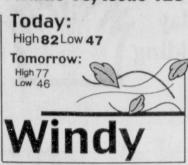
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Man sets wife on fire during morning fight

HOUSTON (AP) - A 37-yearold Houston woman was in critical condition after police said her estranged husband set her on fire during an argument Monday.

Keeper Ray Hudson, 46, was arrested a short distance from the family apartment. Charges were pending.

His wife, Angela Faye Hudson, was being treated at the burn unit at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Homicide detectives said the couple, who are separated, had argued and fought in the past. Witnesses told officers the man went to his wife's apartment Monday morning and got into fight with her, tied her hands and dumped a flammable liquid on her and ignited her.

When witnesses broke into the apartment and found the woman on fire, her husband fled. He was arrested a short time later.

An 8-month-old baby in the apartment also was taken to the hospital but authorities there found she had been unharmed.

NATIONAL

Federal court halts American's TWA buy

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal appeals court halted Monday's planned sale of Trans World Airline's assets to American Airlines' parent company after a group of TWA workers from Israel protested the transaction.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia issued a temporary stay over the weekend in response to a petition from the Jewish Labor Federation, court clerk Marci Waldron said Monday.

The labor federation, which represents about 100 Israeli TWA employees and retirees, wants the appeals court to send the case back to federal bankruptcy court for further consideration, said Bruce Zabarauskas, the lawyer representing the workers.

The workers are unsecured creditors owed about \$18 million in salaries and benefits, he said.

"Basically they are losing their jobs and they're not getting any payments," Zabarauskas said. "We're seeking to prevent the sale from going forward.'

WORLD

Helicopter crash kills 7 by Kosovo border

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A British helicopter with seven on board crashed Monday in mountainous terrain near the Kosovo-Macedonia border. The fate of the three crew members and four passengers was not immediately clear.

Spokesmen for the NATO-led Kosovo peacekeeping force and the British Defense Ministry in London said they had no information on the state of those aboard.

The spokesman in London, who spoke on condition of anonymity, could not provide information on the cause of the crash, but said "there is no indication of any hostile action."

The Kosovo-Macedonia border has been the scene of fighting in recent weeks between ethnic Albanian guerrillas and Macedonian government troops. The region has been relatively quiet over the past week, with Macedonian authorities claiming to have regained control.

Dozens of helicopters of the NATO-led Kosovo peacekeeping force fly over the region on any given day on missions including transporting personnel and supplies or carrying out aerial surveillance.

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China-U.S. status invites local critiques

By Jeff Stoughton Staff Writer

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The situation involving the collision of a U.S Navy surveillance plane and a Chinese fighter jet continues to strain U.S.-China rela-

Stephen Saideman, Texas Tech professor in the Department of Political Science specializing in foreign affairs, said the situation could be damaging for both China and the United States. He said Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who has been criticized in China for being too moderate, is in a fragile posi-

He also said the situation reflects poorly on President George W.

Bush, who is undertaking his first major foreign policy issue since

"He does not seem to be handling it well," Saideman said.

Bush said Monday that "diplomacy takes time," but cautioned China that relations with the United States will suffer unless the 24 crew members of the U.S. spy plane are soon released. Bush, who issued his first such warning to China nearly a week ago, intended to signal conservative Republicans on Capitol Hill and the American public that a resolution may not come quickly, U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They stressed, however, negotiations were still moving forward on the U.S. de-



mand to release the crew.

"All of us along this table understand that diplomacy takes time but there is a point, the longer this goes, there is a point at which our relations with China become damaged,'

Saideman said this episode could potentially last a long time.

said. "Probably not, but it will make it difficult for the two countries to get along.'

The Americans have been held by the Chinese since their crippled EP-3E surveillance plane made an emergency landing on Hainan Island in southern China on April 1 after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet. The Chinese pilot still is missing.

While governmental relations with China are suffering from the incident, academic relations, including study abroad programs, are unharmed.

Sandra Crosier, overseas opportunity counselor for the Tech office of International Affairs, said no academic programs are being affected

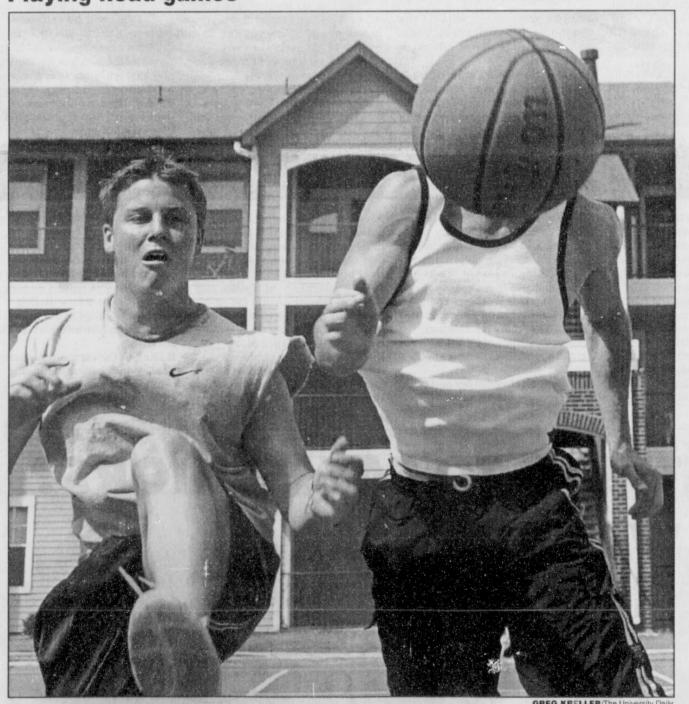
"Is this going to start a war?" Bush by the situation with China. She said Tech has only one student studying in China, and he is not experiencing problems.

