First noncommercial DNA lab set to open

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County medical examiner's office soon will have a new weapon in its efforts to help solve murders and identify bodies.

A state-of-the-art mitochondrial DNA laboratory, set to open April 18, will greatly increase the chances that useful data can be gleaned from old or badly decayed biological samples.

Harris County's lab will be the first such noncommercial facility in Texas and one of only a few in the nation, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Its staff has been trained by the FBI, whose own mitochondrial DNA lab has performed 300 of the sophisticated tests since opening

While equipping and staffing the new laboratory was costly the \$600,000 price tag was paid with grants - it likely will become an important investigative asset in southeast Texas and around the state, said local lab director and chief toxicologist Ashraf Mozayani.

M NATIONAL

Midwest preparing for possible floods

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — National Guard soldiers helped pile sandbags Sunday as rivers fed by melting snow and rain rose quickly in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The focus of attention Sunday northward between North Dakota and Minnesota and caused devastating flooding four years ago in Grand Forks, N.D.

Guard soldiers helped with security, rescues and evacuations at Breckenridge, Minn., where the river was at 16 feet and expected to crest at 19 feet during the middle of the week. Flood stage is 10 feet but the city is protected by a system of dikes and pumps.

South of Breckenridge, guardsmen stacked sandbags at the tiny town of Dumont, as the Lake Traverse reservoir rose toward the town.

"What I am hearing is that the effort really saved the town," said National Guard Lt. Col. Denny Shields.

WORLD

Voters set to choose president, Congress

LIMA, Peru (AP) - A U.S. trained economist with Indian roots led a crowded field into elections Sunday in Peru, where voters weary from corruption scandals were picking a successor to disgraced former President Alberto Fujimori and choosing a new Congress.

The economist, Alejandro Toledo, finished second to Fujimori in elections last year but ended up boycotting a fraudulent election runoff against the autocratic leader. This time around, with Fujimori having fled Peru amid mounting corruption scandals, Toledo, 55, is the leading candidate.

He faced his strongest challenge from Lourdes Flores, a conservative former congresswoman, and Alan Garcia, a discredited ex-president returned from exile. No one was expected to win 50 percent of the vote Sunday, meaning a runoff will be needed in late May or early June between the top two of

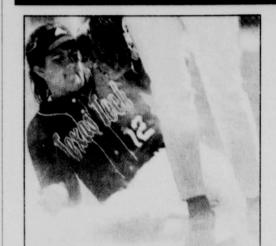
the eight candidates in the race. The election is Peru's first since the ouster of Fujimori, Peru's ironfisted ruler of more than a decade.

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Community service



Alyssa Young, a senior occupational therapy major from Lafayette, La.; Ryan Grant, a sophomore interior design major from Austin; and Shane Harris, a senior architecture major from Mansville, clean flower beds at the Lubbock State School on Saturday afternoon during Tech-Lubbock Community Day.

Showing a little TLC

Red Raider Greeks finish honorary week by cleaning up local parks

By Christi Davidson

Texas Tech Greek members gathered at different parks around the Lubbock community Saturday to participate in Greek Week's

The clean up was the last of the week's events, which wrapped up the inaugural Greek Week.

Following the park clean up, winners of the week's events were announced based on a point system that included placing in events, spirit, number of members in

Crystal Frame, a senior political science major from

Booker, serves crawfish to a spectator Saturday

afternoon at the Tau Kappa Epsilon Crawfish Festival

attendance and participation.

Sigma Phi Epsilon placed first in the fraternity division, while Kappa Alpha Theta placed first in the sorority division. Sigma Phi Epsilon won the overall division of all Greek participants.

Amy Bynum, a senior marketing major from Ardmore, Okla., and president of the Panhellenic Council, was one of the planners of the festival. She said the event, which was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic, was an overall success with all sororities and fraternities.

'It was a huge success," she said. "It

was better than we ever expected."

Bynum said since this was the first year for Greek Week, some people did not expect it to have such a great turnout.

"Greek Week 2001 was a major benchmark year," she said. "It set a tradition at Texas Tech that it will be here for a long time.

The end result of Greek Week, Bynum said, was a joining of all fraternities and sororities on Greek Circle.

"Through this, we found Greek unity, and that's something we need right now,"

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Chinese standoff thickens

■ U.S. officials stress that a quick resolve is vital toward keeping healthy relations with Chinese.

WASHINGTON (AP) - As the standoff over the detained crew of a downed American spy plane entered its second week, top Bush administration officials said Sunday a quick resolution was crucial to avoid further straining U.S.-China relations.

Continued delay in sending the 24 Americans homes could have repercussions on Capitol Hill, said members of Congress, citing a possible trade fight later this year and an upcoming decision on U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan.

The administration refused again to apologize for the collision between a Chinese fighter jet and the U.S. plane, which was forced to make an emergency landing on an island in southern China. The Chinese jet and its pilot are missing. Over the weekend, the Chinese military took a tough stance on who was to blame.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States was "sorry" about the pilot's fate as he used a word the administration has generally avoided. But he emphasized the United States should not and will not apologize for the collision of the planes.

