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STATE

Accusation of murder plagues physician

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston physician who claimed he was being harassed called the police, then tried to hire the uniformed officer who responded to kill a patient, authorities said.

Dr. Armando Sanchez, 45, has been charged with solicitation of capital murder.

The investigation began last week after Sanchez reported that a patient had been following and harassing him, according to Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

While Sanchez was detailing his complaints to the officer, the doctor asked if the officer would kill the patient and offered to pay the officer for his services, police said.

After arranging to meet with Sanchez again, officer Glen F. Hill, a 17-year veteran, contacted homicide investigators.

Investigators said Sanchez met with the officer several times to discuss details of the proposed killing. During one of those meetings, Sanchez made an \$8,000 down payment to Hill and promised to pay more later, they said.

Court information did not indicate the total amount the suspect had planned to pay.

NATIONAL

Unreported crimes spark investigation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) -The U.S. Department of Education will investigate complaints that California's public universities are underreporting campus crimes, including rapes.

The investigation follows a report by The Sacramento Bee that found the University of California underreported assaults on the nine UC campuses.

Education Department officials said they also expected to review the 23 campuses of the California State University system.

The 10-year-old federal Clery Act requires annual reporting of data collected by several school authorities, including campus police. There have been about 10 in-depth reviews under the act, Education Department officials said.

The newspaper found that two-thirds of UC schools did not ask for rape statistics from sources other than the campus police.

WORLD

Massive floods cause Cambodian problems

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Six people drowned in a storm, and hundreds of victims of Cambodia's worst flooding in decades camped outside the royal palace Wednesday beseeching the king for help.

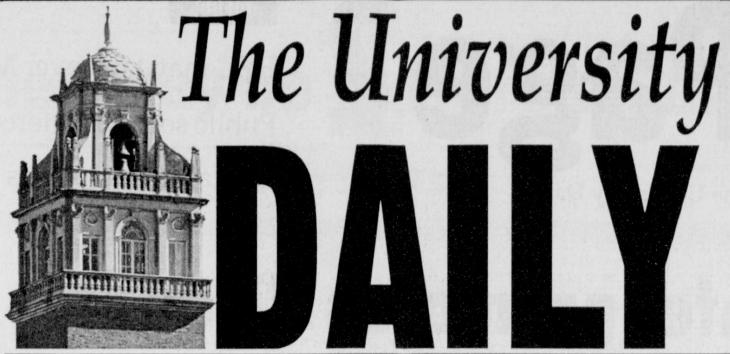
The deaths raised to 258 the number of Cambodians killed in the flooding since July.

The flooding has affected 2.7 million people including 1.3 million in urgent need of food, housing and medicine, according to Prime Minister Hun Sen.

The six died Tuesday when a boat carrying villagers to an aid distribution station near the Vietnamese border went down, said Choup Sithan, a relief

He said two people were missing and eight survived.

Hundreds of cold and hungry people gathered every day this week in a public space adjacent to the palace and the National 'Assembly.



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Fraternity falls victim to vandalism

Phi Delta Theta targeted twice in eight months.

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By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

Fire, burglaries, vandalism - not what one would typically associate with the Greek system. However, one Texas Tech fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, has dealt with these circumstances in the past year.

On Monday night, Phi Delt's float was reduced to little more than ashes, said Sean Wilson, a senior architecture major from

"We didn't even know about it until Tuesday afternoon, when we were contacted," he

said. "Apparently, someone who lives on Quaker saw the flames and called the fire department."

There was no damage sustained to the lodge from the flames.

The flames were shooting about 25 to 30 feet high," Wilson said. "If the wind had been out of the west, it probably would have caught the lodge roof on fire."

The float, which was parked outside of the fraternity's lodge at No. 12 Greek Circle, was completely destroyed, as was the wood frame, which was going to be used again to build Phi Delt's Spook House.

'The wood is unusable, so now to add to

build the Spook House. We are building it for the Children's Miracle Network, and all proceeds are going to go to them," he said. "We have \$1,500 set aside for the house, and if we go over that, it may cut into our donation to the Children's Miracle Network.

Brandon Reese, a sophomore public relations major from Lubbock, said he had no idea the float had been burned until he was told at a student alumni board meeting.

"Another member of the fraternity told me near the end of the meeting that the float had been burned," he said. "No one knew about it not even our chapter dean.'

The fraternity has already dealt with vandalism in the past year, when their lodge was broken into Feb. 11. The basement of the lodge was flooded, two windows were broken, a 50-inch television screen was kicked in and

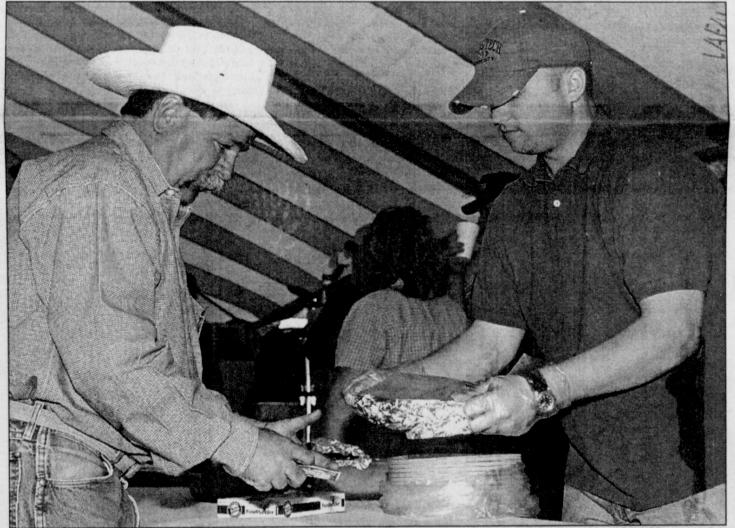
this, we have to go out and buy more wood to two fraternity composite pictures were smashed, causing more than \$80,000 worth of

> Reese said he was disgusted by the jealousy factor that he said caused both acts of vandal-

"This is horrible," Reese said. "We know that another fraternity did this - it had to be. For them to lower themselves to that level is disgusting. I just don't understand why people are so delinquent.

