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STATE

Lubbock hiker finds criminal soldier dead

EL PASO (AP) — A hiker from Lubbock found the body of a Fort Bliss soldier in the Franklin Mountains over the weekend, just days after the soldier had been sentenced to 10 years in prison for smuggling marijuana into the United States.

Niels Pedersen, a family doctor who was hiking in Franklin Mountains State Park, found the body of Chief Warrant Officer Luis R. Rodriguez-Martinez about 8 a.m. Saturday. Pedersen said he took a shortcut off the trail to try to catch up with a group of friends.

"I sat down to rest on a rock, and I turned around and saw a person that looked like he was trying to shelter himself because of the storms that took place overnight," Pedersen said. "I hollered over, but there was no response. I got closer and tried to rouse him, but he was unrousable.

NATIONAL

Faulty brakes force Ford mustang recall

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will recall about 430,000 Ford Mustangs dating to 1994 because of a parking brake problem, the auto-maker said Monday.

The recall will affect model year 1994 to 2001 Mustangs with manual transmissions. Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said the parking brake could sometimes slip, causing the car to move.

Vaughn said the company isn't aware of any accidents or injuries connected to the brake. Ford said that earlier this fall, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported 300 cases of brake failure to the company; Vaughn said it wasn't clear if any of those cases involved Mustangs.

Vaughn said Ford will send letters to Mustang owners notifying them of the recall and what procedure to follow to get the car repaired in late November. Until then, owners should engage the brake and put the car in first gear when parking it.

WORLD

Operation designed to separate twins

LONDON (AP) - Surgeons began to separate conjoined twin girls Monday in a long and complex procedure that they said would kill one baby to give her sister a chance of a normal life. The operation followed months of legal wrangling over whether the parents could refuse surgery and let nature take its course.

St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester confirmed early Monday that the operation had begun and was expected to take up to 15 hours. Some 20 staff members were involved, the hospital said in a statement.

The girls, identified publicly only as "Mary" and "Jodie," were born at the hospital on Aug. 8 joined at the lower abdomen. Doctors say surgery could allow Jodie to have a normal life, but that Mary cannot survive once she

is separated from Jodie's aorta. If not separated, doctors said, both girls would die within months.

The twins' parents - identified only as Roman Catholics from the Maltese island of Gozo in the Mediterranean - opposed the operation for religious reasons but decided not to contest a Sept. 22 decision by the Court of Appeal that the girls can be separated.



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Your View

Who do you think will win the presidential election?



Lubbock, Texas

Lawsuit threatens deputy chancellor

By Kelsey Walter Managing Editor

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A Texas Tech official who possesses supervising roles for several university entities of substantial financial importance to Tech apparently has his own financial problems.

According to a Sept. 18 court document from Lubbock County Court of Law No. 3, Deputy Chancellor James Crowson faces a lawsuit filed by Capitol Credit Union because of his failure to continue making payments on a loan valued at more

The petition filed by the Austin-based company accuses Crowson, and his wife, Linda Sue Crowson, of defaulting on the loan, which according to the loan disbursement voucher signed by Crowson, was being used to pay off various personal credit accounts.

It remains unclear why the address listed on the voucher was his office at Texas Tech and not his residence. However, Crowson said he was required to put a business address on



Crowson

clarify why his home address was not listed. "There is absolutely no connection between Tech and the debt,' Crowson said.

Chancellor John Montford was not aware of the circumstances of the lawsuit and said he preferred not to comment directly on the terms of the disagreement. However, Montford said he will make an inquiry with Crowson on the matter.

"I have always found him to be very responsible," Montford said. He also said he would assume Crowson used Tech's address on the loan voucher to provide an accurate business

When questioned by The University Daily on Oct. 30, Crowson denied any knowledge of the lawsuit.

"I intend to dispute the amount to the furthest extent of

loan application, although he did not the law," he said late Monday in a phone interview.

The court document states Crowson had 30 days to respond to the complaint after it was filed on Sept. 18.

But Ann Herzog, a secretary in the civil divisions department of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, said Crowson did not pick up the petition until Oct. 31 at 10:36 a.m., 15 days after the Oct. 16 deadline.

'He has been served," Herzog said. But she also said his visit was long-awaited since deputies first tried to hand deliver the court document more than three weeks ago. Herzog said attempts to directly notify Crowson of the petition were made Oct. 7 and Oct. 19 on the Tech campus, both times of which business cards were left and Crowson did not reply.

"As far as I know, it could have been a forgery," Crowson said on the evening of Oct. 30, when he said he had no knowledge of the lawsuit.

However, Herzog said, Crowson called the Sheriff's Office

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Chinese poker face



Danielle Barry, a junior psychology major from Lafayette, La., views the work of Wand Di, Master of Chinese Folk Art and National Treasure. Di's work will be on display at the International Cultural Center until Dec. 15.

Vote program emphasizes young crowd

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

As many Texas Tech students visit the polls today to vote on who will guide the country for the next four years, they will see something unusual at the official election sites children.

As these young Americans cast their votes, they will never know that their democratic experience

"I could not have asked for more help than what Texas Tech gave us,' said Teri Holmes, executive director

of the Kids Voting Lubbock program. This year several organizations on the Tech campus have joined efforts with the Kids Voting Lubbock program, geared toward promoting the voting interest of students enrolled in the Lubbock Independent

School District. The goal also is to

came about in part because of Tech. promote interest in voting among ing booths across town so these stuparents as well.

'We have two goals that we would like to accomplish," Holmes said. "We want to educate kids on why voting is important, and we also want to increase parent's interest in

As part of this year's election, members of the Women's Service Organization and the Wesley Foundation have volunteered to run vot-

dents can learn about the election process. The two organizations also will volunteer their time again today at some of the 60 official voting locations around town.

