its Arab neighbors is resolution of possession of the Golan Heights.

Were I a cynic, I would dismiss this latest event as just another example of why this administration is known primarily for its scandal and policy failures. But just giving Clinton's record a cursory examination shoes that this attitude, shortsightedness and even hypocrisy is a chronic problem.

Maybe you remember Clinton's 1993 decision to send U.S. troops there despite wide-scale public opposition.

Clinton promised to have our troops home in time for Christmas and when that didn't happen, to have them back within in a year. Both promises were broken although we've now come to expect that. But now it's going on eight years later, and troops are still being sent, the region remains critically unstable and nothing has really been accomplished despite deaths on all sides and the expenditure of billions of dollars.

The question must again be asked: Did he really think we could just show up and end thousands of years of internalized nationalistic hatred and conflict?

Clinton ordered the Kosovo airstrikes and further deployment of U.S. soldiers under the guise of defending the rights of those who cannot defend themselves.

Of course, Hitler cited used human rights to justify his invasion of Czechoslovakia. What went and continues to go unmentioned (much less remedied) are the ethnically-driven atrocities that Clinton does nothing about such as those inflicted by the Turks upon their own indigenous Kurdish population with U.S. support.

After all, it just wouldn't be polite to criticize a fellow dues-paying NATO crony now would it? The grand sadness of all of this is not that our leader wastes what little credibility he, and through him America, might have chasing the ever elusive positive spin for his history book entry.

The great sadness is that he does so on the skulls and bones of thousand of victims of ethnic cleansing and the bodies of American soldiers who died and will continue to die in the name of Clinton's false ideal-

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Despite loss of arm, Whitford makes second Olympic appearance in Paralympic Games

by Amy Curry

Staff Writer

t the age of four, he lost his right arm in a tragic farming accident. Now 28 years later, Bob Whitford, a 1992 Texas Tech graduate and a wordrecord holding cyclist, is preparing to represent the US in the 2000 Paralympic games in Sydney, Aus-

The Paralympics are the Olympic equivalent for the world's top athletes with disabilities. According to the International Paralympic Committee, the Paralympic Games recognize competitors' athletic endeavors rather than their disabilities.

Athletes at the Paralympics include paraplegics, tetraplegics, amputees, the blind and those who have cerebral palsy.

The Paralympics are held every four years just after the Olympic Games and are located at the same

Whether at beginner, social, competitive or Paralympic level, the International Paralympic Committee stated that Paralympic sport for the disabled provides many benefits.

It offers recreation, social contact, physical and mental achievement, as well as improvements in physical and intellectual strength and muscular co-ordination.

Participation at the international level requires the same attributes required by all athletes dedication, sacrifice, skill and determination.

Defying any and all limitations and stereotypes associated with having a disability, Whitford alBorn in Ft. Worth, he began riding a bicycle when he was seven years old.

Julia Spallholz, accounting clerk IV for purchasing/payables, met Whitford - a college friend of her future husband at the time - eight years ago and was instantly impressed by his strong will.

"My husband and I have never seen Bob as being disabled even though he

ways insisted on being self-reliant. gery and time-consuming rehabilitation.

> Through Whitford's passion for cycling, he was able to quickly bounce back from his injury and was soon back on the track at full force. He said the key for being a successful athlete is to stay healthy and be extremely cautious.

Riding in numerous competitions every month, Whitford has been in

Bob Whitford prepares for the Oct. 18 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia .

My husband always said the only thing

Bob couldn't do was scratch his elbow."

- Julia Spallholz

doesn't have an arm," Spallholz said. "He can do anything. My husband always said that the only thing Bob can't do is scratch his elbow."

After attending Tarrant County Junior College, Whitford transferred to Tech where he earned his biology degree. Once in college, Whitford began riding his bike competitively.

Whitford's said his bike has only slight modifications in the shifting and braking mechanisms for a onearmed rider. His track bike, however, has no modifications to accommodate his disability.