Phi Delt is offering a cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fire. There is also a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or group responsible for last semester's lodge vandalism. If anyone has information on either of these incidents, call Wilson at 438-7243.

Servin' it up



Texas Tech student Kirk Braden, a senior animal science major from St. Lawrence, serves up prime rib to Terry Sanders, of Levelland, at the eighth annual Farmer-Stockman Show, east of Loop 289. Members of the Tech meat judging team served Wednesday's dinner to patrons of the event, which ends today.

Coming Out Week promotes awareness

By Cory Chandler

Lubbock residents and Texas Tech students "came out" Wednesday evening to hear discussions on legal and relationship issues facing gays and lesbians in Lubbock. The discussion was part of a five-day event

sponsored by the Tech Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association in conjunction with National Coming Out Week. Crystal Newsome, a sophomore unde-

clared major from Houston who acted as committee chairwoman for Coming Out Week, said this was the first event of its kind put on by the GLBSA. Though the group has been on campus

since 1986, Newsome said, they are now trying to make an effort to become more vocal on campus 'We have resolved to become more active

and more visual," she said. "We want to act as a beacon on campus. Newsome said she hopes the GLBSA's efforts to become more vocal on campus will help give students struggling with sexuality issues a bit more confidence to decide what

is right for them. "People know we are on campus," she said. "The more visual we are, the harder we will supportive of us," she said.



Focusing on the difficulties of a homosexual lifestyle, John Masselli, a faculty adviser and professor of accounting, speaks to a group of Texas Tech student members of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association Tuesday evening in the UC.

be to discriminate against and ignore." Newsome said this process has been suc-

"Everyone we have dealt with has been very

GLBSA President Jason Gray said this effort has caused some commotion on campus.

'We have been creating quite an upheaval

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Truancy plagues Senate

Resignations also are contributing to the lack of attendance in bimonthly meetings.

By Pam Smith

Evidently, attendance is not just a prob-

lem in the classroom. After only three official meetings of the Texas Tech Student Senate, absences and

resignations have already become issues. As of today, five senators from the SGA have resigned their positions, while three other senators have missed two of the three meetings held this semester.

"I think as a whole, it's not a problem," said Senate President Brenda Schumann, internal vice president for the SGA. "There are just a few people who don't take their job seriously.'

As of the Oct. 5 meeting of the Senate rules and administration committee, which tracks the absences of senators, at least three senators had one unexcused absence from

College of Business Association Sen. Steven Hutto is listed as having two absences, enough for the committee to file impeachment charges against him if he cannot provide reasonable excuses to account for his lack of attendance.

"He hasn't come up in front of the rules and administration committee to say why he has missed meetings," Schumann said. "If he doesn't have an excuse and he doesn't attend the next meeting, he may be impeached.

According to the standards and conduct rule, senators are issued subpoenas requiring them to appear before the rules and administration committee to discuss ab-

Each senator is allowed no more than two unexcused absences or four absences overall before their position is in jeopardy. Once this number is reached, the senators can be

'The rules and administration committee can bring up charges against the senator for missed meetings," Schumann said, "Once the charges have been brought before" the Senate, it takes a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate to impeach them."

Two other senators, Rhett Newberry and Lauren Green, also representatives of the College of Business Administration, have two absences each. Both senators have marked one excused absence and one absence that still has not been classified as

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'World Cafe' promotes diversity

College of Education encourages students, leaders to discuss diversity

By Will Frederick Staff Writer

Celebrating the uniqueness of everyone in the Lubbock community, the School of Education at Texas Tech is hosting a Campus Week of Dialogue.

Until Tuesday, the College of Education is encouraging school leaders and students from the Lubbock area to voice their opinions on dealing with diversity and the affect it has on students wanting to go into college in the future.

The College of Education held a "World Café" town meeting yesterday, where members of the university had an opportunity to meet with school leaders from the Lubbock area and discuss ways of dealing with diver-

Joe Claudet, associate professor in the College of Education, said the meeting is part of the college's response to the United

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■ The Teaching, Learning and Technol-

ogy Center will have a roundtable discus-

sion on the student development theory

from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Univer-

sity Center Lubbock Room. For more in-

formation, call Suzanne Tapp at 742-0133.

■ Alpha Phi Omega will have a clothing,

food and toy drive for Women's Protective

Services from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Contact Brian Curuthers at 742-1019 for

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reminder that all vehicles must be moved

more information.

States Department of Education's national initiative on racial recognition and college opportunity diversity issues.

Yesterday's meeting allowed students, teachers and administrators to participate in group activities that enabled them to meet school leaders and share individual views on dealing with diversity.

Greg Bowes, dean of the College of Education, said the College of Education is heading-up this year's event to support everyone's diversity values.

'We want to provide an equal playing field for everyone that attends Tech," Bowes

"By doing so, we can enhance learning for

Bowes said the mission of Tech has always been to provide learning for all

"The College of Education's job," he said, "is to assist everyone no matter their race, religion or learning capabilities.

out of the commuter lots adjacent to Jones SBC Stadium (C1 and C2), the commuter lot west of Lubbock Municipal Auditorium (C5) and R.P. Fuller Track by 7 a.m. Saturday for this week's football game. Vehicles parked in these lots not displaying a valid game day parking permit may be towed by the Athletics Department through an independent towing service at the violator's expense.

■ Estrella Winterguard will have open auditions from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 19 in the University Center Ballroom. There will be a \$10 audition fee and refreshments will be served. Those interested in the audition or wishing to audition on rifle should call Dusty Clayton at 724-4270 heyclayraider@yahoo.com.



Christina Yang (center), an educational psychology graduate research student, listens to group concerns over diversity Wednesday.

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getting our feet planted on campus," said Gray, a senior music composition major from Hot Springs, Ark.