Kids Voting Lubbock booths will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m. and

from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. "There were 4,367 early voters in

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Cold medicine hazards warned by FDA

Americans made aware of health-risks caused by over-the-counter remedies

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government warned Americans on Monday to quit using dozens of over-the-counter cold remedies

and diet pills that contain an ingredient that could cause hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women.

The Food and Drug Administration is preparing to ban phenylpropanolamine, or PPA, which is found in products from Dexatrim to Triaminic. But legal steps needed for a ban will take a few months, so the FDA asked manufacturers Monday to voluntarily stop selling PPA-containing drugs immediately - and replace the ingredient with a safer alternative.

For consumers, the FDA's unusually strong health warning says: "We suggest you stop taking the drug immediately and use an alterna-

Consumers should look for PPA in the ingredient list of all nonprescription cold relievers — brand names and generic or store brands and choose décongestant pills containing the safe alternative

pseudoephedrine or use nasal sprays instead, said FDA nonprescription drugs chief Dr. Charles Ganley.

There are no over-the-counter alternatives for diet pills, however, so dieters will have to consult a doctor about prescription-only alternatives, Ganley said.

Some retailers and manufacturers moved Monday to take products off drugstore shelves.

Don't use PPA-containing Contac 12-hour Cold Capsules, but five other Contac versions contain the safe pseudoephedrine, so check the label, said manufacturer SmithKline Beecham Consumer Healthcare.

Whitehall-Robins Healthcare quit shipping PPA-containing Dimetapp on Monday. New liquid Dimetapp formulas that don't contain PPA will head for store shelves next week, with pill versions to follow later.

Also, check Robitussin-CF some stores are selling PPA-containing versions and some are selling a new non-PPA formula, in boxes flagged with a yellow band.

Election expected to be close

By Jeff Lehr Staff Writer

Today is Election Day and with 270 electoral votes needed to win, the returns are expected to be close to the end.

Both candidates made their final pushes through the battleground tes Monday as Gov. George W. Bush zipped through Tennessee, Wisconsin, Arkansas and Iowa while Vice President Al Gore stopped in Missouri, Michigan and Florida.

Today the governor and the vice president are in their home states of Texas and Tennessee, respectively, to vote and await tonight's returns.

However, those returns may be delayed in several crucial states because of the increasing number of absentee ballots this year.

In California, a state where 12 million votes are expected, a record 3.2 million Californians requested absentee ballots this year - a number that could push back the final election results for days.

Grant Neeley, a political science professor at Texas Tech, said the rising number of absentee voters would only postpone the results in close states such as California and Florida.

"You have to assume that in a 50-50 state where one candidate shows an early edge, the majority of the absentee results will be similar," he

A recent California Field Poll showed Gore ahead of Bush by 7 percentage points with a 3 percent margin of error, but 6 percent of those polled were still undecided.

California's 54 electoral votes are shaping up to be critical in the hunt for the White House, as well as the 25 electoral votes in Florida, a key battleground state in this year's elec-

Neeley said "there is a real question" in the Sunshine State, despite the majority of voters voting Republican all three times in the 1980s, as well as twice for Bush's father in 1988 and 1992.

Factors such as a large Jewish retiree community, mobilized by Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and an even larger senior citizen population that Bill Clinton carried in 1996, will make Gov. Jeb Bush's state a close

According to a CNN-USA Today Gallup Poll taken Sunday, the Texas governor was ahead of the vice president by 5 percentage points, but compiled results from the weekend showed Gore edging toward Bush,

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Director to receive BFC award

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

Charles Foster is not a typical college student.

Foster was a drug addict, a convict and lived on the streets for several years. He was married, has two daughters and is now divorced.

However, Foster's teenage daughters live with him now, and he is set to graduate soon.

He attributes his turn around to the Center for the Study of Addiction and the facility's director Carl Ander-

The center, which was started by Anderson, himself a recovering alcoholic, 15 years ago, was designed to give recovering a second chance.

"I got out of jail in 1996 and have been in college and with the center ever since," said Foster, a senior from Plainview. "The center has helped me cope with day-to-day life. I don't have to go out and drink or do drugs."

Foster said the center has helped turn his life around.

"My daughters remember when I was doing drugs and drinking and when I went to jail," Foster said. "And after I had been in the program for only half a year, my daughters asked if they could come live with me."

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Foster now volunteers his time at

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John Boop

BETTY FORD CENTER SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

prisons and is involved with other projects within the center.

"I teach life skills to prisoners and teach 'Project Pride' to area first through fourth graders," he said. "They wouldn't think I could (teach the program) or trust me if it weren't for the center."

Foster is also running for vice president of the center's student organization

For his work with the center, the Betty Ford Center is honoring Anderson, who is also an associate professor of family studies in the College of Human Sciences. He has been chosen to receive the first Visionary Award, which was established to be given to a professional who has made contributions in the field of addiction recovery. This is the first recognition award the Betty Ford Center has ever presented.

The BFC looked at regional and national organizations for the "most innovative and efficient approaches to advancing the field addiction."

John Boop, senior vice president of the BFC, said the program Anderson started at Tech was among the most compassionate and creative on the nation.

"Only four awards will be presented," he said. "Dr. Anderson reflects the compassion and understanding of a saint and the wisdom of a sage."

Anderson said he was honored to be chosen.

"I'm excited about what is happening," Anderson said. "This award is a very high honor."

President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford will both be at the ceremony Wednesday night. Mrs. Ford will personally present Anderson's award. The ceremony will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. President David Schmidly will also attend the ceremony.