Both Powell, Vice President Dick Cheney and the president's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said an extended standoff threatened to make it harder to repair relations between the two countries.

"I don't want to put a timetable on it, every day that goes by without having it resolved raises the risks to the long-term relationship," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Administration officials were careful to avoid spelling out specific consequences of further delay.

Shifting from a diplomatic to personal level, the White House said the president was answering the missing pilot's distraught wife, who had written Bush and accused his administration of being "too cowardly" to offer an apology.

The purpose of the letter is to respond in a hu:nanitarian way, in an American way, to a widow who is grieving," Powell said on "Fox News Sunday. "Whatever you think about the politics of it, she's lost her husband.'

'We have expressed regrets, we've expressed our sorrow, and we are sorry that a life was lost," Powell said, referring to the missing pilot.

In comparison, he offered this explanation for the U.S. position on an apology to Beijing for the collision: "The question of apology is something quite different, because then we are being asked to accept responsibility. And that we have not done, can't do, and therefore won't apologize for

Crawfish traditions boil up excitement

By Greg Okuhara

A light breeze helped the aroma of boiled crawfish and the sounds of live music permeate through the air Saturday during the 12th annual Tau Kappa Epsilon Crawfish Festival.

Texas Tech students flocked by the thousands to The Big Backyard to soak in the sun, pinch some tails, suck some heads and relax in the spring weather.

Michael Tomes, co-chairman for the festival, said he was pleased with the event's turnout, with some proceeds going toward TKE's philanthropy.

"The TKE Crawfish Festival is the largest outdoor festival recognized by Texas Tech," said Tomes, a junior public relations major from Kingwood. "It's great that we have this excellent event that benefits Special Olympics Texas."

Temperatures were in the mid-80s for most of the day and the sky remained cloudless as an estimated 4,000 people were in attendance. Students were pleased with the weather. but some had complaints about being charged for the crawfish.

'We came out to eat some crawfish

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at The Big Back Yard. Aggieland expands to offer hip-hop culture course

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - The course about hip-hop culture is Texas A&M University.

But English professor Finnie Coleman has taken his love of the musical genre and transformed it into a course that debuted this spring and is made up of one of the most ethnically diverse classrooms at A&M, where the majority of students and faculty have

been white. A class on this topic is a rarity on U.S. college campuses.

Coleman teaches about the hislast place one might expect a tory and artists of the genre, which incorporates such musical styles as rap, soul, reggae, house and spoken word. He also challenges students to dissect issues of race, gender and class, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Sunday.

Is hip-hop culture more diverse or less diverse than Aggie culture? Coleman recently asked his class of

"Hip-hop culture is more diverse in that it metamorphosizes and transforms to fit different

people. Aggie culture has the people to do it, but we're missing something," senior Tamiko Matthews responded.

The A&M English department "bent over backwards" to help implement the course, Coleman

The response from students was resounding. He accepted 10 students over the original limit and had to turn away a dozen more.

But the course might not be offered again.

Larry Mitchell, head of the English

such as Coleman's hip-hop culture class must be taught three times before being considered for a permanent spot. The department doesn't have thefaculty or resources to offer such courses every semester.

A&M continues to face staffing shortages of minority faculty like Coleman. He's one of fewer than 40 black tenured or tenure-track professors at A&M, which employs more than 2,000 teachers.

The department has increased its African-American literature course

department, says special courses sections, Mitchell said, a move that proved popular with students.

> Coleman says he'd like to see A&M take permanent steps in teach ing minority history and issues. A&M is the largest university in the country, he points out, without a formal Latino or African-American studies program.

> 'That's the next step for this school," he says. "Even if we started tomorrow, we would be 25 years behind the times. At this point, the school has to think about ways it can

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Students urged to 'know for sure' about STD's ...

By Linda Robertson Staff Writer

April is National Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, and the American Social Health Association has given it a theme: "Know for Sure."

The ASHA, sponsor for the month's activities, has created a Web site dedicated to the teen-age and young adult population at www.iwannaknow.org. The site will include information about how to prevent the diseases and

who to call for questions

Jo Henderson, health education coordinator at Texas Tech's Student Health Center, said the most common diseases among Tech students are chlamydia, genital warts and herpes.

"We don't have hard statistics on how many students are infected, but I do know there are some who are," she said. "It is incredible how many students are not aware how to protect themselves."

All the diseases, Henderson said, have the potential to decrease fertility by scarring tubes and ducts It is incredible how many students are not aware how to protect themselves."

> Jo Henderson SHC HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATOR

through which eggs and sperm travel. They also have the potential to destroy relationships between two people if the partners are not open with each other.

Vilka Scott, disease intervention specialist for the city of Lubbock Health Department, said Lubbock County has the highest rate of reportable sexually transmitted diseases in Texas, and in some cases, for the nation. She also said things are getting worse.

"In 1995, Lubbock County had 661 cases of reportable STDs," she said. "In 2000, the number has jumped to 2,528 cases. Not to mention, the women are the hardest hit. We had 850 women who had chlamydia, with 215 men who had the same."