Although the events of National Coming Out Week have been geared mostly toward GLBSA members so far, Gray said, more Lubbock organizations will be taking part in them in the next few days.

He said these groups include the Lambda Social Network, a social organization for non-student gay residents, and the Metropolitan Community Church.

Newsome said the group is working on new programs to raise awareness of their

group. She said they are planning a film festival that will be held later this year. Members also are working on making "Safety Zone" stickers that will be provided to teachers and resident assistants on campus. These stickers can be placed on doors or cars to let students know the bearer is open-minded.

This will let students know they are in a safe place," Newsome said.

Gray said the GLBSA has 45 members who pay dues and more than 100 extension memberships. He said any person is welcome to join.

"We don't have any kind of formal rush or screening process," he said.

Information about National Coming Out Week activities or the GLBSA can be found

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Autopsies may be performed at Tech HSC

By Mara McCoy Staff Write

Dr. David Hoblit, chief medical examiner for Lubbock County, resigned Tuesday amid concerns of inadequacy within the office.

Hoblit was contacted Wednesday by The University Daily and refused to comment.

However, his resignation will not be official until Dec. 31, the same day the county's contract expires with Forensic Pathology Associates.

'Several members of law en-

forcement came to me and ex- such as Dallas or San Antonio, and could provide the services and for medical examiner's office," County Judge Tom Head said. "They asked me about other options, so we looked into that."

Head said there were several options the county looked into, but contracting out to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center was the most efficient.

"There are several private firms that we could have contracted out with, but we would have had to transport the body to a major city,

pressed concerns about the current still have to pay for the autopsy," he said. "What with the transportation cost and the cost of the autopsy, it would not have been economically feasible.

> The HSC was able to provide medical examiner services for \$20,000 less than the county is paying, Head said.

> (District Attorney) Bill Sowder brought up the idea of contracting out with Tech HSC," Head said. "We asked them to do a feasibility study, and they came back saying they

a lower cost."

Head said the HSC was able to provide the services because of the resources they have at their dis-

"The HSC has a large amount of research facilities there, and bringing the medical examiner's office to the campus may even help bring the school up to Tier 1 status.' Head said.

Lubbock Police Chief Ken Walker said he and his investigators are excited about the possibility of the HSC taking control of the medical examiner's office.

By bringing the researchers into the process, we might be able to find better ways of collecting forensic evidence," Walker said. "The possibilities that the HSC brings with them are limitless.

Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the to the county.

'We were asked to do it and are ready to," Kupersmith said. "We have gone through the finances,

and it seems like we will at least break even."

HSC President Dr. David Smith said school officials and students are looking forward to helping the community by providing the services.

"One of the things Chancellor (John) Montford has stressed is community involvement," he said. 'We hope to provide the best ser-

The decision to make the HSC the provider of medical examiner services will be made at the next Commissioners Court meeting Oct. 23.

■ SENATE

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attendance is any worse-than it has been in the past.

This is not the first time the SGA has been plagued with problems of attendance. According to a previous article in The University Daily, one senator was impeached and two others resigned in Spring 1999 after impeachment charges were brought against them for missed meetings. Each of the senators had missed four meetings.

Graduate School Sen. Jon Bernal resigned this fall and said he did not have problems attending meetings during his term because the meeting schedule was planned out well in advance.

In most cases, he said, the senators know when the meetings are before they are elected.

'The meeting schedule was planned out in the beginning and has been the same for a while," he said. "People who run for the office generally know when the meetings are."

In addition to absences, the Senate also has had a handful of senators resign their positions since the beginning of the semester. As of last Thursday, five senators had resigned their positions for various reasons.

These senators include: Graduate School Sens. Patricia Hererra, Corey Wick and Bernal; and Arts and Sciences Sens. Loren Bell and Amanda

While she didn't know why all of the candidates resigned, Schumann said she did know two of the resignations were related to other opportunities the senators were given after they were elected. Bernal accepted

a position with the Office of Admissions and School Relations and Bell is in Wyoming fighting wildfires.

Student Government Association President Andrew Schoppe said he believes part of the reason two of these senators might have resigned was because they were graduate students with difficult class schedules.

"I think the frantic graduate school schedules probably had something to do with it," he said. According to the SGA constitution, replacements for student sena-

tors are chosen from the last campaign held for that position. Schumann said the runner-up in the senator elections for that college is asked to replace the position.

If that person declines to serve, Schumann has the authority to appoint someone to the position.

She said the SGA already has replaced representatives for the College of Arts and Sciences, but no replacements have been found for the Graduate School senators.

Despite the attendance issues and resignations, Schumann said the SGA could still be effective in representing the student body and in increasing communication throughout the university.

"I think, in terms of getting involved, the Senate can do anything they set their minds to," she said. "We have a lot of dedicated senators who will do a good job representing the SGA and their constituents as well."

School of Medicine, said his facilvices possible to the community." ity is ready to provide the services

Lubbock Inn to host public symposium

On Friday, Oct. 13, the Center for Public Service and the Public Service Network will hold the annual Texas Tech Public Service Symposium in the Wrangler room of the Lubbock Inn.

The public festivities will begin at 12 p.m. with the luncheon. Admission is \$15 for students and \$20 for the general public.

After the meal, there will be a short awards presentation. At 1:20 p.m. guest speaker Steve Bickerstaff will give about a 40minute power point presentation on redistricting.

Director for the center of public service Monty Van Wart says that the speech is really worth seeing. "I saw this presentation before in Austin and it is really quite powerful," Van Wart said. "(Bickerstaff is really the most knowledgeable expert on redistricting issues in the state. The

way we redistrict is very impor-

tant and how it is done makes

quite the difference." After the presentation, there will be a symposium panel discussion on redistricting with Senator Florence Shapiro and representatives Delwin Johnson, Carl Isett and Paul Moreno.

They will discuss redistricting in the West Texas area.