The center was created to "help students make the transition from recovering addict to responsible, productive citizenship."

"We have more than 100 recovering addicts in the program," Anderson said. "The students in the program form a support network. If one of the students is getting into trouble, the rest reach out to help."

Anderson said no other program in the nation was as effective as the center.

"Nationwide, if an addict goes back to the same surroundings, they have a 95 percent chance of relapsing," Anderson said. "We have had fewer than 5 percent relapse."

A reception to honor Anderson was held at the house of Elizabeth Haley, the dean of human sciences, last Thursday. Several dignitaries, including Preston Smith and several students in the student association were present.

Haley said she was thrilled the Betty Ford Center is recognizing Anderson.

"I'm just thrilled he is being recognized by such a prestigious group," she said. "I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him."

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Regulators say Longhorn pipeline safest in nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators announced the completion of an environmental study of the 700-mile Longhorn Pipeline on Monday, and said companies involved in the project will take nationally unprecedented measures to protect the environment and keep the public safe.

Opponents of the project promised more legal action to keep the companies, collectively called Longhorn Partners Pipeline, from using the pipeline, saying the measures would not ease their environmental concerns.

The environmental assessment was completed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation. It resulted from a 1998 lawsuit challenging the project.

The findings now go back to federal court in Austin, before U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, for review.

The agencies found that Longhorn Partners Pipeline's proposal to pump gasoline, airplane and diesel fuel from the Gulf Coast to El Paso would have "no significant impact."

The fuels would be pumped through a pipeline built half a century ago that travels through Austin and Houston neighborhoods and the environmentally sensitive Edwards Aquifer, which feeds Barton Springs and is a drinking water source for the region.

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Oct. 23 and said he would pick up the petition later that day. "He never showed up," she said.

While Capital Credit Union is seeking only monetary relief up to \$50,000, if Crowson loses the case, he and his wife could owe more. The plaintiff is estimating legal costs at more than \$9,000, and with the addition of court costs, prejudgment interests and his own attorney fees, the Crowsons may be forced to pay a final sum almost twice the amount of his original loan.

The original loan, \$35,271.64, was advanced to Crowson on Nov. 4, 1999, with an annual percentage rate of 15 percent. Mrs. Crowson's signature was not on the loan contract attached to the court petition, although her name is listed on the lawsuit.

As of Oct. 30, \$34,504.26, along with the interest added since May 5, remained unpaid.

Since he took the position in August 1996, Crowson's main responsi-

bilities as deputy chancellor at Tech exist in the administration system. His duties include maintaining supervisor roles for Facilities Planning and Construction, the Office of Cultural Diversity as well as assisting Montford and the Board of Regents with all endeavors concerning the Campus Master Plan. Crowson's job description does not specifically declare him solely responsible for the budgets of the entities he controls.

Kip Lecrone, a collection administrator with Capitol Credit Union, said he could not answer questions regarding the lawsuit against the Crowsons, but recommended that all information be obtained from the credit union's attorneys in the case, the Dallas-based law firm of Blalack & Williams.

Representatives from the firm representing the plaintiff would not comment on the pending lawsuit when questioned by *The University Daily*.

Montford said it is obviously a dispute, and, in fairness to both sides, he will have to look into the matter.

TechNotes!

Society of Petroleum Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in 121 Petroleum Engineering. Contact Nathan Vrubel at 742-1734 for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet at 6 p.m. today in 39 Holden Hall. Contact Richard Ashmore at octcu@sptc.net, for more information.

ATTENTION COMMUTERS: Due to the Jones SBC Stadium renovation project, a portion of the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium/Coliseum parking lot (C1) will be closed until further notice beginning Nov. 13. Please allow additional time to find parking. Plenty of space should be available in the parking lots west of Indiana Avenue.

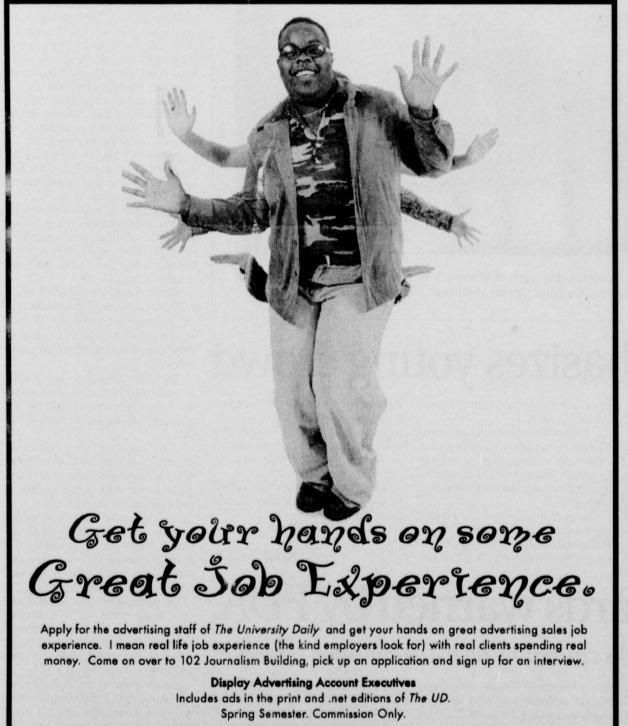
Bus trip to Tech-OU game Nov. 18. Cost: \$50, includes round-trip bus fare and ticket. Call the SGA office at 742-3631 or e-mail SGA@ttu.edu, for more information.

Drowsy Driving Awareness Day will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 16 in the University Center Courtyard. Contact Tim contact name and phone number.

Wright, for more information at 788-1690.