Scott attributes the rising cases of STDs to lack of education about the diseases and the methods that can be used to protect against the diseases.

"The school system has a tendency to gloss over this part in their

health classes, and they only teach abstinence," Scott said. "The problem is that in teaching abstinence, the students are not taught any protective measures, such as the need to use condoms."

Eric Benson, disease intervention specialist for the Texas Department of Health, said the rising rates of STDs is because of parental and school denial and sexual-media messaging.

"Young people today are bombarded by sexual images all the time, bu stere in Lubbock, they are not given enough ammunition to combat the overwhelming things they see on TV," he said. "We are setting them up to get infected and pregnant or cause a pregnancy.'

Benson said he is surprised by how conservative Lubbock is in educating students about the perils of unprotected sex.

"It seems that people now are almost falistic about sex now," he said. "I like Sundown ISD's answer. They are taking a very pro-active position to prevent pregnancies and STDs in their very tiny town. I guess it takes a long time to turn the Titanic around."

Henderson said she blames alcohol for the STD rate at Tech.

"If you are at aparty and drink, it makes you less in tibited, which in turn can make it really easy to fall in bed with someone you don't know," she said. "Friends can look out for each other by making sure that doesn't happen and by making sure no one is taken advantage of."

Students and faculty who have any questions can call the Lubbock Health Department at 775-2925, or Eric Benson at the Texas Department of Health at 767-0499.

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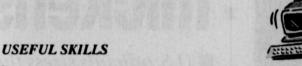
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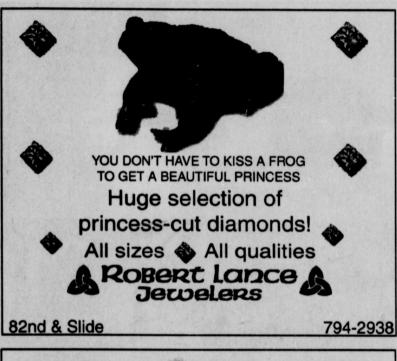
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■ DEATH NOTICE

Gena Gayle McQueen

The flags on Memorial Circle will be flown at half-staff today in memory of Gena Gayle McQueen.

McQueen, 29, of Brownfield, died on Tuesday, April 3, as a result of a medical condition. She was born Aug. 1, 1971, in Lubbock and was a junior in the College of Human Sciences. She married Greg McQueen on June 29, 1990, in Brownfield.

Services for McQueen took place Friday at the First Baptist Church in Brownfield. She will be buried in Terry County Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Devin, of Brownfield; a daughter, Risa, of Brownfield; her parents, Scottie and June Cooper, of Brownfield; a brother, Geoff Cooper, of Meadow; her grandparents, Jeanice Osborn of Brownfield and P.E. Osborn of Big Spring.

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■ COMMUNITY

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she said.

Bynum said she enjoyed planning the event, and one day, she hopes to come back years later to see how much it will

'Next year (the planners of Greek Week) will come up with even more ideas," Bynum said. "It will grow even more every

Tech student and Greek member, Amanda Dodson, a junior human sciences major from Round Rock, said Saturday's park clean up was a fun way to get other Greek members involved in the Lubbock commu-

TechNotes!

■ Pre-occupational Therapy Club

will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in 113 Chemistry. For more information,

contact Andrea Harris at 763-3715.

Legal Aspects of the Zapatista

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Law of Chihuahua University, from

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in 107

Chemistry. For more information,

contact Verónica Lara at 742-3145.

April 27 at the northwest corner of

■ University Center expansion groundbreaking will be at 11 a.m.

the UC. Fore more information,

Movement" by Lic. Héctor

■ Círculo Fraternal Mexicano "The

She said her sorority picked up

trash, bottles and cigarettes around a park, located at 60th Street and Elgin Avenue, for about two hours.

"Every sorority and fraternity has his or her own philanthropy,' she said. "But the park clean up showed how the Greeks could all come together as one to help Lubbock.

Overall, Dodson said, Greek Week went really well.

"The turn out was definitely better than expected," she said.

She also said the weekend's events were a way to dispel the notion that Greeks have a history of being competitive with each

"Greek Week is just another way of showing how Greeks can come together as one," she said. "They can benefit Tech and the commu-

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p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 21 in United

tions are due Friday.

■ CRAWFISH

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and listen to some music," said Melissa Howard, a senior communication disorders major from Stephenville. "But I'm a bit disappointed we had to pay for crawfish this year. They didn't tell us we would have to. But the weather is good, and the bands are good.

Kathy Brannan, a junior early childhood development major from Cedar Park, said this year's festival was just as good as the previous ones she has attended.

"We have fun every year," she said. "We actually had the Nixons stay at our place last year. It's just fun to come out and listen to some mu-

Mike Denton, a senior history major from Denton, said this was his

and C. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty, staff and parents. For more information,

contact John Miller at 742-3361. ■ Tech Arbor Day will be April 27. Application for individuals and/or organizations can be picked up in 210 University Center. Deadline is Friday. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-

■ Student Government Association second reading of funding results can be accessed at www.sga.ttu.edu.

fourth Crawfish Festival and was thrilled with the weather and the music.