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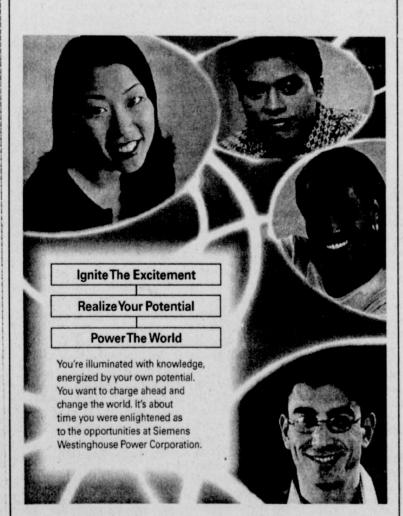
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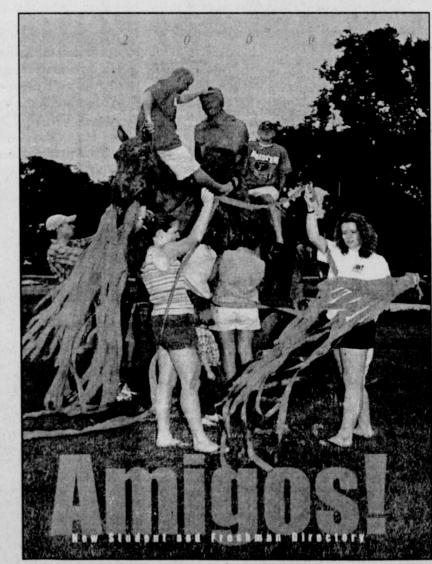
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Column

Time to come out of the P.C. closet

draw cartoons for this liberal manifesto, but it's National Coming Out Week and I'm Lioining in the festivities with a column. But I'm going to come out of the closet of political correctness.

I'm a West Texan. I swear allegiance to John Wayne, George W., cotton gins and Jesus. I drive around in a pick-up on county roads, and I listen to scratchy AM talk radio stations while I draw cartoons. And, I'd humbly concede to the accusa-

tion that I'm a bad Dirk West.



Leeson

I'm a white guy from Abernathy. I'm not a Caucasian; I've never been to northern Europe. I've been to Madrid. It was pretty, but it just won't beat the sun setting over a freshly stripped cotton

I'm white as the milk. My faith has been secularized and, other than hard work, John Wayne, George W. and Jesus, there's not much sacred

about my culture. I'm envious of the richness of other cultures sometimes.

Political correctness is a real burr under my hide, though. It's McCarthyism with manners. I'm not much of a fan of anything that culminates a whole society into one streamline philosophy, especially mine (the last society that tried that endeavor wore swatzikas and eliminated eight million Jews).

But what little there is to my culture is being led to the concentration camps by this political correctness jazz. The pulse of this nation is driven more by political correctness than any economy. And, our campus is not exempt and

Every semester, about this time, the human sciences administration pulls a heckuva stunt. They invite a panel of homosexuals to come speak before its human sexuality classes without extending an invitation to a panel of heterosexuals that have come out of the homosexual community.

The panel shares about the bountiful utopia that is the homosexual community. It is Sir Thomas Moore's "Utopia." An imaginary place, free of pain and suffering. Filled with incense, leotards and harp strumming.

But when incense clears and the panel leaves, the teaching assistants smile snugly and goober Christians scratch their heads and stumble through phrases their grandmothers said about homosexuality before they clocked out.

But what the homosexual panel won't say and homosexuals won't tell you this week is that their lifestyle is no utopia. But I will.

Statistics show 2.8 percent of America's male population and 1.4 percent of its female population is homosexual. On average, heterosexuals have four lifetime partners and homosexuals have 50. The heterosexual has had 1.2 sexual partners in the past 12 months, while the homosexual has had eight. What's more, epidemiologists estimate that 30 percent of all 29-year-old homosexual males will be HIV-positive or dead of AIDS by the time they are 30. (Jeffrey Stanover. "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth." p. 54)

And I'm no champion for the secularistheterosexual cause, either. The homosexual rainbow may be radiant from the ground or a human sciences classroom, but when it meets the horizon, there is no pot of shimmering gold -just rampant infidelity, disease, pain and suffering.

But in a state-funded, taxpayer-supported university, human sciences administrators cower under the banner of political correctness rather than bringing in the opposing panel to tell the truth behind this imaginary utopia. They pander to political correctness and they breech their commission by the state and teach an agenda. They are cowards, not educators, and deserve reprimanding for the lie they've allowed to be taught and the agenda they've set.

I'm sure all of this will inflame homosexuals, for it is seldom that they are contended. I may be a West Texan, portrayed as shallow and coarse, but I have a compassion for my fellow man. And no person deserves to be lied into a misery like

the homosexual community. So, here's to coming out of the closet of political correctness. And let's toast again to the chancellor coming out of his office to see what damnable educating is going on across the street.

J.T. Leeson is the editorial cartoonist for The University Daily and a senior journalism major from Abernathy that believes Reaganomics has worked fairly well.



Column

The University Daily

Death before decaf

ife charges forward each day regardless of whether you are prepared to fight, flee or ride the day through in a state of submissive complacency. The inexorable passage of time brings with it deadlines, term papers, tests and the sounding of the alarm clock clashing with the still-unrealized need to sleep. Every man, woman and college student needs an ally in the crusade for survival.

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The first sip of morning brew is a beacon of solidity, something normal, a constant in a turbulent, ever-changing world. The journey begins through sleepencrusted eyes with arms cast in

lead as you put the water on to boil, never fast enough. We are reminded that the best things in life are worth For those of you, and

waiting for. Patience is indeed a virtue that must not be overlooked. It is the lack of patience that has lead humans to develop computers, fax machines, overnight delivery, express lanes, priority mail, drivethrough windows, cell phones, instant dinners, ATMs, processed cheese slices and any number of time-saving products that speed our world by in a whirlwind of paper, pollution and

Loren

Bell

psychological breakdowns. The simple act of grinding the beans (any true coffee connoisseur's must) serves as an outlet, a release, a morning vent of any pent-up aggression we may have toward our friends, family, co-workers, students, professors or the world in general.