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS: This is a reminder that all vehicles must be moved out of the commuter lots adjacent to Jones SBC Stadium and Raider Alley (C1, C2, C5 and Dan Law Field lot) by 7 a.m. Saturday for this week's home football game. Vehicles parked in these lots not displaying a valid game-day football parking permit may be towed by the Athletics Department through an independent towing service at the violator's expense. During the weekend, you may park in the residence halls' lots. Please be aware that R14, across from Gordon Hall, also will be closed. These lots will be reopened after the football

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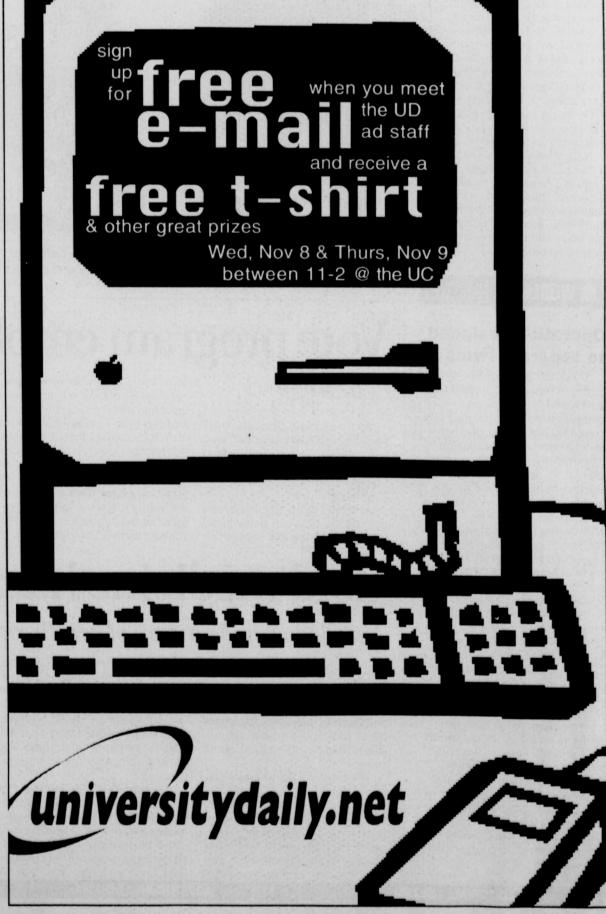


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Texas asks federal appeals court to re-evaluate system

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Texas Texas had made dramatic imasked a federal appeals court Monday to free the state's prisons from 19 years of oversight by a judge, arguing that the once-hellish conditions behind bars have undergone

"amazing" improvement. The case stems from a 1972 lawsuit by inmate David Ruiz, who claimed that conditions in the Texas prison system were so brutal that they amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice agreed in 1981, and placed the system under his watch.

The state spent billions on new prisons and improvements, and most federal controls were lifted in 1992. Last year, Justice noted that

provements but decided to retain oversight.

Texas has argued that 140,000inmate system has been reformed, with new facilities, higher staffing levels and more training.

Arguments Monday before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals centered on whether inmates are still largely at the mercy of predatory prisoners and whether guards use too much force.

Gregory Coleman, an assistant Texas attorney general, said that while there are still instances of inmate-on-inmate violence, the prison system has evolved into one of the country's safest.

cause heart attacks, stroke, seizures

and death in otherwise healthy young people, researchers say.

At least 54 deaths and about 1,000 reports of complications have been linked to ephedra since the mid-

The researchers concluded that

(AP) — Ephedra, an herbal stimu- the dietary supplement, also known lant used by millions of Americans for as ma huang, poses a risk that far bodybuilding and weight loss, can outweighs any benefits it might

Herb found to cause death in adults

"They're uncommon events, but they're serious," said Dr. Neal L. Benowitz, chief of clinical pharmacology at the University of California at San Francisco. "The substance is unreasonably hazardous as marthe Food and Drug Administration, appears in the New England Journal of Medicine, which moved up release of the study to Monday because of

the importance of the finding. Benowitz and colleague Dr. Christine A. Haller noted that most of the cases they studied involved healthy young people. Some had been taking. ephedra for just days or weeks, and

The research, commissioned by two women who became pregnant while taking it lost their babies.

> Ephedra (pronounced eh-FEDruh) products are often sold in health food stores under such names as Ripped Fuel - used by bodybuilders hoping to increase muscle and energy — as well as Metabolife and Diet-Phen for dieters. There are hundreds of unregulated ephedra products on the market.

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our election, which is 10 percent of the student population in Lubbock County," she said. "These organizations made sure they absolutely had someone there every time.

However, Holmes said, the volunteer hours were not the only crucial role Tech has played in the election. The University Computer Service has also been used to create and tabulate the ballots students have used in the election.

Bryan Carson, production manager of the university's computing service, said his department has tabulated the early voting results and is waiting on today's big Election

He said that while he is confident his equipment will work properly. there is some concern over the increased traffic around the facility this morning as volunteers bring the ballots to UCS for processing.

"We are anticipating the ballots from the morning voting to be brought to us this morning while the kids are in school," he said. "There will be increased traffic in the engineering key tomorrow morning because of the ballots."

Holmes said she anticipates about 60 cars to visit the campus

three times tomorrow in order to tabulate the ballots from the different polling locations around town. Carson believes the ballots should be tabulated as soon as the polls close today.

'The scanners can tabulate about 10,000 per hour," he said. "Since we've already scanned all the early voting ballots in, we should have the results by the close of the voting

Holmes said the real importance of the program would come about when these students vote in elections throughout their lives. She said one of the reasons why this program is so important is because of the

consistently low voter turnout of 18 to 34 year olds.