"This (festival) is really good," he said. "I'm having a good time. The Toadies are really rad, and it's good to hang out with my friends."

Denton, however, did have one complaint.

"I'm real pissed that we have to pay for crawfish this year," he said. 'I paid \$20 for a ticket, and I still have to pay for crawfish.

As the afternoon progressed, the ground was increasingly littered with crawfish heads and beer cans. Some students were complaining

about the long lines for the bathroom facilities, but the festival went along without any major glitches, said David Satow, co-chairman for Crawfish Festival.

"It went great, and we didn't have any problems," said Satow, a junior advertising major from Plano. "I think this year's festival was bigger and better than previous ones. We didn't have any fights and no one was really hurt.

He said TKE will make a check presentation to Special Olympics of Texas either today or Tuesday. Satow estimated the donation will be at least \$2,000.



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What is your

opinion about

the recent

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Sopranos star under fire

pparently, Tony Soprano, the main character in HBO's runaway success, "The Sopranos," is ticking off his real-life, fellow Italian-Ameri-

While the drama's third season is well under way with a major plot line centering on the FBI's bugging of Tony's posh New Jersey house,

HBO may

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Claiming



Brandon Formby

can Italian Defense Association filed a lawsuit Thursday against the cable network

While mob-based movies and television shows are nothing new, John Marshall Law Schoo! Professor Michael Polelle told the Chicago Sun-Times on Friday, "It's like a pollution of a river. At some point, you have to take a stand. 'The Sopranos' is where we're taking our stand."

All of the commotion begs the question: When is entertainment just that — entertainment?

HBO's masterpiece of a show is so refreshingly energetic and original it has the four major networks sweating to churn out something that can compete and viewers sweating to find out what's going to happen next week.

The show The American focuses on the life of Tony public is a lot Soprano. With a family to smarter than raise, an organized everyone crime ring to run and a thinks. psychiatrist to see, Tony is a Believe it or busy man. Looks like his not, we do network and the show's have the creator, David Chase, are ability to going to be pretty busy separate fact now, too.

While most of the characters on the

show are Italian, the show is not saying that all Italian-Americans are mobsters. In fact, the show does more to make mobsters look like real, sympathetic people than it does to make Italian-Americans look like unredeemable, evil people. The really infuriating point about lawsuits like this one is they basically say common Americans are completely incompetent of forming their own opinions, and we all believe everything we see on television.

from fiction

Just because I think the Sopranos are the most entertaining family to come out of New Jersey since the Buttafuocos, it does not mean I automatically assume every Italian this side of the Statue of Liberty turns to a crime-ridden life of murder, embezzlement and back-room strip club sex.

Imagine if the same principle was applied to every television show or movie. You didn't see me filing any lawsuits when Chris

Farley made overweight men look like embarrassingly stupid fools in both "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep" did you?

Following this trend, gay men would start suing "Will & Grace" because Jack makes them all look like Christina Aguilara-obsessed, constant-drama-having bed hoppers. It could be argued that "Ally McBeal"'s Calista Flockhart makes all female lawyers look like sniveling, anorexic, basket cases. Joey from "Friends" could start angering actors for making the public automatically assume all performers are sex-starved dim

Even George W. Bush would have reason to jump on the bandwagon because "The West Wing"'s Martin Sheen makes the President of the United States look like a competent, caring human being - something we all could agree could not be further from the truth.

The American public is a lot smarter than everyone thinks. Believe it or not, we do have the ability to separate fact from fiction. We have the ability to take entertainment shows at face value. While the "TV made me do it" defense has become a staple in the American legal process, people - lawyers, entertainment executives, politicians, etc. need to get off their pedestals and touch base with us normal folk for a moment or two.

If someone were to believe in everything they saw in a onehour episode of "The Sopranos," they would believe:

Psychiatrists have untapped sexual chemistry with their

patients and are so screwed up in the head they must see their own therapist every week.

All Hispanic men are rapists.

Girls from Oklahoma can not handle the transition to New York and end up going psycho over homeless people while gaining the ability to slowly pull their hair out.

All Russians have at least one fake

appendage. M All overweight women steal aforementioned appendages in order to obtain record collections.

Topless dancers have bad teeth which require braces.

All mothers pay to have their sons killed.

■ The sanitation industry is nothing more than a smokescreen for mob-related

Polelle and his AIDA colleagues are off base. While there is a definite problem of stereotypes, racism and bigotry in America today, pointing the finger at a television show whose sole purpose is to entertain and raise the bar of quality of American television, is the wrong way to go. "The Sopranos" is not the problem. This lawsuit is not the solution. Why not just turn all that legal expertise in another direction and start making a real difference.

Or, as Tony would say, "fuhgeddaboutit."

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"It's happened in the past, and it happens with every fraternity."

