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STATE

Death penalty vote set today in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — City officials today will vote whether to adopt a resolution calling for a moratorium on capital punishment in the state.

If approved, city officials in this border city of 600,000 said they will send the resolution to state legislators in the hope that they will pass a law to stop Texas' death penalty.

"Texas is becoming very infamous for the number of people we have executed," Councilman John Cook said in Monday's editions of the El Paso Times. Cook placed the resolution on the City Council's agenda.

Texas is the most active death penalty state in the nation.

Thirty-five inmates have been killed this year, and with three this week Texas could break its record 37 inmates executed in 1997.

Residents are expected to speak at Tuesday's meeting before the council votes on the resolution.

One of them is Myra Murillo who was shot in the head and whose son, Armando Murillo Jr., was killed in December 1991. Murillo said she is opposed to the death penalty.

"Don't kill the guy," Murillo said. "But don't let him out until he comes out in a coffin. Don't give him his freedom back."

NATIONAL

Negligence sparks drunken driver suit

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — A teen-age driver seriously injured in an accident is suing the city because a police officer failed to arrest him for drunken driving minutes before the crash.

Richard L. Garcia filed suit last week, alleging that officers who found him at a 1999 disturbance told him to drive home. He crashed his car minutes later, rupturing his aorta.

"He's got a plastic aorta now. For a (teen-ager), that's pretty wicked," attorney Wade Thompson said. Garcia and his mother, Betty Hernandez, are seeking damages exceeding \$15,000. They say Garcia's medical bills are nearing \$100,000.

City officials have declined to comment.

Police went to a home at 1:20 a.m. Feb. 9, 1999, after a man found Garcia climbing into his stepdaughter's window. Police said she apparently invited him in.

Thompson said Garcia, then 16, was obviously drunk — he stumbled, his car was parked cockeyed and numerous open beer cans were visible in the vehicle. But the officers let him drive away, he said.

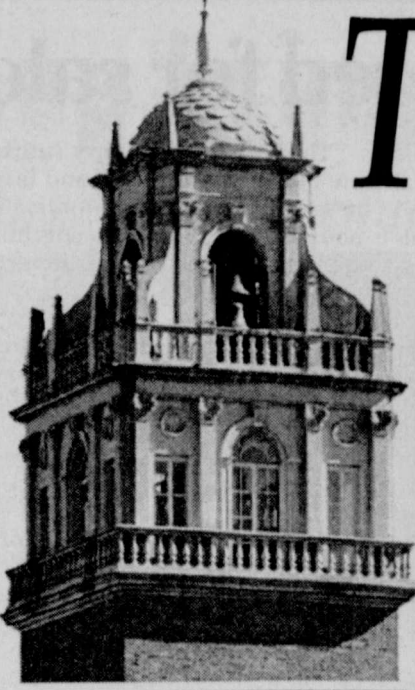
WORLD

Bear kills 7-year-old at recently built zoo

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — A bear attacked and killed a 7-year-old boy who tried to feed the animal a piece of cabbage through its cage at the city zoo, a police official said Monday.

The death occurred Saturday when a zoo keeper let the boy and three other children wander unsupervised around the newly built zoo, which had not yet officially opened, a police spokesman said.

The bear swiped at the boy and knocked him down when the child stepped too close, according to a local newspaper, Evening Bishkek. The animal then dragged the boy partly into its cage and killed him, the newspaper said.



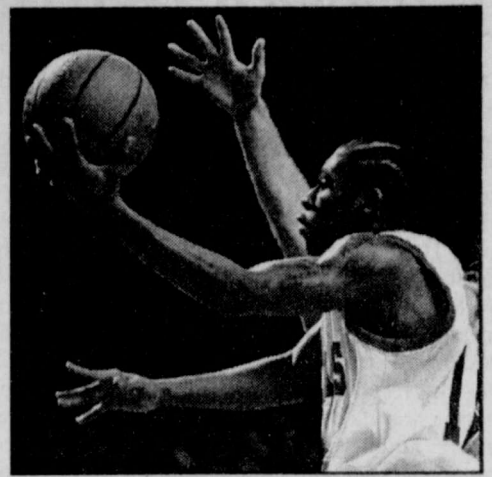
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Leach warns Kentucky publication

By Patrick Gonzales and Jeff Lehr Staff Writers



Leach

A Texas Tech professor said Monday that a lawsuit that Tech head coach Mike Leach intends to file against a Kentucky reporter would have little chance to be upheld in court.

Michael Parkinson, a mass communications law professor, said because Leach is a public figure, he would have a hard time proving malicious intent against Dave Baker, a writer for The Cats

Pause, a Lexington, Ky., based magazine.

Leach has threatened to bring a lawsuit against Baker for an article that the first-year Red Raider coach considers to be defaming, libelous and malicious, according to documents obtained by local media.

With the aid of Lubbock lawyers

Floyd Holder and George Thompson, Leach sent a certified letter, dated Friday, informing Baker of his intent to sue unless a retraction is published.

"In terms of defamation, (Leach) will have to demonstrate malice," Parkinson said.