The gnashing of the blades against the rock-solid

whisper of wind as the rich smell of victory is released: enticing, inviting, a promise of better times ahead, of peace, the calm following the storm.

Pour the water over the grounds and watch it filter slowly, one drip at a time into the cup. The unrefined pieces of shell, the impurities, the hard abrasive bits of life are left behind yielding the dark, smooth, rich liquid strength. Nectar of the gods. Giver of life. Companion. Friend.

Much can be inferred about a person, depending on whether they hide from the bitter edge with a mask of sugar or thicken it with rich, pure cream. The pretenders with their "gourmet" hazelnutcrunch flavored non-dairy creamer substitute; the purists take it black.

But whether you accent it, intensify it, subdue it or spike it with Kahlua, as that first sip passes your lips, you are handed the power to tackle the world. You can overcome anything the world throws at you. Nurture your soul, feed your mind, and enhance your reality as you take soothing sip after heartwarming sip.

This is your time. Write in your notebook, read the morning news, no matter, this is your escape — do not let anyone take it from you.

For those of you, and you know who you are, who are finishing off 32 ounces of convenience store cappuccino-flavored water or a cup of tasteless housing and dining sludge, perhaps you will feel an increase in awareness, an awakening of the senses, but know that it is undeserved - a bastardization of a sacred morning ritual.

You are no better than the man who has carried himself to within 10 feet of the summit of Mount Everest then walks the rest of the way on his own. A fraud. A fake. A coffee voyeur unworthy. Be ashamed.

For those of you who choose instant, seek help, it already may be too late.

Loren Bell is a senior philosophy and biology major from Lubbock who prefers a dark French roast with real cream.

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Fairweather fans

Letters to the Editor

To the editor: Lubbock, Tech fans, students and alumni, please snap out of it! If support of our fine football program does not improve dramatically, then we might be in the position of losing a wonderful coaching staff. Last weekend against Baylor, and Homecoming weekend nonetheless, our crowd was far beyond embarrassing. That same weekend, we had arguably the top wide receiver prospect in the state, if not the nation, in attendance. We

also had one of Texas's premiere prep running backs at the game, too.

When these recruits come to our games, all they see is 35,000 people sitting on their rears and complaining that it's either too hot or too cold. How pathetic! It is virtually impossible to be competitive with the likes of UT and A&M with that type of turnout for home games.

Our average home attendance hovers around 40,000. I, for one, am getting sick and tired of hearing about how people will show up when we win. This excuse does not hold water anymore. We brought coach Leach in here and asked him to win. What has he done? He has won five

out of six games for an .833 winning percentage. And now we hear that there are still unsold seats for Saturday's contest against the No. 1 team in the nation?

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Column

Appointees give insight into Bush

've named four Supreme Court judges in the state of Texas, and I would ask the people to check out their qualifications, their deliberations. ... I've had a record of appointing judges in the state of Texas. That's what a governor gets to do. A governor gets to name Supreme Court judges." — George W. Bush, Oct. 4

Ooops. Uh, actually, we rather notoriously elect judges in Texas, including those on the state Supreme Court. However, due to a series of early retirements, Bush has been called upon to name four justices, so one can see how he might be confused about it. Since he brought it up, it's worth taking a look at

Bush's picks for the state Supremes, since they do tell us rather a lot about his taste in judges. Fans of the arcane sport of

electing judges in Texas know that the process offers an abundance of frisks and jollifications. Who can forget the time we accidentally elected the Wrong Don Yarbrough? (The Wrong Don, who later became a felon on the lam, claimed that he

Molly **Ivins**

won because God told him to run; this caused political cartoonist Ben Sargent to draw God on a cloud, looking harassed, saying, "Yeah, but I thought he was the Other Don Yarbrough.")

In the olden days, our Supreme Court was (surprise!) extremely conservative and pro-bidness. Then, in the 1980s, Texas trial lawyers started putting a lot of money into judicial races and got some actual liberals

elected to the state Supremes. They usually voted to uphold decisions by juries

that went against large corporations. Juries often rewarded victims of large corporations quite handsomely; having a corporation do something awful, like cut your arm off or leave a roach in your soda pop, was regarded as somewhat akin to winning the lottery.

Perhaps the most famous of these decisions was the 1985 case in which Texaco was hit with an \$11.1 billion judgment for interfering with a Pennzoil business deal. Unfortunately, this kind of thing aggravated large corporations, which then started putting enormous sums into electing pro-bidness judges, legislators. governors and such - thus taking all the fun out of having a corporation ruin your life.

The court went from upholding plaintiffs in more than 60 percent of the cases in the 1980s - which was then cited as shocking evidence of the court's bias to upholding defendants by 83 percent in 1995-96. Texas Medical Association lobbyist Kim Ross, in a moment of splendid understatement, told The New York Times: "The court was becoming increasingly viewed as conservative almost to a fault. There were complaints of unfairness."

Bush's appointees to the court — James A. Baker, Greg Abbott, Deborah Hankinson and Alberto Gonzalez — have something of a reputation for being more moderate than their elected Republican colleagues, many of whom are favorites of the right-to-life movement. The reputation may be a misimpression. It is based largely on the court's decisions in parental notification cases. Three of Bush's appointees were part of a 6-3 majority giving a teen-age girl a second hearing on ending her pregnancy.

Under the state's parental notification law, a girl can seek a "judicial bypass" of the law's requirement that her parents be notified of an abortion. The girl must convince a judge that she is mature enough to make the decision herself or that notifying her parents would be harmful. One elected Republican on the court, Nathan Hecht, accused the majority of "deep-seated ideology that minors should have the right to an abortion without notice to their parents, free of any significant restriction."

However, there are no signs that the Bush appointees favor abortion rights. The decisions can be read as classic strict constructionism, since the legislature, to put it mildly, did not write the law with any precision. It's also pretty clear that this court thinks judicial bypass cases are a waste of its time.