Whitford was a member of the Tech Cycling team from 1989-92 though cycling was merely a club sport.

"I decided while I was at Tech that I wanted to focus on athletics and education," he said. "But I had to start concentrating more on school in order for me to finish.'

After graduating from Tech, Whitford then went on to graduate school at Texas Weslyan University to get his masters in occupational therapy. In 1994, Whitford joined US Disabled Sports Team, a division of the US Olympic Sports Program. He then went on to win the Disabled Track Cycling National Championship for three consecutive years beginning in 1995.

He has set the world record twice in the 200-meter time trial and a national record in the one-kilometer time trial.

Whitford was also a member of the 1996 US Paralympic team and finished first in the 200-meter time trial and sixth overall in track cycling at the Atlanta Games.

"One you start winning, it's kind of infectious," he said.

After several successful finishes in competition, Whitford encountered a devastating setback on July 1, 1998, which brought his racing career to a halt for six months. He crashed his bike during training and fractured his left clavicle. The injury required surstrict training for the Paralympic Games on October 18. He expects to enter the Olympic sprint, the one-kilometer time trial, the 4,000-meter pursuit and the 75-kilometer road race in Sydney.

"There is such a thrill in out-training and out-performing your competition," Whitford said. "And in the Olympics, there is just a sense of pride representing your country in a spectator sport.'

Since Whitford still rides at the amateur level, he said most people think the majority of his financial needs are met through competition and spon-

However, to continue traveling to competitions, funds for all his endeavors usually come out of his own pocket.

Whitford, 32, is currently employed by Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin where he has resided for the past two years with his wife, Kelli, and their one-month-old daughter, Riley.

He said his day to day life almost becomes overwhelming between his family, career and cycling.

"I work out two to three hours a day during the week and five to six hours on the weekends," Whitford said. "I also has full-time job and a family. It's difficult to be a husband, father and an athlete."

Spallholz said Whitford should be considered a role model for those who let their disabilities rule

"He sets a very good example for disabled people," Spallholz said. "Most people with a disability think, 'I'm disabled, and you are going to have to help me with certain things.' In Bob's case, he can do it all without anyone else's help."

Researchers say obesity can be caught like a cold

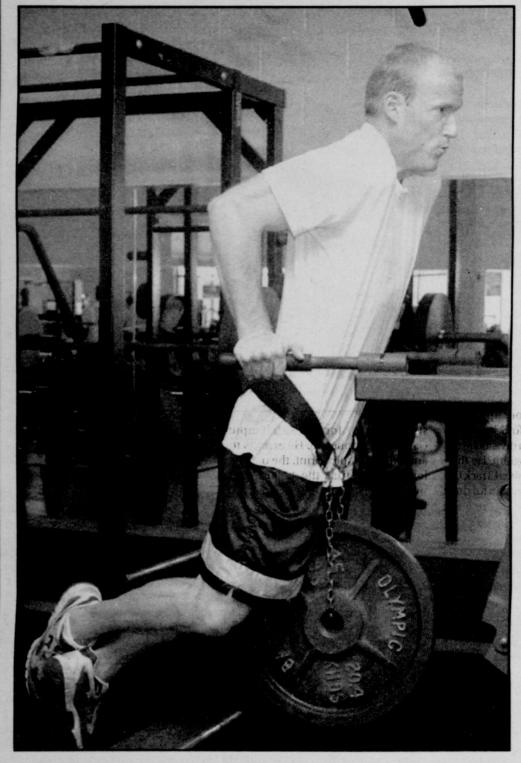
(AP) - A cold-like virus may cause obesity, new experiments suggest.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin in Madison have found that mice and chickens infected with a common human virus put on much more fat than uninfected animals. They have also discovered that the same virus is more prevalent among overweight people, a strong indication that it may also cause obesity in humans.