According to the legal document, Leach is accusing the sports writer of trying "to 1.) defame; 2.) interfere with the contractual relation of Mike Leach; and 3.) interfere with Mike Leach's ability to successfully perform his job."

The Cats' Pause is an independent magazine that covers the University of Kentucky football team, where Leach served as the offensive coordinator in 1997 and 1998.

Parkinson also said the wording of the article would help in Baker's defense, since the facts obtained from the article seem to come from another source.

The article in question states, "sources tell me that Mike Leach is already experiencing some problems in his first season as head coach at Texas Tech. Reportedly,

Leach and his president (David Schmidly) haven't been seeing eye to eye. Hard as it may seem to believe, it may be over for Leach after just one year."

Leach said Monday at his weekly press conference that all of Baker's allegations were false, describing the incident as surprising.

Schmidly is out of town until Wednesday and could not be reached for comment but told local media on Sunday that the article is

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Ivy school grad touts viewpoint

Author of economics texts compares Bush and Gore, along with other national issues.

By Brain Walzel Staff Writer

Several Texas Tech economics students had what some people might consider a rare opportunity Monday to hear the views of the author of their textbook first-hand.

Gregory Mankiw, an economics professor at Harvard University, presented a lecture billed as "Economic Challenges Facing the New President." Mankiw walked an economic balance beam in the Chemistry building as he discussed five issues that either Al Gore or George W. Bush face during their upcoming tenure as president.

Issues concerning income tax, state taxes, Social Security, school reform and anti-trust policies were the main topics Mankiw addressed. Both Bush's and Gore's ideas and opinions were given concerning each topic, but Mankiw said he believes "both are mainstream, both are reasonable," concerning which policies make more sense.

Mankiw also said he thinks the solution to the Social Security problem is lower benefits and higher taxes. But Mankiw said, neither the ideas of Bush or Gore present either as a solution.

However, he does believe that while both offer different visions when it comes to economic policies, neither are extremists.

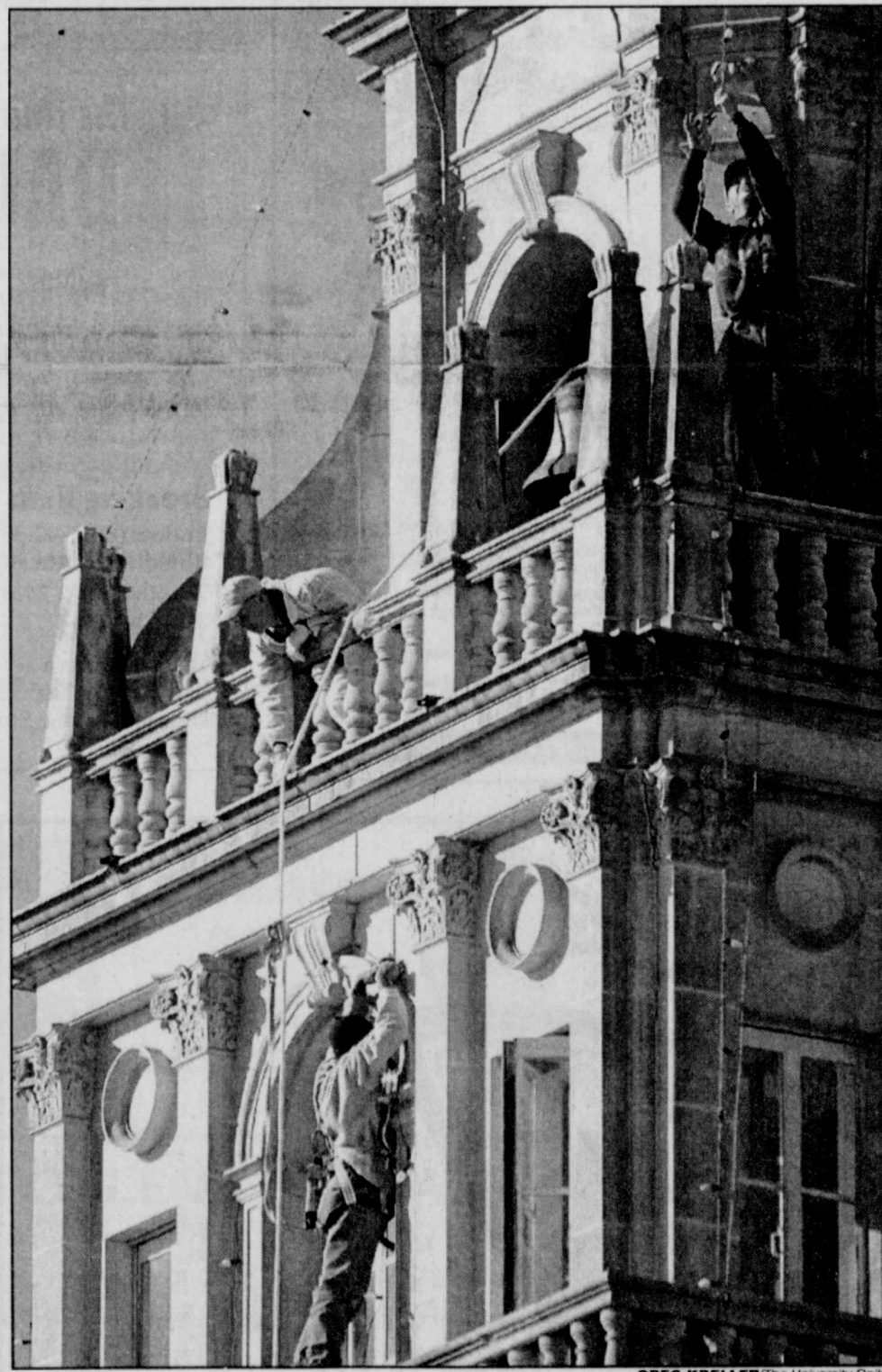
"Bush is more private, Gore offers more public solutions to problems," Mankiw said.