'The 18 to 34 year olds are the ones least likely to vote in an election," she said. "As the years go by, these kids who are voting today will be those kids. Since they have been voting for years, they won't hesitate to vote when they get older.

She also said the program hopes to stimulate voting among people already eligible to vote and that 17,947 more people registered to vote this year than they did last year. Holmes said this is a phenomenon labeled as "trickle up democracy" because the efforts are concentrated at the youngest level of society.

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closing the gap to two percentage points.

Of the 154,157 registered voters in Lubbock County, 18.31 percent or 28,233 voted early.

However, during the last presidential election year in 1996, only 53.7 percent of registered Lubbock voters actually voted — down from the 1992 election year in which more than 75 percent voted.

Neeley said the purpose of early voting, which began in Texas in 1991, was originally supposed to make it easier for people to vote on Election

"People like it, but all it is really doing is making it easier for those who would vote in the first place to vote earlier," he said.

Early voting allows voters to cast their ballots in non-traditional areas, such as grocery stores, for a twoweek period prior to Election Day. But Neeley said it is not working

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like originally intended.

In a prepared statement by Clinton on Oct. 30, he said many people do not feel the need to get involved and simply do not vote.

"One reason may be the unparalleled prosperity America enjoys," he said in the statement. "Why bother to vote?

He said this comp'acency may be the easy road, but it might also be the nation's greatest enemy.

After many of the state polls closed up Monday afternoon, several states that looked to be too close to call were beginning to favor one candidate more than the other.

New Mexico and Minnesota were two states leaning toward Gore, while New Hampshire polls reflected a liking of Bush.

A good number of states were still undecided, including Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania - several states visited by the candidates before their campaigns wrapped up Monday.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.









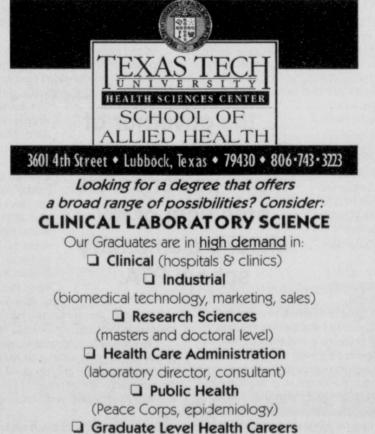
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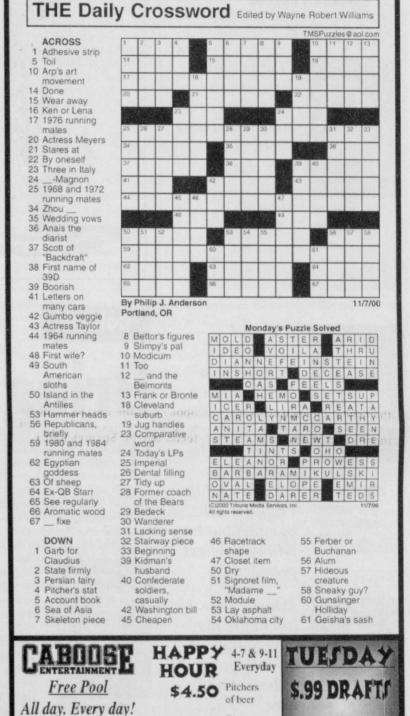


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Your View

Today's question: Who do you think will win the presidential election?



Brad Bugado junior business administration Beverly Hills,

Calif.

"I am voting for Bush so I want him to win. It will be a really close race. I think Bush will win though."



Amy Claybrook senior engineering Vernon

"I would probably say Bush because the country is becoming more of a moral nation, and he will win because of that. I think it will be close, but he will be the next president."



"Maybe Gore. I am not really sure though. It is really going to be a close race."

Doerfler senior interior design Houston



Trisha Lewis senior interior design Temple

"I think it is really going to be a close race, but I am hoping for Gore to win. I can't say that I think he is going to because it is so close, but I want him to win because his beliefs are closer to mine."



Sokunthea Ou sophomore industrial engineering

"I'm not really sure. I'm going to vote for Bush because I am a Texan, and I am going to vote for our governor. It'll be really close."

compiled by Kristina Thomas

Opinions oeas

The University Daily



Bring back Jimmy Carter

... the governor of

Texas has about as

much power as the

president of my

sister's elementary

school PTA.

Today is Election Day, and you know what that means. That's right, time to choose between the lesser of two evils. It's a lot like when you take your girlfriend to the movies and she lets you choose the film. Sounds good until you actually look at the marquee and realize that the only two things playing are a Spike Lee picture and something starring John Travolta. It's about then that you realize that the more productive alternative would be to drown yourself in Shiner Bock.



Kenneth Strickland

Maybe it's just a coincidence, or possibly an act of God, but my column just happens to be scheduled for today, the day we go to the polls. The irony behind this is that the one guy on The University Daily staff who probably cares the least about the election is me.

My "Choose and Lose in 2000" election coverage, dating back to last spring, has followed this exact feeling in case you missed it. It would be rather unfair of me to attack one candidate or another today. It wouldn't give all of you staunch conser-

vatives and both of you liberals here at Tech the opportunity to voice your opinion before the ballots go in. So to show the respect I have for both parties, I've decided not to pick one

can't do it. So Instead I'm going to trash both of them like they were Vinyl disco Let's start with the Democratic candidate, Al Gore. In this columnist's

candidate and slam them. Nope, I just

opinion, Al Gore is a liar. Plus he started off working for the media, which makes him really dangerous. That's like if Satan had been a Southern Baptist before leaving to rule over hell. A scary combi-

I'm a big C-Span buff (you're right, I have no life), and I've had the opportunity to watch Gore speak at several

different events. My favorite Al Gore moment has to be the following: Al apparently lost a sister to lung cancer brought upon by smoking. This is, in all honesty, a real tragedy, just as Al portrayed it when he spoke before a group wishing to attack tobacco companies for their dangerous products. With a tear in one eye, he assured the group that he would stop Big Tobacco from taking anymore human lives. He had me going, I must admit it - until a few weeks later, that is.