Michael Spencer

a senior mechanical engineering major from Friendswood



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it's unfair that the whole fraternity sacrificed for one guy's mistake, but it will teach a lesson for other fraterni-

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Cindy Sebek

a senior human development and family studies major from Kerrville

restricted from the good aspects of the fraternity. I think they should only be suspended for one semester."

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Texas politics have a way to go

lexas politics: still more entertaining than any other kindergarten.

Last week offered the following festive events: A.R. "Tony" Sanchez, Democratic nominee-presumptive for governor next year, receives a threatening letter that he hands over to his lawyer, Tony Canales, the former U.S.

attorney in

Canales hires

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of State Henry Cuellar, who is supposed to be a Democrat but was appointed to his job by Republican Gov. Rick

'Good-hair" Perry. While we are digesting the possibility that our secretary of state spends his spare time penning nasty missives to others in

public life, three of Cuellar's friends report that the PIs told them Cuellar is gay and asked them if he's been involved in group sex. All this winds up in the Houston Chronicle. Now Republicans are demanding to see the threatening letter and are saying it's all a smear

I believe I can straighten this all out for you. They call it "Laredo Rules"; it means that in Laredo, there are no rules in politics. This art form — we might think of it as Extreme Politics - is best appreciated as a Punch and Judy Show crossed with pit-bull fighting. We can look forward to more thrilling episodes in the same vein. Think how boring it must be to live in

Meanwhile, we still have an agenda dominated by George W. Bush, but it's Bush-in-reverse. Pretty much whatever George W. stood for, the Legislature is now undoing as fast as it can, and whatever he was against is now getting done. It's a striking symme-

The first problem, of course, is money. Bush successfully pushed for tax cuts in 1997 and 1999 that set up his run for the presidency nicely but left Texas without a nickel to spare. It turns out that one of his parting gifts was to bury the fact that we could only pay for 23 of the 24 months of Medicaid for nursing homes.

Sen. Eddie Lucio proposed cutting off the '99 property tax cut. More startling, Republican Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington (who is having quite a peppy session) proposed a constitutional amendment to roll back the 1997 property tax cut.

The state has a potential shortfall of \$700 million just two vears after Bush's last \$1.8 billion cut. The Lege is not likely to be forced to raise taxes until next session, but the Senate budget passed last week includes \$6 billion worth of unfunded items, including making it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid. helping school districts with building bonds, finally getting mandatory kindergarten statewide and almost \$1 billion worth of highway construction that has to be postponed. We are also unable to cover teachers' health insurance

or a raise for state employees. Texas' performance, or lack of it, on Medicaid is already the subject of one federal court order and is likely to attract another as we continue to lag in providing health insurance for poor kids.

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the state share of public-school funding this year is 44 percent — the lowest level since Texas began education reform in

ran on to make it 60 percent. On other old Bush battles, Sen.

Rodney Ellis of Houston is finally about to get a statewide indigent defense system. Bush vetoed the Ellis bill two years ago, but the publicity that Bush's own campaign brought to the weakness of the state's criminal justice system has helped make this a fairly easy

There is still a possibility that the Lege will act on executing the retarded (another bill opposed by Bush) and providing life-withoutparole as an alternative to the death penalty. The public supports both reforms already, according to state pollsters.

A more surprising vote was the House's decision to put a two-year moratorium on one of Bush's signature issues: charter schools. Bush was red-hot on charter schools and pushed them through the Lege willy-nilly. It was the willy-nilly part, the lack of state supervision, that proved to be the problem. According to an interim study.

163 of the 192 schools chartered so far have severe problems. Onefourth of the charter schools are rated "unacceptable" by the state education agency, and only 59 percent of the charter students passed their Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests in '99, compared with 78.4 percent statewide. Bush, you recall, was fond of touting charter schools and "ending social promotion" as the keys to educational success. The House education committee voted to delay Bush's plan to "end social promotion.

The new bill would allow factors other than test scores to be considered in promotion decisions - a position advocated by many

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Letters to the editor

Organizations not lazy

To the editor: In regards to the letter from Amy Bynum (UD, March 29). Her letter stated that a few multicultural organizations chose not to participate in this week's events. I can tell you these organizations were not made aware of Greek Week. There were no phone calls. There were no letters in their boxes. There was absolutely no attempt to

bring it to their attention. I think that it is a very sad situation when the president of such

an esteemed organization chooses to lash out and call these organizations lazy and say they are discriminating against themselves. Obviously, they don't need to. That's what Bynum was there for when she chose to call them lazy. I don't think you understand the most important aspect of this whole issue. Just because these other Greek organizations chose not to socialize, ritualize and hold loyalty to their organizations like you do yours, it does not make them any less Greek than your organization. I think Bynum

was very unprofessional. She was very judgmental and narrowminded.

I want everyone to know that these other organizations put a lot of effort back into the community. They do that because they choose

we concentrate on having a Texas Tech all-inclusive Greek Week? Marisa Moreno Class of 2000 Gamma Alpha Omega alumnae

Instead of slamming people and

excluding them, next year why don't

Rob Thomas, lead singer of Matchbox Twenty, sings to the crowd at United Spirit Arena Sunday night. The band was

preceded by Everclear and Lifehouse. A concert review will run in Tuesday's issue of

The University Daily.