While discussing anti-trust policies, Mankiw said he believes that government's biggest role is the Microsoft case.

The Microsoft case "would never had

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Getting in the spirit



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Grounds maintenance crew members decorate the Texas Tech Administration building Monday afternoon in preparation for the Carol of Lights. The annual Christmas event will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 1.

Uncertain MMR lists force delay

Students continue to receive holds on records due to lack of accurate shot backgrounds.

By Linda Robertson Staff Writer

About 2,000 students will find a hold on their records this week, making them unable to register for classes until they are immunized for measles, mumps and rubella.

Dee Jackson, administrative director of Student Health Services, said about 1,800 of those students are freshmen.

According to the Student Health Services Web site, www.ttu.edu/~ttushs, the university requires that all students born after Dec. 31, 1956, provide proof of two MMR immunizations in their lifetime. The first immunization must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second immunization must have been received on or after the 12th birthday.

Students must meet this requirement by providing documentation of immunization or by receiving the immunization from Student Health Services by the fifth week of their first semester of enrollment.

Jackson said the immunizations have been required by the Center for Disease Control and by the State Board of Health since 1993, after a major measles outbreak on several college campuses.

She said some students might have only received a measles vaccination instead of the triple vaccine, which also includes vaccinations for rubella and mumps. Jackson said the reason for using the triple vaccine is to prevent mumps, which can cause sterility when caught as an adult.

"We try to reach students when they first apply to Tech, during freshman orientation, and we send letters about every month until we get documentation from the student," Jackson said. "We get most of them when they find the hold on their records when

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Judge rejects GOP bid to halt Florida ballot recount

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge on Monday allowed hand recounts to proceed in Florida's closely contested presidential election, handing a legal victory to Al Gore and a setback to George W. Bush. Republicans said a decision would be made swiftly about an appeal.

"A federal court has a very limited role and should not intervene," U.S. District Judge Donald Middlebrooks ruled in Miami after rejecting a GOP lawsuit calling for a halt to the Democratic-requested recounts under way or planned in scattered counties.

"While I share a desire for finality, I do not believe it is served" by issuing the order sought by Bush's lawyers, he added.

The ruling came shortly after Florida's top election official, Secretary of State Katherine Harris, said she would require all counties to submit their vote totals by Tuesday at 5 p.m., a deadline she said was fixed in state law.

Democrats suggested she was motivated by her Republican affiliation, and her effort to meet the deadline was thrown into doubt by the legal maneuvering in at least two courtrooms

Election 2000 BUSH vs GORE

around the state.

The winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes stands to gain an Electoral College majority and become the nation's 43rd president. Bush has a 388-vote lead in an unofficial tally by the AP, but Middlebrooks' ruling clears the way, temporarily at least, for either side to seek additional hand recounts that could affect the count.

Speaking from the bench, Middlebrooks said the procedures for manual recounts appear to be politically neutral. Republicans had argued that a manual recount in just a handful

of counties selected by the Democrats — rather than all 67 — would dilute the vote of people elsewhere in the state.

He said he considered that a serious argument but insufficient to warrant intervention.

Earlier, Middlebrooks, an appointee of President Clinton, had signaled clearly he understood the gravity of the case before him and the likelihood his decision would be appealed.

"I am not under an illusion I am the last word on this, and I am rather grateful for that," he said.

Theodore Olson, attorney for the Bush camp, said of the ruling: "Yes we're disappointed, but it's not a surprise." He said a decision on appealing was being considered.

A separate hearing was held in Volusia County in a crowded state courtroom. The Democratic-controlled canvassing board there filed suit seeking permission to work beyond Harris' deadline, if necessary to complete its hand recount.

She said the recount should be finished by 5 p.m. Tuesday with a winner certified by Saturday, after an unknown number of overseas absentee ballots are rolled into the totals.

Internet domain address alternatives offered for sale

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — With some 20 million .com addresses now registered, any moderately easy-to-remember Internet name is apt to be claimed by now.

So why not try something more exotic? There's .tv from the Pacific island of Tuvalu, .to from Tonga, and .cc from the Cocos Islands. Or how about .md from the former Soviet republic of Moldova or .tm from Turkmenistan?