Maybe it was just bad planning on Al's part, but one of his next speaking events took him to a Virginia tobacco plantation, where he assured tobacco farmers that he would fight to protect their crop and to protect tobacco companies from lawsuits. Wow, taking a hypocrisy lesson straight out of Newt Ginghrich's biography! Very nice.

All politicians lie to some extent; it's how you get elected.

Think what would happen if anyone were to tell the elderly population of this country, the largest voting block in America, that their present and past abuse of the Social Security system is a major reason why it'll probably run dry in the next 20 years. It's the truth, but you sure as hell won't win any electoral votes in Florida by telling people

Al's a politician, so he's expected to lie. But he's just too good at it. That's all I can say about the guy; there's no worse cut down.

George W. Bush. Dear God, where do I start? If you're a serious Republican, then you'll probably vote for Bush, even though you know as good as anyone else that he's a moron. I worked on the guy's gubernatorial campaign in 1998. Trust me, you don't want this man in the White

He makes a great governor, and you know why? Because the governor of Texas doesn't do anything! Other than overseeing executions, the governor of Texas has about as much power as the president of my sister's elementary

I don't care how much pride you have in West Texas; the man isn't fit to lead a hiking trip, let alone the entire nation. The guy couldn't find Argentina on a map if Rand

McNally himself slammed a globe over the top of his head. Gee, now that I think about it. maybe we should elect him president. That way if he's being carted around in a limousine, we don't run the risk of him hitting us on Interstate 20 after having downed "a few beers." Youthful indiscretions of course. I mean hey, kids will be kids and 30 year olds just need time to learn, right? But if you feel you must, go ahead and vote for Bush, and send the guy to the White House. And by the time he actually finds the place, maybe it'll be time to vote for a real candidate again.

Come on, Jimmy Carter, let someone else represent Habitat for Humanity and run one more time, please!

I've probably managed to upset a lot of you who will be going to the polls today, but that's OK. It's all about utilitarianism; the greater good for the greater number. And the larger percentage of you are just like me — you're not bad Americans, you just stopped caring a long time

So tonight, even though we have no alcohol, let's make a toast to this year's apathetic no-shows to the ballot boxtruly the wisest portion of the American electorate.

Kenneth Strickland is a sophomore political science major from Mesquite. Or at least he was. By the time you read this, they will have probably kicked him out of the

Letters to the Editor

Oh, the oppressed

To the editor: On Saturday night, after the Texas-Texas Tech game, I was on my way to the architecture building to do some work on a project that was due Monday. I was not allowed to reach the architecture building to do so by the Lubbock Police, and I was not the only student turned away either. A resident of the dorms on the south side of the

architecture building was also turned

The officer still turned me away after I plainly told him that I needed to work on this project, which made me even madder at the situation. I fully understand that there are rules concerning the flow of traffic after Tech home games, however, students should be allowed to work on school projects and go home, even if home is the dorms. Just like every other fan, we are there at every football game on Saturday nights. My treatment by the Lubbock Police officer made me feel that

Tech students are secondary, when we should remain the primary focus of the Tech campus. Tech students are generally the No. 1 supporters of Tech athletics. Tech students pay good money to come to Tech and for students to not be allowed to get to the buildings that we need to get to after games is like telling a person who pays their taxes that they cannot use public facilities.

Jeremy Todd freshman architecture, civil engineering

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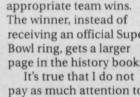
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Column

Don't sweat, it'll be over very soon

Today's presidential election is nothing more than a flamboyant football game, and I predict that the Republicans will win by six. I could be completely wrong. Al Gore might surprise us all by winning by a landslide.

There is nothing at stake in today's election except millions of egos and thousands of celebratory gatherings if the



Joseph Colley

receiving an official Super page in the history books. It's true that I do not pay as much attention to

politics as I used to. Issues and current events are a hobby rather than a passion like they once were, but this allows me to be able to follow the election and laugh at both

I get a kick out of watching the spinsters take up for Gore and Bush. Since both are limited in substance, it's like watching coach Leach make excusing as to why our football team loses to Nebraska and Texas when he needs to just nod his head admit, "Yeah. We

At least today's game is supposed to be a close race. Not knowing who is going to win allows us to stockpile our anticipation until that last moment before the truth. Just before the final results are in, the winner will doubt his victory, and the loser will have some hope as if there are five seconds left on the score board, and the losing team has a chance to win with a field goal. It's all fun and games, but it's more fun when the race is close.

For the sake of entertainment, thank goodness neither candidate is looking at a severe ass kicking like the Red Raiders will be when they play Oklahoma. Watching that game will be about as productive as - voting.

I don't really care which candidate gets elected because choosing between the two major parties is like flipping a coin to decide which rights we want taken away. If someone held me down and tickled me until I had to choose Bush or Gore, I would have to choose Bush because his impersonation on Saturday Night Live is much funnier than Gore's.

A candidate's idiosyncrasies are as good a thing as any to base my vote on, especially when Al Gore can be impersonated by a blade of grass and its growth spurt on any given day.

I've read the columns and the letters to the editor that whine about everything the American people will lose if one or the other candidates gets elected. Freedom, in general, is going to gradually vanish regardless of who gets elected today.