From the evidence of his appointees, one can conclude that Bush has not made being militantly anti-abortion a litmus test for Texas judges, but he has made being pro-business a litmus test. Three of the court's recent decisions limit class-action lawsuits so drastically that Baker, Bush's first appointee, was moved to dissent. He said their decision "mocks the Constitutional prohibition of special laws and undermines our special law jurisprudence." He also added, in what one paper called a "cryptic" reference, "In any event, we all know what is going on here."

It's not cryptic. Texas Supreme Court justices receive big campaign contributions from big corporations, and in return the corporations get favorable decisions. As the Star-Telegram reported recently, the Halliburton Co. under Dick Cheney was a big contributor and a big winner in the court.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-

Dr. Laura apologizes to gays

Talk show host offends homosexual community, publically asks for forgiveness

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Laura tainment industry. Schlessinger used the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday - the Day of Atonement - to apologize to gays and lesbians for "poorly chosen" words she said have been perceived as hate speech.

"On the Day of Atonement, Jews are commanded to seek forgiveness from people we have hurt," the radio and TV talk show host, who is Jewish, said in a newspaper ad. "I deeply regret the hurt this situation has caused the gay and lesbian com-

The ad, in the form of a letter signed by Schlessinger, was included in a special "Gay Hollywood" edition of the trade paper Daily Variety. The Wednesday issue examines progress by gays and lesbians in the enter-

Yom Kippur, during which Jews fast and seek forgiveness for sins, was Monday.

Schlessinger has been criticized by gay rights activists for referring to homosexuality as a "biological error" and "deviant." In March, she said she was sorry her radio comments have hurt people.

Her words of contrition then and now failed to placate her critics.

"Laura Schlessinger once again blames others for the impact of her rhetoric, refusing to take responsibility for her precisely chosen, scientifically inaccurate descriptions of gay and lesbian lives," said Joan M. Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defama-

"The anger Schlessinger's words have caused is too great and too profound to simply go away after a qualified admission of some guilt," Garry said in a statement.

Incensed by her characterization of homosexuality, gay rights activists tried to stop television stations from broadcasting her new "Dr. Laura" TV talk show, which debuted in September. In the controversy's wake, several top advertisers dropped sponsorship of the show.

Although Schlessinger's radio program is popular, her TV show has earned lackluster ratings so far.

Last month, production was briefly halted in order to retool the

The tart-tongued Schlessinger, who holds a doctorate in physiology and offers her listeners advice and lectures on morality, headlined her Daily Variety ad, "A heartfelt message from Dr. Laura Schlessinger."

'While I express my opinions from the perspective of an Orthodox Jew and a staunch defender of the traditional family, in talking about gays and lesbians some of my words were poorly chosen," the ad says.

"Many people perceive them as hate speech. This fact has been personally and professionally devastating to me as well as to many others," she said.

Paramount Television Group, which is syndicating the "Dr. Laura" TV show, has said it is committed to presenting social issues without creating or contributing to an atmosphere of hate or hurt.

Settlement reached with church over childhood sex molestation

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) -Twenty-two men who said they were abused by a Roman Catho-lic priest when they were boys have settled their estimated \$44 million lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Church. Details weren't disclosed but the church apologized to the men on Tues-

The allegations against Rev. Maurice Grammond made it one of the nation's largest cases of clergy abuse.

The plaintiffs charged that Grammond enticed them to engage in sexual acts from 1950 to

The settlement and the church's apology were announced at Multnomah County Courthouse in Portland. A state judge and a federal judge acted as mediators in efforts to keep

the case from going into a lengthy and expensive trial.

This settlement ends half a century of fear, secrecy, silence and shame that protected Father Grammond," said David Slader, lawyer for the plaintiffs.

Grammond, 80, is a resident of the Alzheimer's unit of a retirement center in suburban

The amount of the settlement was kept confidential by both

The church's apology, which is to be read in every church in the Archdiocese of Portland, was part of the settlement.

In it, Archbishop John Vlazny concedes that "some of the priests" of the archdiocese "have sexually molested children who were entrusted to the care of the

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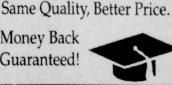
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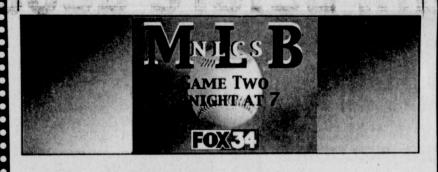
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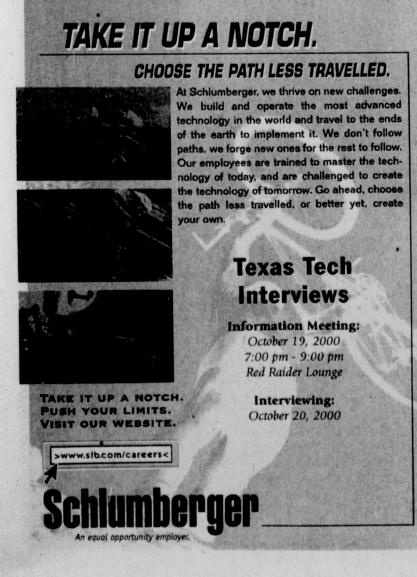
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Arena has 'arms wide open' for Creed fans

By Leslie Follmar

Staff Writer

The United Spirit Arena is getting ready for this fall's first big concert. Over 11,000 people are expected to attend tonight's concert featuring alternative rock band Creed.

With only around 1,000 tickets left for the show, students might find themselves scrounging around for extra cash. For those who are able to dig the extra \$38 out from between the couch cushions, the only tickets that are left are located behind the stage.

Doors for the show open at 6:30. Opening bands, Full Devil Jacket and Collective Soul, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

United Spirit Arena officials encourage all those attending the concert to expect a search prior to entering the arena. They also encourage people to arrive early.