In four experiments, the Wisconsin researchers inoculated chickens and mice with adenovirus-36, a member of a viral family that includes about 50 strains. Most adenoviruses cause colds, diarrhea or pinkeye.



Need a lift?



Cody Johnson, a first-year physical therapy major from Dennison, keeps in shape by doing tricep dips in the **Student Rec** Center. Joe Mays m

Hearst to buy Chronicle; judge gives permission

judge refused Thursday to block the sale of the San Francisco Chronicle to the Hearst Corp., clearing the way for the media company to sell the rival San Francisco Examiner to a local newspaper mogul.

U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker ruled that Hearst's \$660 million purchase of the Chronicle would not break antitrust laws, saying it "would not create a monopoly, substantially lessen competition or unreasonably

Hearst will give the Examiner to a local publisher, thus ending a joint-operating agreement the newspapers had shared since 1965. Hearst agreed to do so in order to stave off antitrust allegations and satisfy community demands.

Walker said that Hearst's move to give the Examiner away to satisfy antitrust worries was unnecessary. There is no legal obligation, Walker wrote, "to spin off some of the JOA's assets to a third party for purposes of establishing competition.'

Chronicle publisher John Sias said the Chronicle Publishing Corp. was "thrilled" with Vaughn's decision.

"It means we intend to close the sale at a very, very early date," he said. "It's our intent to close very expeditiously."

Hearst announced its purchase of the Chronicle, the second-largest newspaper in California and 12thlargest in the nation, in August 1999. Hearst subsequently said it would sell or close the Examiner, one of the largest remaining afternoon papers, after 120 years of Hearst ownership.

Hearst said its agents contacted more than 80 prospective buyers and found no one willing to pay for the money-losing Examiner.

After months of civic pressure to keep the Examiner alive, Hearst agreed to pay Ted Fang, publisher of the Independent newspaper and Asian Week, a \$66 million subsidy over three years if he assumed ownership.

The U.S. Justice Department found no antitrust violations in the sale and approved the dissolution of the JOA.

But Clint Reilly, a real estate investor and former mayoral candidate who lost his bid for the Examiner, sued to stop the sale. He contended the transaction was a sham, designed to fail quickly and leave San Francisco with only one newspaper after more than a century of competition.

All three publishers — Hearst, Chronicle Publishing and Fang's company, ExIn LLC, owner of a free local newspaper chain and prospective publisher of the Examiner - have denied the charge, saying their transactions will promote competition, not destroy it.

On March 30, a day before the sale was to be completed, the judge stunned the publishers by issuing a restraining order. Walker said the purpose of the federal law that authorized the JOA — to keep foundering newspapers afloat - would not be served if the transactions were designed to let only one paper survive.

The trial opened May 1. In the two weeks that followed, the most riveting and controversial testimony came from the first witness.

Tim White, the Examiner's publisher, revealed that at a lunch meeting in August 1999, weeks after the purchase of the Chronicle had been announced, he offered Mayor Willie Brown favorable treatment in editorials if Brown would support the deal.

KTXT-FM giveaway to send local teen to Deftones concert

A local high school student won a his shirt. chance Thursday afternoon to see one of his favorite bands live.

Deftones and Glassjaw perform in Dallas Saturday at the Bronco Bowl. College radio station KTXT 88.1 FM gave Aguilar and Sebastian Kitchen hosted tickets away through a contest in Me- the contest and named Hyatt the win-

their love for the band and the KTXT possible. show, the Weekend Breakdown, by decorating themselves. Hyatt was the most decorated fan - wearing a Weekend Breakdown. Deftones shirt with two homemade stickers of the band on it and a large day, and he was looking forward to seehomemade patch covering the back of ing the band for the first time.

Hyatt brought a bag with Deftones paraphernalia and even covered his Chris Hyatt won tickets to see the yearbook in stickers, and Deftones was spelled out across his knuckles.