Students find love amidst books

■ Dating is an integral part of college for some Tech students.

> By Cory Chandler Staff Writer

Most students come to Texas Tech for the education it can provide them, but many come to make new acquaintances as well.

These acquaintances can help define a student's college experience and sometimes grow into something more than just friendship.

Samantha Hasting, a freshman finance major from Midland, said she is dating casually at the moment but feels she probably will meet someone she wants to marry while still in college.

She said she is planning to graduate before getting married though. "I want to know what I am doing

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with my life first," she said. "That way I can support myself in case something goes wrong.

Joel Carton, an assistant professor of economics, said while he is looking for a relationship, he feels he will not be able to form one with someone in Lubbock.

"It would be nice to have a relationship," he said. "I feel like I'm going to have to go to some other city though. There just isn't much of a scene here for older people.

Jessica Lugo, a senior advertising major from Georgetown, said there are certain places she prefers to go to meet guvs.

"I wouldn't want to meet any guys in a bar," she said. "I know it sounds corny, but I think the best places to meet guys are in class or in church.

Lugo said she feels this is because these men are more likely to be de-

"If a guy is going to church then he is probably a decent person," she said. "And if he is taking classes, at least he is planning on doing something with his life."

Lugo said she is too busy to worry about being in a relationship at the moment though.

"I'm really just wanting to gradu-

ate right now," she said. "I don't have time to find a boyfriend.' Some students are not looking for

relationships for other reasons though. Sarah Dickson, a sophomore En-

glish major from Roby, said she has been married for more than a year. She said being a married student

can be fun, but also is difficult because her husband already has graduated and is working in Muleshoe.

"Being separate makes it

tough," she said. "My husband has already gotten the whole college thing behind him, but I am still

Dickson said being married also

gives her new responsibilities. She said she is working full-time as well as attending classes.

Dickson said though most of her friends are still single, she feels she can still hang out with them.

"It isn't like our single friends abandoned us," she said. "I still keep in touch with them, and we go out together a lot.'

Dickson said the fact she and her husband can lead separate lives has made their marriage a lot

"People are going to define you by your relationships," she said. "But it is important to be your own person

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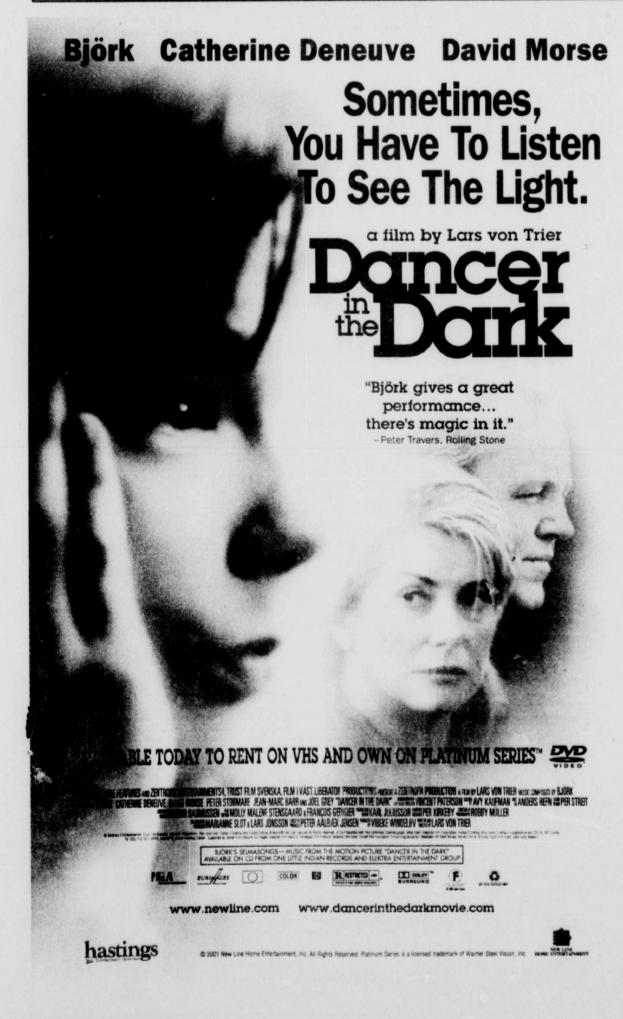
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he Texas Tech Campus is invited to participate in Arbor Day 2001. Arbor Day is a campus beautification program pioneered by President Bradford Knapp in 1938. The program provides the chance for the Texas Tech community to band together to beautify campus, to build a sense of community as well as receive recognition. Participating

organizations will have a plot of land where they will plant and a placard that will show your group's involvement.

The day will start of at 11 a.m. with the University Center expansion ground breaking. Barbecue will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Memorial Circle. The band Epstein's Mother from Las Vegas will perform from noon to I p.m. A brief program where

volunteers will be recognized as well at the announcement of the 2000-2001 student organization of the year and the adviser of the year will be announced at I p.m. Planting will be kicked off with at balloon release at 1:15 p.m.