Everyone needs to chill out, enjoy the game, and if your candidate loses, you can mope around the house on the verge of tears just like you do every time the Dallas Cowboys lose. It's not that big of a deal. Life will go on.

The big issues aren't going anywhere. This country will always have Social Security, welfare, education and even abortion. Even if Bush does appoint five new pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, the outcry from the people (or the fans rather) will not allow them to overturn Roe v. Wade.

The Supreme Court justices can't stop thousands of tenacious people. Those justices will get out of the way just like those who guard the goal posts will if Tech wins against

So after you do your duty as a patriotic American citizen by voting today, invite to your house the usual crew for beer, barbecue, chants and cheers. Paint your face and drink whiskey from a flask to make it feel more like a Saturday afternoon. Watch the election coverage on television, and, where appropriate, you can yell, "You suck, political analyst!" Enjoy it. Revel in it, and don't feel too despondent if your team loses because it's all hype anyway.

Joseph Colley is a senior English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.

Tech golfer's future looking bright

By Phil Riddle Staff Writer

Mark Hull is used to winning.

He was a member of the two-time Class 5A state champion golf squad at San Antonio Churchill High. School. He has qualified for the last two U.S. Amateur Championships and placed in the top 10 in the Northern Amateur last summer.

Still, his golf coach at Texas Tech, Greg Sands, said he sees even greater things in the future for the San Antonio sophomore.

Mark has all the talent in the world," Sands said. "He has all the tools to be an All-American. He just has to set his mind on that and be dedicated to those goals. I have no doubt that he'll reach that level of play. Given the fact that he's just a mer," Sands said. "He's really been

sophomore and as good as he is, he can go anywhere. He's got two years. With his swing and his game, if he keeps analyzing where he needs to get better, there's no doubt he can be a top college player.'

Hull, though, is a little harder on himself.

" I love playing golf for Texas Tech," Hull said. "My expectations, personally, are real high, though. It's going to be hard to please myself.

Sands said Hull has continued to improve his game and has gotten good experience from tournaments early on in his college career.

"Mark had a tremendous sum-

improving his game by getting in some big events and playing well. He looked to step in this year and show us an improved game right away. We've just played some really difficult courses. Hull began playing golf

Scottsdale, Ariz. "I was nine," Hull said. "It was a little tricky at first because I am lefthanded, and my dad is righthanded. When I started, I was using his clubs, and I just never switched.

I tried to, but it's never been the same. I was playing a bunch of different sports but I always wanted to do what he (his father) was doing, so

as a youngster, following

his dad around the course

at Gainey Ranch in

we ended up playing golf together." Hull attributes his success to the time he spent at the Arizona resort.

"It's completely different from the courses we see out here," he said. "They have three different nines there and they're all different styles. It's not very hard, but it allows you to learn how to practice taking it

The Tech standout has little trouble recalling his best golf

deep and playing in different situa-

My junior year at state," he said grinning, " I chipped in on a playoff hole for us to win. The other three guys had to make par, but I chipped in off the green for the win. That's by far my best memory so far.'

Hull's family moved to the Churchill school district when Mark was a sophomore. The back-to-back state title-winning team he was on featured five future collegiate players, including, Tech teammate Trey Pyka, J.J. Wall of Texas, Jerry Carnahan, who now competes at Texas-San Antonio, and Jeff Briggs, a golfer at New Mexico.

"We're working on getting a golf course built here," Hull said, referring to the future of Red Raider golf. "That's going to be great. It's going to really help our recruiting.

'The courses around here have been real accommodating to us. It'll be nice to have a place where we can go practice any time of the day, though. We're at the country clubs right now. It's awesome that they allow us to go out, but it would be great to have something just for us. I really think it would benefit us."

Ted Williams' health improving

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) -Ted Williams was upgraded from fair to good condition Monday as the Hall of Famer remained in the hospital waiting to have a pacemaker implanted.

The 82-year-old former Boston Red Sox star was admitted to Shands Hospital in Gainesville on Oct. 31, when he experienced trouble breathing. The Boston Globe reported Williams will receive a pacemaker on Tuesday.

Williams' son, John Henry, told the Globe the doctors decided that implanting a pacemaker is the "best thing to do right now, and if everything comes out OK, we should have good news to talk about after the procedure."

On Saturday, Williams said he was feeling "pretty good," and he didn't think he needed the pacemaker.

I don't know where everybody's getting the news that I'm at death's door," Williams said. "I'm not in any pain."

Rodriguez claims ninth straight Gold Glove

catcher Ivan Rodriguez, despite missing the last two months of the season with a fractured right thumb, was awarded his ninth straight American League Gold Glove on

Monday. While Rodriguez has become a regular recipient of the award for outstanding defensive play, Rangers left-handed pitcher Kenny Rogers won his first Gold Glove.

It is only the fourth time that a pitcher and catcher from the same team have won Gold Gloves. The last pitcher-catcher combo to do so was Bret Saberhagen and Bob Boone of Kansas City in 1989.

Rodriguez broke his thumb on July 24 and appeared in just 87 games as a catcher. He led all AL qualifiers with a career high .996 fielding percentage (two errors in 543 total chances).

"I was surprised because I got hurt two month before the season was over," Rodriguez said. "I played the best I could until I got hurt.'

Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench won 10 straight Gold Gloves for Cincinnati from 1968-77. Rodriguez has the longest current Gold Glove streak among AL players, along with Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar, also a recipient of the award every year since

Rodriguez went 61 straight games without an error and threw out 16 of 33 (48 percent) base runners attempting to steal against him during his abbreviated season.