Weekend Breakdown hosts Gabe ner. The Bronco Bowl and Kitchen The promotion asked fans to show worked together to make the giveaway

> The concert giveaway to Dallas is the first in an upcoming series for the

> Hyatt said Thursday was his birth-

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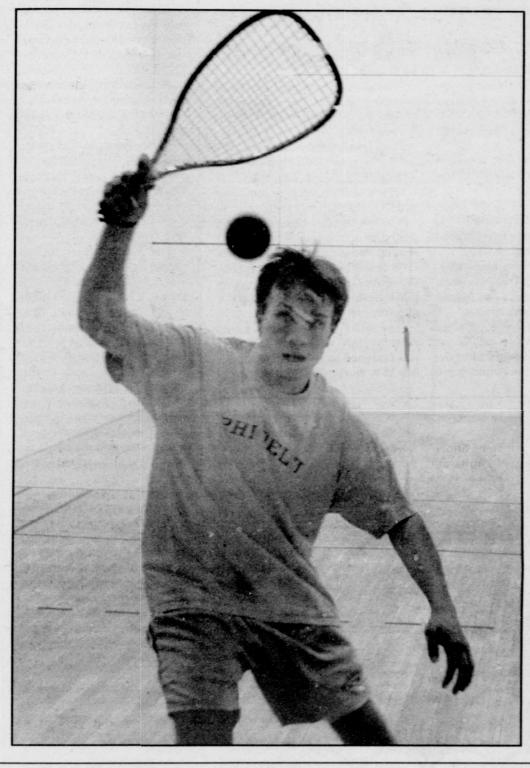
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Boothroyd to step down after eight years

LONDON (AP) — The first woman to serve as speaker of Britain's House of Commons said goodbye with a cry for which she has become famous: "Time's up!"

Betty Boothroyd, a former chorus girl and a Labor Party lawmaker since 1973, announced Wednesday that she was stepping down after eight years of keeping unruly lawmakers in order.

She said her decision to resign her speakership made her think of the biblical passage "about there being a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

To laughter from both sides of the house, she declared, "Well, my dancing days are long gone."

She went on: "I shan't weep, I can promise you that, but I shall certainly mourn the fact that an all important phase in my life has come to a natural end."

Entertainers rally behind rap star

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — Some big name entertainers are rallying behind a rap star who is serving a prison term for assault.

Recording artists such as LL Cool J, Busta Rhymes, Redman, Nas and pop singer Britney Spears are among those lending their support to Keith Murray.

Murray, 25, is serving a three year prison term after his conviction for taking part in a 1995 fight at The Sting, a New Britain nightclub.

Prosecutors said he beat David Hughes, 16, with a bar stool, leaving him with disfiguring scars on his head. Murray began serving his sentence in October 1998 after his appeals were rejected.

At a New York City news conference Tuesday, Joseph Moniz, an attorney handling Murray's appeal, said there is new evidence that justifies a new trial including allegations that some helpful witnesses were scared away.

"Keith told me he was innocent and I knew he wasn't lying," said Erick Sermon, a member of the Def Squad rap group that included Murray and rapper Redman.

Douglas takes tour on royal helicopter

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Kirk Douglas has avoided helicopters ever since escaping from one that crashed in 1991. But the king of Jordan finally made him an offer he couldn't refuse: A scenic tour of his kingdom by royal chopper.

"I hadn't ridden in a helicopter since the accident, but I had no fear at all," the actor said last week. "I guess I'm a fatalist. I figured, what are the chances that I would have two helicopter crashes in my life-time?"

Douglas, 83, suffered cuts and bruises when the helicopter he was riding in collided with a small plane over Santa Paula in 1991. Two people in the plane were killed.

He was in the Middle East recently to dedicate two playgrounds in Jerusalem, one for Jewish children and one for Arab children, that he and his wife, Anne, financed. It was his first lengthy trip since suffering a stroke in 1996.