As the Internet's oversight body meets in Marina del Rey this week to consider adding new suffixes to the current selection, some small nations have already cashed in on their digital assets.

They are selling their surplus addresses in deals that have netted them millions of dollars — enough to pay for schools, medical care, even free or

subsidized Internet access via satellite to islands that cables cannot reach.

For some countries, Internet domain names have proved more lucrative than coconuts or vanilla.

"This is the 21st century, and they are now exporting bits and bytes," said David W. Manly, chief executive of .Nu Domain Ltd., which registers .nu on behalf of the Pacific island of Niue.

In all, 244 suffixes have been assigned regionally to countries and territories around the world.

Some country-code promoters believe that the addition of new suffixes, while creating more competition for them, will highlight the existence of alternatives.

"People are just becoming aware of the alternatives," said James Ross, vice president for business affairs at dotTV,

which is paying Tuvalu \$50 million over 10 years for the marketing rights to .tv.

At its annual meeting, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers is likely to se-

lect a few new suffixes later this week. They will be so-called global suffixes similar to .com, .net and .org, and most of them will be available to anyone willing to pay a registration fee.

The two-letter country suffixes are meant for residents and businesses in a particular country. No one has stopped governments from allowing them to become unofficial global suffixes.

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been brought if we'd had a Republican in the White House," Mankiw said. He also touched on health care issues and campaign finance reform matters. A former John McCain staff worker, Mankiw said he thinks that full disclosure of contributors to the campaign on the party's Web site is one way to address campaign finance. He said the current economic prosperity is because of the "productivity explosion" and good monetary policies.

About 100 students and teachers attended the hour and a half lecture. Guillermo Covarrubias, a graduate economics major and teacher from Mexico City, said he thinks Mankiw brought up issues that are very relevant.

"It was clear that Mankiw was careful not to show partisanship toward either candidate," Covarrubias said. However, he said the speaker was "a little on the Bush side."

He may have been right. "Any candidate I support loses," Mankiw said. "So I guess Gore will be our next president. I voted for Bush."

Mankiw is author of several economic textbooks, including "Principles of Microeconomics, Second Edition." He has written several articles published in *The New York Times*, *Fortune* magazine and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Mankiw enjoys both lecturing and writing. "I like to do both. I enjoy talking to groups and thinking and writing," Mankiw said.

LAWSUIT

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a "complete, total, 100 percent, fabricated lie."

Leach demands action be taken and promises to hold accountable the parties involved in publishing any printed falsehoods about him.

"I've never had any problem with this sort of thing," said Leach, who has amassed a 7-4 record in his inaugural year with the Raiders. "I want to make it clear that if anybody prints falsehoods about me, the team or the university, there is going to be a price to pay. Then I want to prove that all allegations are false."

Baker could not be reached for comment Monday, but told media on Sunday that he was unaware of

the legal actions. He also declined to reveal his source, but said it was not anyone employed by Tech or Kentucky.

Holder said Baker had not responded to the certified letter as of Monday afternoon, but emphasized that a fair opportunity to retract the statement has been given.

"I would say that you give a man a chance to respond, and if he doesn't respond, you get after it," he said.

Holder said no timeline for the retraction has been set, but he hopes the matter will be resolved soon.

Leach said he has no idea who Bakers' source is but sarcastically told reporters to "Let me know when you find out."

He added, "When we find out

who his little source is, he will also receive a letter."

Despite being clueless on who would bring up such allegations, Leach said he thought the falsehoods were associated with recruiting.

Leach served as offensive coordinator for the Wildcats under head coach Hal Mumme. Both Tech and Kentucky's squads run a similar pass-oriented offense.

There is one common high school standout that both the Red Raiders and Wildcats are recruiting, in receiver Brandon Jones, from Texarkana Liberty-Eylau High School.

"I think it is recruiting-related and this type of thing can definitely affect the recruiting process," Leach said.

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they try to register."

Dr. Kelly Bennett, the medical director for Student Health Services, said while measles are not generally fatal to adults, the effects of the illness can be devastating.

"Measles can cause blindness, hearing loss, seizures and (brain diseases) that can result in brain damage," she said. "Worst of all, there is no means of treating measles except

to care for the symptoms, which are high fever, sore throat, a rash, runny nose and a cough."

Students may make appointments at the Student Health Services for the vaccine, which costs \$5, go to their own private physician for the vaccine or go to the city health department at 19th Street and Texas Avenue for the vaccine. Documentation stating a student has received the vaccine must be taken to the Student Health Services office located in Thompson Hall.

TechNotes!

■ **Gamma Beta Phi** will meet at 6 p.m. today in 266 Business Administration and at 4 p.m. Wednesday in 352 BA. For more information, contact Kimberly Warminski at 745-3107.

■ **Drowsy Driving Day** is at 1 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Courtyard. For more information,

contact the Student Government Association at 742-3631.

■ **The Department of Biological Sciences** presents a public lecture on sharks at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the biology lecture hall, 100 Biology. For more information, contact Mark McGinley at 742-2723.