Arbor Day 2001 is an excellent program for a student organization, residence hall or campus department to work together in advancing Texas Tech.

Those participating as an individual will have a special opportunity to participate in Arbor Day as a part of Leadership Tech's last spring "Me

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Is Honesty Really the Best Policy?

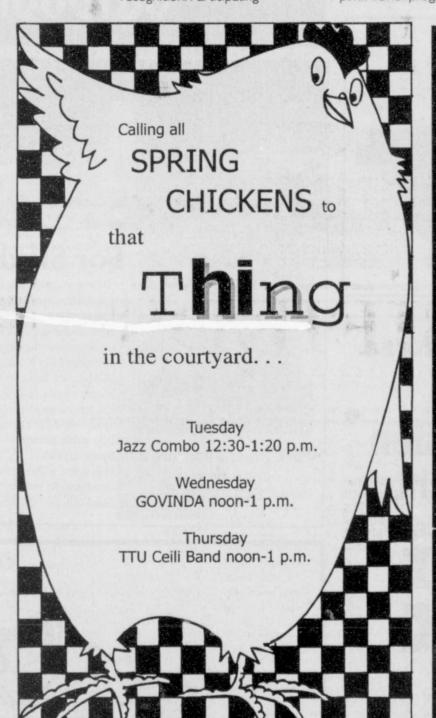
It is down to the final four. And what is at stake? The grand prize of \$100 (among other prizes), the prestige of being crowned the master of the minds and then, there is the matter of honesty. The final four contestants in the Gray Matters contest will defend their positions on the contest topic:"Is honesty always the best policy?" at 8 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Matador Room.

And who are these brave souls who will be presenting their viewpoints before five judges and an audience! jan... arts graduate student; Robert Omohundro, a sophomore MIS major; Maria Shehan, a sophomore applied rehab psychology major at South Plains College; and Christina Stoddard, a law student at Texas Tech, will meet for the first time to vie for the title, the master of the minds. Four people from four different walks of life spanning a range of ages and with four very different views on the topic.

Is the "clear definition of honesty ... really dishonesty" as one of the contestants contends. Or is it true that "even though honesty is the best policy, it will never be applied ... "

Can you measure the quality of life without honesty, as another contestant suggests. Or is there "extreme circumstances ... in which lying is certainly better than to tell the truth?"

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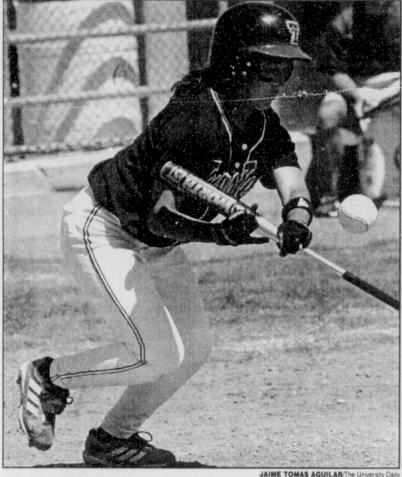
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Texas Tech left fielder Eva Harshman lays down a bunt in the Red Raiders' 1-0 win against Kansas on Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Tech softball sweeps Kansas

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

It is customary for a Texas Tech softball player to sweep out the opposing team's dugout after a home

This time, it was left fielder Eva Harshman's turn.

On Sunday, Texas Tech had another reason to bring a broom into the opponents' dugout.

The Red Raiders swept Kansas this weekend, beating the Jayhawks, 6-3, Saturday and, 1-0, Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field to give Tech its first sweep in Big 12 Conference play this season.

Tech (27-15 overall, 5-3 Big 12) broke their streak of four consecutive splits, and Harshman said it was a trend Tech needed to snap.

"It is funny I have to clean out their dugout," Harshman said while holding a broom. "We finally got out of the trend that we started.'

Tech used Harshman's bat Saturday and Tech pitcher Amanda Renfro's arm Sunday to snag both

Tech fell behind 3-0 in game one

going into the bottom half of the fourth before Harshman sparked a five-run inning with a two-run single.

She also added insurance with a solo homerun to left field in the sixth. Harshman recently broke out of an 0-for-16 slump, and the junior said she

was not sure if her homerun was going to go out or hit the wall. "I am not a homerun hitter, and I don't expect it to go out," said

contest with 3 RBI. Tech put up two hits in game two, but that was all Renfro

Harshman, who went 2-for-3 in the

Renfro battled out of jams all afternoon to shut out the Jayhawks, who stranded nine runners on base. Kansas (20-19 overall, 4-4 Big 12) put their leadoff hitter aboard in every inning except one but could never manage to get the runner across the plate.

Renfro (24-12) credited the defense for her solid pitching perfor-

"(Kansas) had a good hitting team," said Renfro, who won both games on the mound. "I was just trying to hit my spots and get them to ground out or pop up. You can't let everyone out. It was obvious our dethem score, and I know I can't strike fense played awesome."