UC summer series showing postponed

The University Center's Summer Film Series of "Princess Mononoke" on Thursday, July 27 has been postponed until Tuesday, August 1,because of a shipping error from the distributor.

The film will be shown in the Allen Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The University Center apologizes for any inconvenience to our patrons.

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Judge could sign Napster's death warrant

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Napster Inc., the small company that has used the Internet and digital technology to revolutionize music distribution, could see its death warrant signed by a federal judge.

The Recording Industry Association of America is seeking a temporary injunction that would all but put Napster out of business pending a trial over whether the San Mateo-based company is violating copyright law.

The hearing was scheduled to begin

Napster works as a clearinghouse pointing users to computers where songs in the popular MP3 format can be downloaded. The industry considers itself in a life-or-death struggle with a software startup that has made music piracy simple.

Music is the healing force of the universe. A true artist is going to want his music to be heard through whatever medium. 77

The dispute is being closely watched. Heavy metal band Metallica has been particularly outspoken against Napster. Other artists are also anti-Napster, but many are ambiva-

The company is daily conversation grist among young people who use it with a vengeance, but it has also prompted congressional hearings and caused considerable angst in corporate boardrooms.

It is unclear whether Internet music file-swapping is so bad for the music industry after all.

A recent study of more than 2,200 online music fans by Jupiter Communications suggests that users of Napster and other music-sharing programs are 45 percent more likely to increase their music purchasing than fans who aren't trading digital bootlegs online.

The recording industry says the Napster case isn't about alienating music lovers, but rather about protecting artists.

-Stephen Flinn

'Clearly, people who are using Napster love music. They're probably our best customers," said Hilary Rosen, president of the RIAA.

On May 9, Chief U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel rejected Napster's claim that the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 protected it from the illegal actions of its users. Napster promptly adjusted its defense strategy, arguing that personal copying of music is protected by federal law.

The RIAA estimates that song-swapping via Napster by an estimated 20 million people worldwide has cost the music industry more than \$300 million in lost sales.

Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich told a Senate committee earlier this month that Napster users are basically steal-

That attitude has angered many

"Napster and the Internet shouldn't hurt record sales," said Stephen Flinn, 40, a jazz percussionist attending an Internet music convention in New York on Tuesday. "Music is the healing force of the universe. A true artist is going to want his music to be heard through whatever medium."

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Springer killing suspect fled to Maine

television audience this week watched the twisted tale of a violent love triangle between Nancy Campbell-Panitz, her ex-husband and his new wife.

On "The Jerry Springer Show," Campbell-Panitz, Ralf Panitz and Eleanor Panitz traded barbs for five minutes, with Campbell-Panitz walking off the stage to applause shortly after her ex-husband's new wife called her "old" and "fat."

A few hours after the show aired Monday — and after Campbell-Panitz told a judge she feared for her life she was found dead in her Sarasota home, putting the lurid and sensational nature of some television talk shows again in a critical spotlight.

"One of the things that give these shows their juice, their energy and their power is their danger," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "We have this idea that what is going on there is serious business.'

issued Thursday for Ralf Panitz, 40, charging him with his ex-wife's death. A judge ordered Eleanor Panitz, 35, held as a material witness.

They have disappeared, and authorities believe they fled to Maine and may be attempting to cross into Canada. Panitz, a German citizen, may be trying to reach Germany's Canadian embassy, while his wife, an American Indian, may be trying to reach a Canadian Indian reservation.

Springer has one of the nation's highest-rated syndicated talk shows, specializing in over-the-top subjects and brawling, cursing guests.

Springer, stepping out of his blue Bentley at his home on Sarasota Bay, just seven miles from the murder scene, said he thought what happened was horrible, but his show was not to blame.