■ **ATTENTION COMMUTERS:** Be-

cause of the Jones SBC Stadium renovations project, a portion of Lubbock Municipal Auditorium/Coliseum parking lot (C1) is closed until further notice. Please allow additional time to find parking. The parking lots west of United Spirit Arena across Indiana Avenue offer plenty of available spaces.

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Rock group brings culture to UC

Celtic music, intoxicating performances highlights evening's events

From staff reports

You will be on your feet and dancing in the aisles when Grand Dérangement performs their high-energy cultural rock. As part of the Nightlife series, the Texas Tech Student Activities Board will present the highly innovative group Grand Dérangement.

Much of the appeal of Grand Dérangement comes from their visually stimulating performances. The use of elaborate costumes and traditional Acadian dancers elevates this musical performance into a dramatic, theatrical experience. These elements also emphasize the many cultural themes that make this unique group appealing.

Grand Dérangement, a four-piece band accompanied by three dancers, performs music that fuses Celtic, Acadian and Cajun folk influences with modern rock and jazz styles.

This combination creates a sound that is refreshingly different and highly intoxicating.

The Acadians were a group of French settlers that inhabited a colony that covered much of the North American coast from Quebec to Maine.

These settlers resided here from 1605 until 1755 when the British expelled them from their colony for not pledging loyalty to their country.

The Acadian, Cajun, and



Grand Dérangement performs during one of their high-energy shows. The cultural rock group is set to perform tonight in the UC Allen Theatre as part of the Nightlife series.

Celtic cultures that are represented in the music of the group Grand Dérangement not only represents a blending of beautiful art forms, but a quickly disappearing history.

The members of Grand

Dérangement as well as other Acadian artists hope that by bringing their culture to audiences of today, they might somehow preserve a heritage that is in danger of being forgotten.

The Student Activities Board

looks forward to presenting the music and drama of Grand Dérangement at 8 p.m. today in the UC Allen Theatre.

Student tickets are only \$6. For more information please call the UC ticket booth at 742-3610.

Covenant kicks off coat drive

Covenant Health System's annual "Give a Coat, Share the Warmth" drive kicked off Monday. All Covenant Health Care locations, as well as nine dry cleaners, will gather coats around town at several drop-off locations until Dec. 8.

Coats, windbreakers, jackets and sweaters of all sizes can be donated. All sizes are needed, especially children's sizes. The items will be cleaned and distributed free of charge through several community agencies to needy people across the Lubbock area.

Drop-off locations include the Covenant Medical Center valet parking counter; Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside's Public Relations and Planning Office; Covenant Family Healthcare Centers, 6502 Slide Road and 416 Frankfurt Ave., and Covenant SurgiCenter, 2301 Quaker Ave. Other drop-off sites are Health

Plus, 7601 Quaker Ave.; Lubbock Diagnostic Clinic, 3506 21st St., Suite 100; Covenant Medical Group's business office, 2107 Oxford Ave.; and the office of Dr. Diane McIntire, 3606 21st St., Suite 107.

Participating dry cleaners drop-off locations include American Cleaners, 2904 50th St., all Briteway Cleaners locations, Comet Cleaners' on 82nd Street and Quaker Avenue and its 60th Street and Slide Road location, all Gristy Cleaners locations, Holder's Cleaners, 3410 Frankford Ave., Mahon Cleaners, 4902 Knoxville Ave., all Master Cleaners locations, Spic and Span Cleaners, 2109 50th St., and Plaza Cleaners, 2707 26th St.

For more information about drop-off times, contact the individual businesses or Rose Hoeve, Healthy Communities Specialist for CMC at 725-6074.

ABC fires radio talk show host Matt Drudge

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC Radio has dropped Internet gossip columnist Matt Drudge's syndicated talk show.

Drudge said he believed his show was canceled as punishment for reporting on ABC's activities. A network spokeswoman denied

the accusation. "I guess I was a bad Mouseketeer," Drudge told *The Associated Press* on Monday, a reference to ABC's parent Walt Disney Co.

His dismissal was reported in Monday's edition of *The Washington Post*.

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Your View

Today's question:
Do you think that the manual recount in Florida will change the election results?



James Go
freshman
undecided major
from El Paso

"It might not. I am not really sure. I really haven't kept up with it. I don't really care who wins the election."



Ben Hargrove
freshman
mechanical engineering
technology major
from Georgetown

"I think that it might make a difference because it is a close race, but the whole thing seems pretty excessive. It may make a difference, but it shouldn't be done. It should be over quicker."



Rosalynn Manor
senior
electrical engineering major
from Austin

"I don't think it should. They should leave it to the Electoral College to decide. They should have just left it."



Chris McMaster
junior
physical therapy major
from Decatur

"No, I don't really think so, but it has varied so much I really don't know. I don't know how you can really be sure of the outcome since it has already changed so much. You just really can't be sure."



Amanda Szczepkowski
junior biology major
from Kaufman

"I don't think so. I really think that it will stay the same. I think as far as the manual recount, they are making it out to more than it really is. It will turn out to be Bush in the end."