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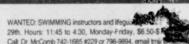
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Tech takes three from ISU

By Phil Riddle Staff Writer

No one was happier about Texas Tech's three-game sweep of Iowa State in their weekend Big 12 baseball series than Cory Metzler, Sunday's starter for the Red Raiders.

Metzler, a senior right-hander, tossed 6 2/3 innings against the Cyclones, fanning three, walking none and scattering five hits in the 5-2 Tech victory, and possibly earning a slot as the team's Sunday starter.

"We really needed it," he said. 'We've been struggling with the Sunday guys. Today, I felt pretty good and I would really like to get the job back.

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I felt pretty good about my pitching."

The Raiders' Sunday win came on the heels of Saturday's doubleheader in which Tech claimed wins of 12-2 and 9-3. The two games on Saturday included one matchup postponed from Friday night because of foul

"We've been hitting the ball real well," Metzler said. "We played good defense, that's all you can do."

The Raiders, in spite of losing only two weekend conference series during the campaign, are 1-5 in Sunday battles. Metzler (3-2) admitted having butterflies prior to Sunday's start.

"Maybe a little bit," he said. "In the first inning, maybe. I was pretty com-

fortable though after I got out of that ing, Tech rapped eight hits, including first inning. I felt better, and my pitches started working for me better."

Iowa State starter Charlie Bigwood (1-5) was Sunday's loser, giving up eight hits while striking out six. Metzler received run support al-

most exclusively from third baseman Nick Blankenship. The junior transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College ripped two homers in four at-bats and drove in four runs.

"All my A-Bs I saw sliders," Blankenship said. "He threw me two I could just yank.'

The importance of the weekend sweep was not lost on the Raiders.

'Three wins, no matter who you play, is big," Blankenship said. "Especially coming off two losses at Mis-

Coach Larry Hays said the effect of the wins will show up in the conference standings

"It means a lot," Hays said. "It gives us a chance to finish in the top of the conference, which I think is important to us. We've just got to have a good

Led by Blankenship's strong out-

a 2-for-4 day by catcher Tony Arnerich.

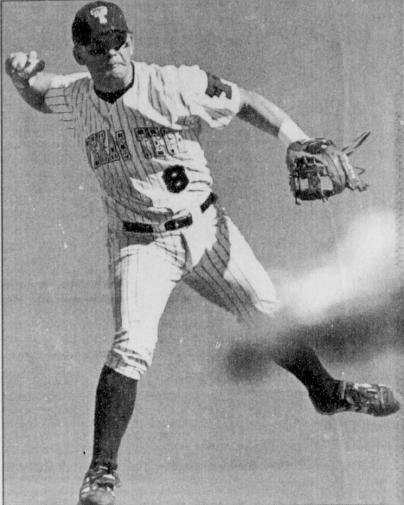
The Raiders hammered 15 extrabase hits on the weekend, including seven home runs.

"It proved we can do it," Metzler said. "It put us back in the pack in the Big 12. Hopefully, we'll do well against A&M here next weekend.'

Saturday's game one victory, a seven-inning, 10-run affair, made a winner of starter Brandon Roberson (7-3) who struck out six and gave up six hits in an abbreviated completegame effort.

Tony Arnerich knocked a two-run dinger in the fourth, second baseman Bryon Smith drove in three with a round-tripper in the sixth, and shortstop Gera Alvarez lifted a three-run shot in the seventh to lead the offense.

Game two, won by Raider starter Chris Phillips, was highlighted by homers from Chad Landry, who drove in Arnerich, who had doubled just ahead in the order, and Jason Rainey, who finished the day 3-for-5 with a homer, a double and pair of



DAVID JOHNSON/The Unive

Texas Tech infielder Bryon Smith prepares to throw to first in the Red Raiders' 12-2 victory against Iowa State on Saturday at Dan Law Field. Tech swept the Cyclones in a three-game series over the weekend. The series marked the Cyclones' last appearance at "The Law" as ISU dropped its baseball program last week.

Longhorns drop Tech men's tennis

The Texas Tech men's tennis team and 4-2 in league play. fell to 14th-ranked University of Texas, 6-1, Saturday in Austin at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

The Red Raiders drop to 6-13 overall and 1-5 in the Big 12 Conference with the loss. The Longhorns improve to 15-2

overall and remain undefeated in league play at 6-0.

Tech lost the doubles point by falling in all three positions. The duo of Ben Gudzelak and Richard Crabtree snapped a four-

match winning streak in conference

play and lost their second confer-

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ence match of the year. The combo drops to 6-9 overall

In singles action, the Red Raiders fell in five of their six matches. But in the No. 1 position, lone senior Borut Martincevic upset 75thranked Craig Edmondson in three sets. Martincevic came back from losing the first set, 3-6, to win the remaining two, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. He improves to 6-10 overall and 2-3 in

league play. With the win he has now defeated at least one ranked opponent in each season he has been at Tech.

The Red Raiders will swing back into action on Friday to battle the Cornhuskers of Nebraska in Lincoln.

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