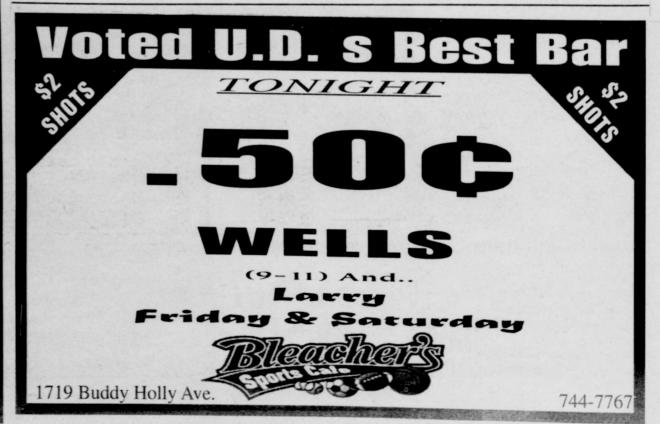
"The show is television," Springer said. "This is life and death. Someone got murdered, and I want to respect that and let the police do their work."

The incident is similar to one that occurred after the taping of an A first-degree murder warrant was unaired 1995 episode of the "Jenny Jones Show" where guest Jonathan Schmitz was surprised to learn that his secret admirer was a man, Scott Amedure. A few days after the show's taping, Schmitz fatally shot Amedure. He was convicted of murder and Amedure's family won a \$25 million judgment against the show.

"Jenny Jones lost that case, but they didn't take the show off the air," Thompson said. "They said 'Well, let's work it into our budget that we probably will get sued every now and again."

Monday's segment of Springer's show begins with Campbell-Panitz and Eleanor Panitz sitting on opposite sides of the stage. Springer gives a short introduction, saying that Ralf Panitz wants his ex-wife to leave him alone but adds that he had been sleeping with her the nights before

Panitz, entering to a chorus of boos, kisses his wife and then tries to kiss his ex-wife, but she turns her cheek. After taking his seat between the two women, Panitz says he loves his wife and then turns to his ex.



NEWYORK (AP) — Baseball, citing a survey that says women are 46 percent of the average crowd at a major league game, wants teams to market more to female fans.

Forty-three percent of women could not name a player on their home team's current roster, accord-

"The Commissioner's Initiative: Women and Baseball."

Based on surveys in pilot markets in Atlanta, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Milwaukee and New York, the report said 81 percent of women have the final say on family con-

ing to the report issued Wednesday, sumer purchases, 76 percent of women determine family merchandise purchases and 58 percent of women determine family leisure ac-

"Although women easily identify baseball as one of their favorites and one of the best sports for the family, they have a much more difficult time translating this belief into the behavior of an active fan," commissioner Bud Selig said in a memo accompanying the study. "While they can talk about baseball's positive traits in the abstract, women often do not relate the game and the ballpark experience to the needs of their daily lives.

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Schilling hopes to 'Raise Arizona'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After three years of endless rumors, Philadelphia Phillies general manager Ed Wade announced that Curt Schilling indeed was traded. The problem was Wade forgot to which team.

The Phillies traded the ace righthander to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday for first baseman-outfielder Travis Lee and pitchers Omar Daal, Vicente Padilla and Nelson Figueroa.

"Curt Schilling has been traded to the Toronto Blue Jays," Wade said before realizing the mistake. "I'm sorry. It's been one of those days."

Wade did make a deal with Toronto, sending reserve outfielder Rob Ducey to the Blue Jays for a player to be named. But that was nothing compared to the blockbuster with Arizona which gives the Diamondbacks a 1-2 pitching punch of Randy Johnson and Schilling.

"Koufax and Drysdale come to mind," Arizona general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "I'll take these two guys." Schilling, who for three seasons had openly campaigned to be dealt to a contender, got his wish and is going home to Phoenix.

Arizona, the defending NL West champion, is in first place, one game ahead of San Francisco. Schilling will make his Diamondbacks' debut Friday at Florida.

"I made up 12, 13 games in the standings in one day," Schilling said.

Schilling, who admitted he envied Andy Ashby after the Phillies traded the right-hander to the Atlanta Braves on July 12, is likely to pitch against Ashby next Wednesday.