Rachel Thomas
junior electrical engineering major
from Africa

"Yes, I think it will. I feel like they messed up on the count, and there were some ballot problems. I think Gore has Florida."

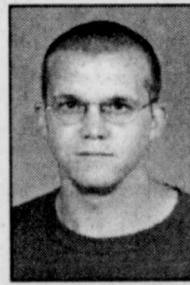
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Column

Self-pity serves no purpose

If there is one phrase in this world that upsets my mellow disposition, it's, "I have bad self-esteem." I'm not sure where this pitiful excuse for a coherent thought originated. My guess is that it came from someone like Oprah Winfrey, Rosie O'Donnell or any one of the other whining, talking heads of feel-good afternoon television that would not know how to complete a rational thought if their lives depended on it.



Joe Colley

Bad self-esteem is just another extension of the rampant victimization that we are told to believe in throughout America. It is not that I believe that there are no victims. I actually think it's quite the opposite. I believe that we are all victims. Every one of us is tied down in some form or fashion. None of us are perfect, especially according to the prototypical television characters, celebrities, or models in Cosmopolitan and Maxim magazines that we are taught to emulate. Those perfect people are actually the biggest victims of all, since they would not know true beauty if it hit them in the face. It is disgusting that the people we are supposed to look up to have the roots of their lives embedded in money, materialism, narrow-mindedness and superficiality.

Because so much of life revolves around who we are supposed to be rather than who we are, we sell ourselves short by crying about how we do not have it as good as the next person. The problem with looking at external entities and using them as a means to better ourselves is that the world is not always a pretty place. The larger forces attempt to give the world an appearance of such by constantly showing meaningless, politically correct stories down our throats, but these episodes, which come in the form of news, movies, television shows, and theories, political

and otherwise, all avoid what is true, real and, therefore, beautiful.

People are beautiful, and this world could be beautiful if we would venture to look beyond what is handed to us and search within ourselves to find the value of life.

Some people feel they have an obligation to make the world a better place, yet they never stop to ask themselves what it would take to open the worth of human life to its full potential. They do not see that life is not something to chase and look forward to; it's something to grasp, and every living, breathing, conscious individual is capable of opening his or her heart and soul to the life one needs to have a fulfilling existence.

I do not know why we were placed on this Earth, but I seriously doubt it was to feel sorry for ourselves. We can feel good about who we are anytime we want to. If we are not comfortable with who we are, then we are wasting precious time. Why not be more satisfied when it comes time for life to end?

Every person at some point in life will get made fun of for whatever reason. It might be that they are too fat, too stupid, too ugly, or maybe they just do not fit in. It is so inevitable that it has, and always will be, a part of living on this screwed up planet.

You can deal with this in two different ways. You can climb under a rock to shelter yourself from the evil that comes with what is good in this world while you peek your head out occasionally to let everyone know that you have bad self-esteem. Maybe Oprah will feel sorry for you. The better route to finding the beauty of life is to dedicate yourself to something you love. When you find the worth in what you love, you will find and experience the value of your own life. Life is not everything that is around you; it is everything that is within you, and all you have to do is wake up and recognize it.

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

Letters to the Editor

Former senator talks back

To the editor: I am writing this letter to express my displeasure with the vitriol that your paper has unjustly pursued the Student Senate.

As a former senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, I have taken offense to your blatant oversimplification and lack of understanding of the problems that our Senate faces this year.

Reading your articles, one is led to believe the Student Senate is nothing more than a collection of uncaring cretins who ran for the position only to build their resumes. It is the executive branch of this organization of uncaring cretins that your paper almost wholeheartedly endorsed during last spring's elections. Indeed you praised the Senate for its progressive reforms in adapting an online election format.

All this aside, the Student Senate is one of the most hardworking organizations on campus. The budget and finance committee spends all of spring and a sizable chunk of the fall preparing the budget for the student organizations that the Senate represents.

Budget sessions often run into the odd hours of the night, attending to the needs of campus' many varied

organizations. I realize many of you already know this, but it is important to remember that all senators are placed on committees and required to attend meetings in addition to just "two days a month."

The Senate also organizes and participates in a plethora of community service activities. This is a far cry from the "two days a month" mentioned in your Nov. 6 editorial. The fact of the matter is that being a senator is a full-time job.

Although I cannot speak for this session of the Senate with the utmost certainty, I can say that the majority of senators probably spend countless more hours than "two meetings a month" in fulfilling their duties of office.

On the subject of absences, I, myself, was forced to miss one or two meetings. It was not because I was loath to do my job but because of extenuating personal circumstances (in my case, a car wreck and an ill relative).

In order to miss a meeting, senators are required to document their reasons. This is a confidential process that would function much better without any assistance from The University Daily. I hope the reader will forgive my fervency on this issue. I merely resent the disparagement of an organization for which I was proud to have been a part.

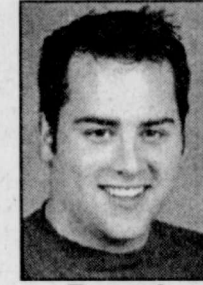
Andrew Segar
former senator
College of Arts and Sciences

Column

Monument, holiday evoke patriotism

WASHINGTON, D.C. — They walked slowly. In a somber silence, their solemn eyes glanced hypnotically at the engraved names as their stares were transfixed on the monument that brought back memories of controversy and pain in intrusive, rushing waves on the day set aside for their glory.