Rogers became the first Texas pitcher ever to win a Gold Glove. In the process, he ended Mike Mussina's four-year hold on the award for AL pitchers.

"It was a real surprise. Rogers

said. "This is something I try to do well. Fielding is important to me. It's something I care about."

Rogers led AL pitchers with 66 total chances, 46 assists, and 6 double plays, the latter tying the club record. He only had two errors (.970 fielding percentage). Rogers also was second in the majors with 9 pitcher pickoffs, one less than Arizona's Brian Anderson. He was 13-13 with a 4.55 ERA in 34 starts.

Adams Golf stops payment on contract with golfer Nick Faldo options open, but in all likelihood, three-time Masters tournament Watson. Adams said the company

PLANO(AP) — Adams Golf Inc. said Monday it has stopped payment on a multi-million-dollar contract with pro golfer Nick Faldo because he refuses to play with the company's clubs, including one that he designed.

champion, was hurting the sales of its custom-fitted, high-end irons and wedges

"He was really our main guy internationally," said corporate counsel Edwin H. Adams. The company's Company officials said Faldo, a other main pro pitchman is Tom

has customized clubs for Faldo to meet his specifications and has negotiated with the player for several months. Company officials said they had to file for breach of contract to protect its reputation.

we're not holding much hope he'll play Adams product," said Adams, son of the company's chief executive, Barney Adams.

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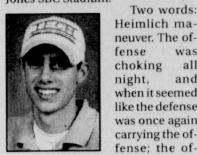
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neuver. The offense was choking all night, and when it seemed like the defense was once again carrying the offense; the offense was once

Two words:

again choking on the ball. Forget about choking on the ball; they were dropping the pigskin;

The football trainers were fumbling it and just plain doing nothing constructive with it.

Checking the boxscore, I see that Tech fumbled the ball seven times

but luckily lost only three of them. Two of the three they lost deep in Tech territory and the other mishandle was lost inside the five with the Raider offense on the verge of

scoring. Don't be afraid to say it Raiderland, because Tech just can't get big for big games at this point of

Tech had chances against Texas A&M, Kansas State and the Longhorns and now all anyone can say is,

'Well, at least Tech made it close." Sure that is nice and all, but no one cares about close. Let's get real

Now I just wonder what is going to happen to the Raiders the next two weeks. I have a hunch Tech wins on Saturday against Oklahoma State and gets crushed in two weeks on the road against Oklahoma.

So, it looks like Tech finishes at 7-5 and most likely will find themselves in Houston at the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl. Should they be proud of that?

Would you, as Tech fans, be proud

The Raiders' wins are against teams with a combined 19-36 record. Victory two, against Utah State, is the only team with a winning record, with five of their four wins being conference wins in the

Big (weak) Sky Conference.

If the Red Raiders get into the postseason, it is easy to say they worked hard for it. I'd rather just say they were just lucky to play seven cupcakes this season.

Tech is still part of the lower classmen of the Big 12 Conference. Just because all the Raiders can do is play it close against the upper classmen of the conference.

When I say that, I do think one day Tech will be part of the upper class - one day. Leach and his squad may be losing, but no doubt the Raiders are on the rise.

People need to realize these aren't Leach's recruits playing for him right

Leach's recruits are on a team that is No.1 in the nation and on the verge of a national championship.

Fans need to remember that Tech is still hurting from NCAA violations that make them short on scholarship

Wide receiver Tim Baker said on KTXT's Jock Talk on Tuesday that I never have anything nice to say about Tech football.

Question for Baker: What would you like me to say after Saturday? I can say, "Well, they tried so hard out there, and they played their hearts

But this is college football, not little league baseball when your mom says she is proud of you even though you struck out four times and made three errors at third base.

Tech fans and players need to realize that I am not like everyone else in Lubbock. I don't cater or cheerlead for the red and black. People may not believe this, but I would love to see Tech undefeated right now.

Like an athlete that should take criticism, I can't be a fan. It comes with the territory. It is my job. Sure it would be nice for Tech to win big games. Sure it would be nice if Tech was in the Top 25. But it isn't like that. I watch Tech sports just for a column idea. I watch to see cheerleaders misspell words or Leach to make a dumb play call. I watch to see Sammy Morris run all over Texas A&M or Rayford Young scoring 41 points against Kansas. I watch to write more than I watch to cheer.

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Ross out as Detroit Lions' coach

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Detroit ing blowout loss to Miami. Lions coach Bobby Ross retired Monday, a day after an embarrass-

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Moeller will take his place and was given a three-year contract. Detroit "This is all his own doing. I think

he felt that he just burned himself out physically and mentally, that he didn't have any more to give," Lions owner William Clay Ford said at a Silverdome news conference. "I think he made the right decision. ... I think it was a very wise choice."

Ross alluded to the possibility after Sunday's 23-8 loss to the Miami Dolphins, calling it "one of the most embarrassing losses I have ever

"We showed right from the start of the game that we weren't ready to play, and ultimately, that is my responsibility. I won't back down from that," Ross said Sunday. "This loss is going to very hard for me to digest.

I'm going to have to go home and reflect on some things and talk them over with my wife.'

In his fourth year with the Lions, Ross has compiled a 27-30 regularseason record, an 0-2 mark from Detroit playoff appearances in 1997 and last season. He replaced Wayne Fontes, who was fired in December

The 63-year-old Ross submitted his resignation to Ford in a letter.

"I am sorry, also, for not giving you the championship trophy you so richly deserved. Your strong support was my constant motivation throughout my time here," Ross wrote. "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches, players and support staff for their assistance. Their efforts were outstanding and most appreciated. Lastly, I would like to thank the many loyal fans of the Lions.'



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