They could face each other in the playoffs as well.

Schilling's job is to help Arizona get there.

"With the addition of Curt, it'll make things a lot easier for everybody," Johnson said. "Maybe we can push one another, too."

As part of the deal, Schilling waived his right to demand a trade following the season, a power given to veterans traded while under a multiyear contract

"He can only pitch once every fifth day," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said before the Diamondbacks' 8-4 loss to St. Louis. "Hopefully, this will be a new chapter for us. We've taken a lot of blows after 100 games and we're still standing."

Schilling, considered by some to be a disruptive force in the clubhouse for his outspoken views and trade demands, will be missed in Philadelphia.

"He's a premier pitcher. You can't replace a guy like that," Doug Glanville said.

The Phillies went 22-48 when Schilling was on the disabled list the last two seasons. They haven't fared much better with him.

The last-place Phillies haven't finished above .500 since 1993, when Schilling won 16 games and helped lead them to the World Series.

"I'm not sure how I feel," Phillies manager Terry Francona said about the deal. "If anybody appreciates how good he's been, it's me. I understand it. I hope it turns out to be the best thing that's ever happened to the Phillies."

Daal, 16-9 last season with a 3.65 ERA, is 2-10 with a 7.22 ERA this year and has lost his spot in the starting rotation. He will start for the Phillies on Friday.

"I know that I have not had a good year this year," Daal said. "They need someone to be a starter and Schilling is a great starter. That's how it works."

Francona hopes pitching coach Galen Cisco can turn Daal's season around.

"Every time we've seen him, he's tied us in knots," Francona said.

The left-handed hitting Lee was signed to a then-record \$10 million signing bonus by Arizona before its 1998 expansion season. He was considered the cornerstone of the young franchise, but he has struggled at the plate the last two seasons.

Francona said he doesn't know what he plans to do with Lee, who was optioned to Triple-A Tucson on July 16 to work on his hitting.

Armstrong enjoying cycling success

NEW YORK (AP) — A year ago, the impact of winning the Tour de France was lost on cancer survivor Lance Armstrong.

Not the second time around. Now, the Texan understands the significance of the world's grandest cycling race more completely.

"Last year, I didn't know the impact on my life and my career and my team," he said. "Now, I understand what the Tour is, the meaning of it. I crossed the finish line knowing that."

There was, most importantly, the nature of the competition. Last year, the Tour was still recovering after the event was rocked by a drug scandal. Even Armstrong heard whispers. This year, the world's elite cyclists were back.

"For that reason, it was sweeter," Armstrong of Austin, Texas said. "Everybody was there. The Tour changes every year. This was a harder Tour. The course was not made for me. The course suited them, not me."

Which made winning it all the better, especially for a man who was given a 40 percent chance to live. Four years ago, Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer. The disease surged through his body, spreading to his brain.

"In 1996, two months before I was diagnosed, the illness was raging," he said. "It's not that I felt bad, but I didn't compete well."

There are those who are astonished by what Armstrong has achieved following his illness. He's not one of them, though.

"In 2000, I'm not so much of a miracle," he said. "Thirty years ago, yes, it would have been a miracle. Thirty years ago, 95 percent of those who had testicular cancer died. Today, 95 percent survive."

The difference is none of the other survivors have won the grueling Tour de France, a 23-day, 2,250-mile test of courage and stamina. There was a time as he pedaled through the mountains that Armstrong thought he might lose this race.

"I was suffering physically," he said. "I had run out of energy and run out of fuel. More than that, I was scared. Suffering in the mountains, you can lose 20 minutes.





Texas woman reaches Olympic goal

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PALESTINE, Texas - While attending Palestine High School, Sandra Cummings Glover never dreamed of competing in the Olympics. After finishing third in the 100-meter hurdles at the 1987 state track and field meet, Glover set her sights on getting her college degree and teaching school.