One of the most amazing, awe-inspiring sights our nation has to show the world is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Situated near the Washington Monument's reflecting pool, the v-shaped, black granite memorial has engraved upon its face the names of more than 58,000 American soldiers who were missing or killed during the Vietnam War.



Brandon Formby

On any given day, it is a sight to see. On Veteran's Day, it is an experience that moves: Add to this the event of the ground breaking for the new monument to honor World War II veterans, and you find yourself immersed in a rich history of honor, disruption, glory and wonder that always has and always will be woven through the fabric of the United States of America.

I had seen it before—the wall with its seemingly eternal list of fallen Americans' names. But to see it on Veterans' Day, the day we are to honor these fallen soldiers and their surviving comrades, was, to say the least, a completely unexplainable experience.

Thousands were gathered at the wall. Shuffling past its reflecting granite face, looking at the names, as others searched for specific names. Many came to honor the men and women they fought with during the Vietnam conflict. To remember. To recall. And, inescapably, to relive.

The veterans walked by the wall slowly, many looking at every name. It was as if they were somehow trying to burn into their memory each granite etching, as to not ever forget any of them. Their eyes seemed to retreat from the rest of their bodies—seemed to retire to a place that none of us could ever imagine. Flashes of the past seemed to creep upon their faces. Some cried. Others didn't allow their bodies to move one single muscle. And all the while, everyone was silent.

There were flowers and letters lying next to the wall. Many had left pictures of soldiers before the final battles, before the wheelchairs, before the bullets, before the homecoming parades.

There were pictures of the soldiers in their units, with green uniforms and big grins. Some were smoking, others drinking. They had their arms around each other. These didn't look like pictures from wars in foreign countries. They looked like backyard barbecue reminders.

But, then again, if it weren't for the hats and vests and shirts and pins, the veterans at the wall on this day wouldn't have looked like men who had survived a war. They would have almost looked just like anyone else.

All I could do was stand in awe at them—at what they did for us then, regardless of the controversies and domestic arguments, and of what they were doing now, returning to a place that must dredge up their worst nightmares and most patriotic endeavors.

All I could do was stare. I guess I never really even paid attention to the wall. I didn't have to. I was looking in the faces of the people who were there; who came close to being a name on that wall. All I could do was be thankful that there were people such as they. And then I realized something.

Just as they were telling stories with their eyes, so, too, were those of us watching them. Our eyes, filled with reserved amounts of wonder and large doses of pride and appreciation, were reflecting our inner thoughts. And I realized just as there is no way anyone but those soldiers could ever know what the sacrifices of war do to a soul, no one but those of us who did not fight could ever know how much patriotism, appreciation, wonder and respect swells in the heart at the sight of a veteran studying that wall.

Marcel Marceau once said, "Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?"

The answer is yes, which is why silence blanketed the thousands of people at the wall that day—both the soldiers who sacrificed so much and the common citizens they sacrificed it for.

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Raider basketball opens with win

By Jeff Keller
Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball squad jumped out to a 23-point half-time lead and weathered a second-half comeback attempt to claim a 77-60 victory over California All-Stars Monday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech lost the opening tip-off but that was about all that did not go the Red Raiders' way in the opening stanza, as the Red Raiders outshot their opponents 44 percent to 37 percent from the floor.

The Red Raiders were led in scoring in the first period by two players that Tech fans had not seen on the court together in two years.

Senior forward Cliff Owens and junior center Andy Ellis each collected 12 points in the first half with Ellis grabbing seven rebounds to Owens' six boards.

Ellis had not played since dislocating his left shoulder in Tech's 14th game last season. He also suffered a broken bone in his right wrist six weeks ago.

Ellis finished the contest as Tech's second leading scorer with 18 points going 9-of-19 from the floor.

Ellis said his shooting was a little

rusty but his wrist did not give him any problems.

"My hand felt real good. I just didn't shoot the ball as well as I would have liked to," Ellis said.

"That's just a little rust from being off for so long. I've just got to get back in the gym and work on my shot a little bit and try and help the team win games."

Owens was the leading scorer in the contest finishing the game with 19 points. He sat out all of last season with an ankle injury and said he needs to get in better condition before he regains his form from the 1998-99 campaign.

"I definitely think I've got a little ways to go as far as conditioning," Owens said. "I'll get there. I know with some more work in practice and when I get a few more games under my belt, I'll be right back where I was."

Freshman guard Jamal Brown chipped in six points in the first half to help the Raiders claim a 49-26 lead at the break.

In the second half, Tech took three minutes and 11 seconds to put their first points of the stanza on the board.

The Red Raiders shot just 32 percent from the floor in the second pe-

riod, and the California All-Stars were able to pull within 14 points at 72-58 with 2:04 remaining in the game. But Tech was able to hold off the comeback attempt and win their opening exhibition contest of the season.