'This is a pretty standard visual shirt search," said Cindy Harper, marketing manager for the United Spirit Arena.

Harper stressed the no-mosh policy that will be in effect at tonight's concert. Anyone who violates this policy will be escorted out of the arena.

Parking will be available in the west lots of the

arena, commonly known as the commuter lots. The arena advises anyone attending to travel on alternate routes to the parking lots.

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The suggested routes are east on Brownfield Highway temporary road and south on Indiana from 4th street.

Citibus will also be providing shuttle service from the Health Sciences Center for a round-trip cost of \$1.

Brandy Serrano, a junior cell molecular biology major from Clovis, N.M., said he would have rather paid \$38 to see a band like Limp Bizkit, but he decided to avoid the last minute rush and bought Creed tickets the first day they went on sale.

"I was more excited about the Dixie Chicks concert than this one," he said. "I really think of them as a mediocre band. Creed's a typical band if they weren't rock, they'd be a boy band."

Rebecca Sims, a freshman physical therapy major from Austin, didn't purchase tickets to the concert.

"The tickets are kind of expensive, and I was just lazy about getting them," she said. "I might still go if there are tickets left."

Rick Mitchell, assistant box office manager for Select-A-Seat, said the only seating still available has an obstructed view. Despite the poor location of the remaining seats, ticket prices are set at \$38.

"The only tickets we have left are behind the stage," he said. "We're not really sure on the set-up, so we don't really know if people will be able to see back there or not.'



Creed will perform at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena. The concert will also feature opening bands Full Devil Jacket and Collective Soul. Though remaining seats are located directly behind the stage and may have obstructed view, there are still about 1,000 seats available.

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UTEP men's basketball future looking bright

EL PASO (AP) — The small boy We plan to play him at the point bestudied the rim carefully, knowing how important it was to sink the

Make it, and he got to play. Miss, and he had to sit, waiting impatiently for his chance to play the game he was quickly growing to love. No one wanted the little child. These days, a lot of people want Eugene Costello.

Texas-El Paso has him, and Costello is expected to lead this season's team at the point-guard spot. Costello will be one of six highly regarded newcomers when UTEP begins basketball practice Saturday. And Miner coach Jason Rabedeaux was more than happy to choose Costello.

"I had spent a lot of time at St. Augustine in New Orleans, and I saw him when he was a freshman at Midland College," the second-year Miner coach said. "And he was one of the first kids we targeted here. Eugene is really a good guard. That's the best way to describe him because he embodies a lot of qualities.

cause he has a lot of intangibles leadership, toughness. He's not a big kid, but he's extremely strong. He can score. And he has been well coached all through his career."

Costello grew up in New Orleans. playing with the older kids — when he could make that shot.

"I always liked to play out at the playground with the older guys," he said, smiling at the recollection. "Guys were four and five years older than me. At first, they didn't want to let me play. But we would shoot for teams. So, if I made the shot, I got to play. If I didn't, I had to watch.'

That was his basketball baptism. His education would come later, honed by the skintight discipline of a veteran coach and faculty at an allboys Catholic school.

That was the best experience I had in my life," Costello said, turning serious. "The discipline was tough. Shirt and tie. Mandatory class attendance. When you messed up there, you got two hits with a paddle. Same thing on the court. Miss a layup and you got two hits with the knowledge of the game." paddle. It's the only all boys, all-Black school in the world.

"It's a special place, though," he added. "My freshman year was a learning experience. I had a hard time adjusting. But then, as I got older, I saw the significance of going to that school. I learned the meaning of all they were trying to do there. I had a lot of friends in public school who went to class when they wanted. Not me."

Bernard Griffith, the head coach at St. Augustine for the past 23 years, chuckled slightly, but then said seriously, "At first, most of these boys rebel. They want their freedom. But we instill a foundation here that will help them survive in society. And basketball is another deal unto itself. We are very fundamentally sound

"Eugene is a good boy," Griffith added. "We had some good seasons with him here. He's got very good ball-handling ability, very good athletic ability. He's a small package, but he's strong. And he has a good

Costello went from the little kid no one wanted to a senior sensation in his hometown, averaging 18 points, eight assists, six steals and six rebounds a game.

He was All-Metro, All-New Orleans and his district's MVP — and the first guy chosen in the playground pickup games.

He would extend those numbers and those honors at Midland College but not before learning a valuable but painful lesson early at St. Augus-

"I didn't make my grades my sophomore year," he said, shaking his head. "That was the most hurtful thing I've ever gone through. I missed the second half of the season. For that to happen to me again, I'd have to be a fool.'

Griffith said, "Actually, Eugene was still eligible by our state academic standards. But he was ineligible by our school standards. We have stricter standards. And he learned a difficult, painful lesson. But he learned his lesson. And now

he's got a great future ahead of him. He's a go-getter. He'll get his degree and be a contributor in his commu-

"And, with his speed, quickness, ball-handling ability, he'll be fun for people there to watch on the court," Griffith added.

"He'll keep you on your feet and he'll get folks in the stands.'

Costello certainly did that at Midland College, averaging 22.8 points and making first-team, junior college All-American.

He was listed as one of the nation's top five junior college point guards by at least one scouting service. Drawing from those lessons at St. Augustine, he got his associate's degree. And now he is ready to move his talents to El Paso, to UTEP.

"UTEP was the only visit I took,"

"I felt it was right for me. But I talked to my high school coaches. I wanted to make sure they saw it the same way I did. I just wanted someone else's opinion. And they had the same opinion as me. UTEP was the

place for me.

"I met Coach Rab when I was a freshman at Midland," he added. "He remembered me when it was time and he came down and told me I was his guy to run the team. When you only have two years left, that is the type situation you want.'

Rabedeaux said, "When I think about Eugene, I think about a winner. He's a kid who knows how to win. He's won at every level and he's just so well coached."

And so the match was made. Costello joins a strong recruiting class and a good core of veterans, hoping to be the catalyst at point guard that pulls it all together.