Thirteen years later, Glover's life is quite a bit different. In September, she will be competing in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Glover earned a berth in the Olympics by capturing the 400-meter hurdles at the recent U.S. Track & Field Trials in Sacramento, Calif.

Despite running from lane seven, Glover led from the fourth of 10 hurdles and cruised to the win ahead of world-record holder Kim Batten and 1996 bronze medalist Tonja Buford-Bailey. Glover, who resides in Sugar Land, set a personal record of 53.33 seconds and broke the trials record. Also, the time is the fastest in the world this year and the fourthfastest by an American ever.

"Back in high school, I never

dreamed I would have an opportunity to compete at the Olympic games," said Glover, who was visiting family at her parents' (T.A. and

Eunice Cummings) home in Palestine recently. "I never gave it a thought."

She was happy to get a chance to relax after the tension-filled meet in California.

"I'm just relieved," Glover said of making the Olympic

team. "The 400-meter hurdles is a very grueling event. We ran for three straight days - there was no off day. I was happy I won, but the U.S. trials are so stressful. I was happy I was victorious, but I was happy it was over

"The day of the final I was saying,

'I don't know if I can do this.'

"Every part of my body was hurting. It was the stress, the tension, the anxiety. One thing — I just stayed

within myself, and I just used the Lord for confidence. When that gun went off, I ran," she said.

It has been a long journey for the 31-year-old Glover. At Palestine High School, she placed fourth in the 100 meters at the state meet

in 1986 and won a bronze in 1987. Not exactly the finishes on most Olympians' resumes.

After two years at Stephen F. Austin State University, Glover transferred to the University of Houston, where she won the Southwest Conference 100- and 400-meter hurdles as a senior in 1991. She was on a high then, but Glover would come back to earth. After placing seventh at the 1992 U.S. trials and failing to make the finals in 1996, Glover had some thinking to do.

"I went into '96 not really prepared," said Glover, who is coached by her husband, Don. "We were still working and improving in a lot of areas. My husband had just taken over as far as being my full-time coach. He was still learning. But in '97, things started improving. In '98, I finished third at the U.S. championships (55.11 in New Orleans) and in 1999, I won (54.95 in Eugene, Ore.)."

From there, it was off to Seville, Spain, for the World Track & Field Championships. Glover ran a personal-best of 53.65 at the time for fifth. That made her even more determined for 2000. Four years has made quite a bit of difference.

"Sandra has always been a good hurdler, but she is a lot stronger," her coach said. "She is a lot more power-

Glover works out six days a week -21/2 hours in the weight room and 2 1/2 hours running each day.

"In 1996, I lacked speed, power and endurance training," said the Palestine native. "After the '96 trials, my husband and I got together and talked with Kim Winkle (a coach in the Houston area). He started me in short interval training. That's where you run short recovery - run 400 meters and then take a three- to fiveminute rest and then go again."

She also worked with Rice University women's track and field coach Victor Lopez, who helped her with race preparation, and Rice men's assistant track coach Wen Yong Yang, who helped her with power.

"I always had good technique," Glover said. "I picked that up at U of H. After '96, I said, 'I need more.' I needed to be faster. We worked on speed, power and endurance."

Glover said the hurdles are a rhythm race.

Cornhuskers favored to win Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Nebraska has been chosen to win the Big 12 football title again this season in a poll of media covering the confer-

The poll was released Thursday in Kansas City, where coaches gathered for their annual media day.

Nebraska was favored to win the North Division over Kansas State, followed by Colorado, Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri. In the South Division, Texas was the choice to win once again, setting up a rematch of last season's championship game with Nebraska, which the Cornhuskers won 22-6.

Picked behind Texas in the South Division were Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Baylor.

This year's championship game between the two divisional winners will be played Dec. 2 at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.

The media pollsters picked Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch as the conference's offensive player of the year, and they expect defensive tackle Casey Hampton to be the top defensive player.

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