Freshman guard Andre Emmett led all Tech newcomers in scoring as he tallied 13 points in the contest. He favored the long ball in the contest as he went 3-of-5 from behind the three-point arc.

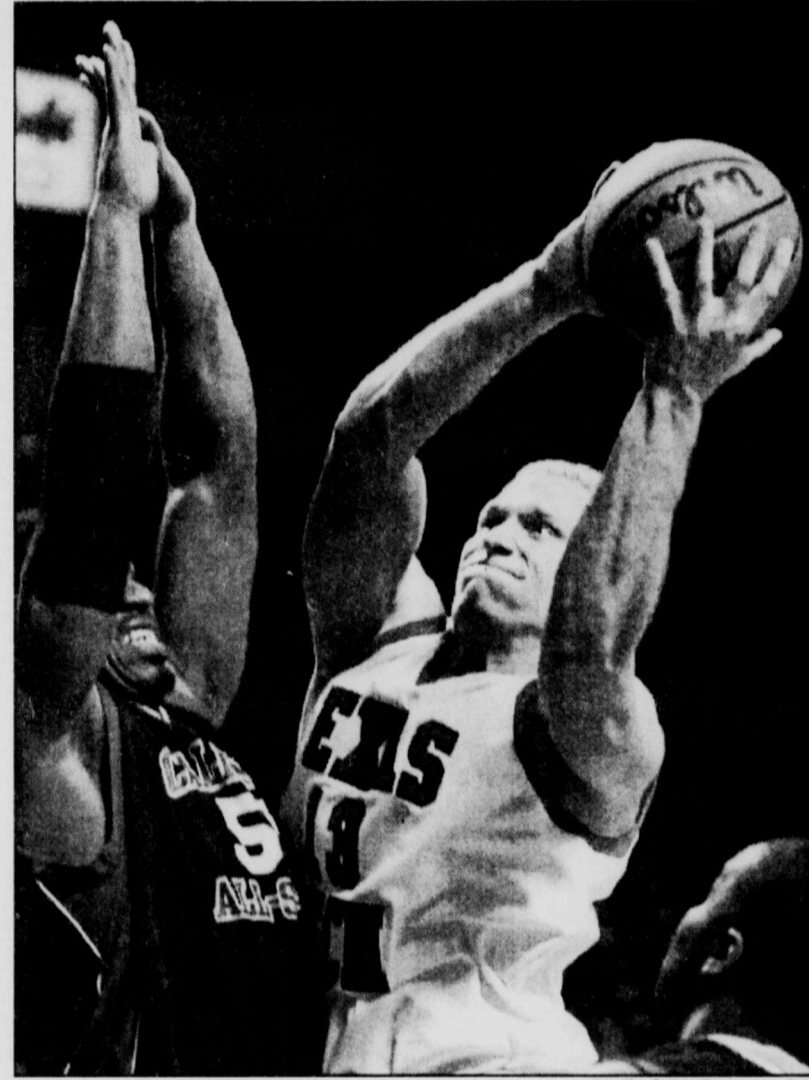
Emmett said he was nervous in his first contest as a Red Raider but was able to calm down with the help of the coaches and veteran players.

"I was a little nervous," Emmett said. "But I had coach (James) Dickey and our leaders Cliff and Andy telling me to relax. After that, I just played ball."

Nine Red Raiders broke into the scoring column in the contest and Tech coach James Dickey said he was pleased with the talent and depth his bench players displayed.

"We've got some numbers who can play," Dickey said. "That's impressive and it gives us depth, and we obviously have more talent."

Tech will next face Athletes First at 7 p.m. Thursday in the United Spirit Arena.



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily
Texas Tech forward Cliff Owens goes up for two in the Red Raiders' 77-60 win over California All-Stars on Monday at the United Spirit Arena. Owens led the Red Raiders in scoring in the contest tallying a game high 19 points. The Red Raiders will have one more exhibition contest before opening their regular season against Prairie View A&M at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at the United Spirit Arena.

Aikman back to old form

IRVING (AP)—Troy Aikman felt a little stiff and was a bit wary of how he'd feel Monday morning.

But for four quarters on Sunday, Aikman did just fine, completing 24-of-37 passes for 308 yards and a touchdown to lead the Dallas Cowboys to a 23-6 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

In throwing for his most yards since the 1999 opener, Aikman showed no signs of the back problem that kept him out of last week's game and forced him to endure a second series of pain-relieving injections.

"I felt if I didn't get hit, I'd be OK," Aikman said, adding that he wasn't concerned about the cold, wet conditions. "I moved around better than I thought I would. Now the key is to see how it reacts after playing on AstroTurf and cooling down."

Aikman made it clear from the start that this was going to be his day, even though it was his first outing without Joey Galloway or Raghieb Ismail, the two opening day receivers both out with knee injuries.

Aikman completed 12 of his first 13 attempts, the only misfire a highly catchable pass to James McKnight. All nine Dallas drives either ended in points or with the Cowboys in position to score. They did not punt.

"We all know Troy is compromised with his back right now," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.



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