What a long way that is, what a long journey in such a short life.

Costello has come from the little boy no one wanted to the man at the point, weaving his way through hard work and sweat and thousands of jump shots and iron-fisted discipline, from that skinny little boy eyeing the rim to the poised young man hoping to help return a proud tradition of winning basketball to UTEP.

Andy Ellis fractures right wrist

Texas Tech men's basketball player Andy Ellis will be out five-to-six weeks with a fractured right wrist, according to reports released Wednesday by Tech sports media rela-

The 6-foot-10, 205-pound center from Lamesa sustained the injury at his home.

Ellis missed most of the second half of last season with a dislocated left shoulder, an injury he suffered against Nebraska. As a freshman in 1998-99, Ellis was the second leading freshman scorer in the Big 12 Conference, and the leading freshman rebounder.

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Spellman to be sentenced for 1998 weapons charge

las Cowboys' Alonzo Spellman will be back in Michigan next month for

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Dal-sentencing on a 1998 felony weapons charge.

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sive lineman, pleaded guilty Tuesday morning before Oakland Circuit Judge Nanci Grant.

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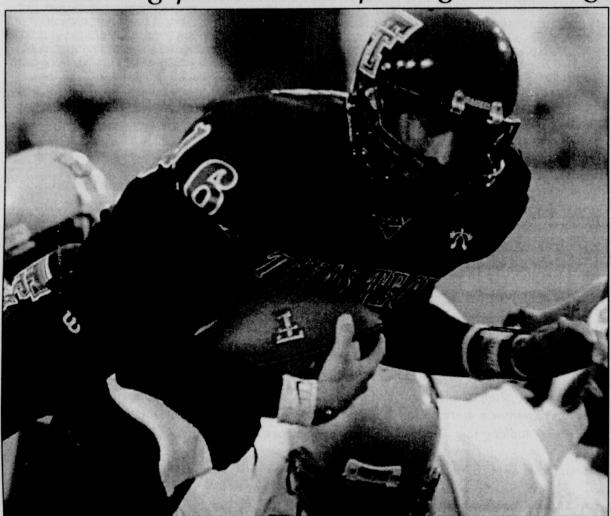
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Kingsbury leading Raider Big 12 charge

Tech starting quarterback improving with each game in first season at the head of Red Raider offense



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Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury dives for extra yardage in the Red Raider's 28-0 shutout win over Baylor last Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Kingsbury threw a school-record 14 straight completions in the win against the Bears. The sophomore quarterback has led the Red Raiders to a 5-1 record thus far this season.

By Patrick Gonzales

Staff Writer

he 1999 season couldn't have ended better for Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

After being slated by the coaching staff as the Red Raider's starting quar-

staff as the Red Raider's starting quarterback in 2000, Kingsbury didn't have too much to prove when he started Tech's final game last year against Oklahoma.

Not only did the junior from New Braunfels lead the Red Raiders to a 38-28 victory in his first collegiate start, but he did it in veteran fashion.

Kingsbury finished the contest 9of-17 passing for 259 yards and four touchdowns.

This season, however, Kingsbury's transition as Tech's starting signal caller hasn't been as smooth as his Red Raider debut last year.

Yet week by week, Kingsbury said

he continues to get better, and his improvement has been visible in the Red Raiders' last two contests. Against Texas A&M, Kingsbury

Against Texas A&M, Kingsbury completed 28 out of 50 passes for 291 yards and two touchdowns, while facing a steady pass-rush throughout the matchup.

He also led the Tech offense on two drives of more than 90 yards.

"I think he's played really well the past few games," said Tech coach Mike Leach, whose team faces No. 1-ranked Nebraska at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. "He really did well the last game — probably his most accurate game."

Kingsbury finished the Baylor con-

test 33-of-50 passing for 322 yards and two touchdowns. And, for the first time all season, had no interceptions.

He also had 14 straight completions during the second quarter, breaking the old school record of 11. But it hasn't always been that way

for Kingsbury this year.
As the main component in Leach's new pass-oriented offense, Kingsbury

battled inconsistency early on this season.

Take his second and third games

Against Utah State, Kingsbury had a career game, passing for a school record 456 yards on 33-of-46 passing. Yet the following week in a 13-7 victory against North Texas, he finished with 238 yards with a season high three interceptions.

"He's been thrown into a tough situation for a sophomore, and he's done a good job," Tech's leading receiver Tim Baker said. "He hadn't been in the fire that much, and the more games he gets into, the easier it's going to be for him."

And so far this season, that philosophy seems to be working. Since the Red Raiders' bye-week, Kingsbury seems to have more of an understanding of opposing defenses and a better pocket presence, Baker said.

There are different reasons for Kingsbury's current resurgence, but if you ask him, he'll tell you it's all about one thing—relaxing.

During Tech's bye-week, Kingsbury went home to New Braunfels to visit his family. It was there that he had a discussion with his father about his av so far this season

"He told me that I just need to go out, have fun and relax," said Kingsbury, who was coached by his father in high school. "I think early on, I was trying to do too much.

"I was clogging my head with way too many thoughts when I was out on the field. Once I started going out there and relaxing, it got a lot easier for me."

With the top-rated Nebraska Cornhuskers coming into Lubbock this weekend, one would think that relaxing would be hard to come by for Tech players.

However, Kingsbury said being the underdogs will help his mental process.

"Sometimes games like that are the easiest to relax for because nobody expects anything from you," he said. "We're just going to go out there, play hard and see what happens."

Kingsbury is currently ranked ninth in the nation in total offense, averaging 291.5 yards-per-contest. Yet despite his recent improvement and national standing, Kingsbury said he understands that he's not always going to be perfect.

And along with making mistakes, comes the criticism, he said.

"I kind of went through that in high school with my dad being the head coach, so it doesn't bother me," Kingsbury said.

"I saw what Rob (Peters) went through, and we were good friends. It's all part of the job, and eventually you're going to go through it. You just have to have thick skin and not let it get to you."

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