Bush sent a letter to the pilot's wife, Ruan Guoqin. Her public anguish has fueled tensions between the two countries as she accused Bush and his administration of being "too cowardly" to apologize for

the loss of her husband. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was "sorry" about the personal loss experienced by the pilot's wife, using a word top administration officials had avoided. But Powell made clear the United States will not apologize for the collision it

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Playing head games



Brad Vreeke, a freshman business administration major from San Antonio, and Josh Thomas, a junior mechanical engineering major from Hobbs, battle for a loose ball Monday afternoon during a pick-up basketball game at Jefferson Commons Apartments.

UC ceremony set to kick off renovations

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

More than three months after officials unveiled plans for the University Center's \$38.5 million renovation and expansion, ground officially will be broken at 11 a.m. April 27, between the UC and library.

Tom Shubert, UC director, said he is working toward putting together a ceremony for the event.

We will have a series of speakers, probably the chancellor and president, and SGA members from the past and present and next year's members as well," he

Shubert said he plans to have a large piece of equipment, such as a backhoe or excavator, at the ceremony.

"We'll have strings or something stretched across the barricades to the equipment and everyone will pull them at once to start the machine," he said. "We'll dig the first shovelfull with everyone.'

Shubert said he thought it would be nice if everyone received a chance to participate, rather than "just a bunch of guys with golden shovels."

"This is the students' building — they are the one who set the agenda and told us what they wanted to see," he said. "They're paying for it and should get to

Shubert said he hopes a model, as well as large, docr-sized graphics showing a cut away of the addition and renovated areas of the UC will be available before the ceremony.

"We should have them by the groundbreaking, but hopefully we will have them before to help generate student interest," he said.

Barbara Burrier, store manager for the Texas Tech Bookstore, said she is excited about the plans for the

The bookstore, which is run by Barnes & Noble, will increase in size and in services offered once the renovation is complete.

"It will incorporate the needs of a college bookstore with the superstore concept," she said. "The lower level will be the college bookstore, with the books and supplies offered at one. The main level will be a sort of

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Referendum draws student opinions

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

While students will have their chance to vote on helping to fund Jones SBC Stadium later this month, many students already have

taken the opportunity to voice their opinions. Ombudsman Kathy Quilliam said the referendum vote will take place April 26 and April 27 in which students will vote whether to support an agreement between the SGA and the Texas Tech administration to continue charging students an additional \$3 per semester course hour in order to raise \$6 million to fund

"All the voting will be done on the Web in the same locations as the Student Government Association's general elections," she said.

the stadium renovations.

Students already are paying this amount until 2017 to fund United Spirit Arena construc-

tion, but if the new agreement is approved, stu- an added benefit that will make attending dents will pay the fee until 2027.

SGA President-elect John Steinmetz said while the additional funds may seem steep, the students will gain such as a tailgating section voice students gain and the benefits they re- and better seating. ceive will be worth the price.

"We definitely want to gain student support on this," he said. "This will ensure that they will have a voice when the university is planning for students.'

Jones SBC Stadium.

"I think the benefits of us funding Jones Stadium will be worth it," said Tiffany Perrin, a sophomore early childhood major from Friendswood. "It's only \$3 a semester course hour, even though that money will eventually add up."

Lindsay Howell, a sophomore interior design major from Midland, said she thinks the changes that will be made for students will be

games more enjoyable. She said she believes the extra funding will be worth the incentives

"I have been to some of the tailgate parties in the past," Howell said. "These will be great because there will be a section designated for

Ian Griffin, a junior business major from El Several students around campus agree with Paso, said the student seating at both of these athletic venues is important.

"Having a student section at the games is important," he said. "If they are also going to give students a say in concessions, then this agreement would be all right."

While Perrin said she probably would support the SGA's agreement with the administra-

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DAVID JOHNSON/T An aerial view of the construction site surrounding Jones SBC Stadium shows the progress made in the renovation efforts.

Tech's Horticulture Society to sponsor sale on Wednesday in Plant and Soil Sciences building



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Combest discusses agriculture's future

By Jeff Stoughton Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, visited the Texas Tech campus Monday to discuss the future of agriculture in the United

Combest informed students in Eduardo Segarra's senior agricultural and applied economics seminar class of changing conditions in the United States and world agricultural

Combest said agricultural policymakers have had a long relationship with Tech.

The U.S. Committee on Agriculture has had several Tech students in internship positions and several Tech graduates secure permanent positions within the

"We appreciate the great work that comes out of this university,"

He also discussed the decline in the economy and its effect on agricultural producers

"We are in the fourth year of some pretty dreary agricultural conditions," Combest said, adding that those conditions partly could be traced back to the Asian market crisis several years ago. He also mentioned declining resources such as water and fuel as part of the prob-

He also expressed concerns about people's hesitation to accept genetically-modified foods.

KTXT goes back

sion abilities Monday night.

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At about 7:55 p.m., the station

Funding for the repairs, which

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"We have expressed regrets, we've expressed our sorrow, and we are sorry that a life was lost," Powell said on "Fox News Sunday," referring to the Chinese 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,

gize for that." Chris Deegan, director of Asian studies at the School for International

can't do, and therefore won't apolo-

Training in Brattleboro, Vt., said relations with Chinese officials on the academic level have been positive.

"It has been my experience for the past several years that people here are very clear about the differences in government talks and negotiations and all other exchanges between the U.S. and China," Deegan said.

The Associated Press contributed

to this report.

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subject before from page 1 they form an

> tion concerning extended the arena's bond to help pay for renovations to the stadium, she said, she is concerned with the timing of the

"The university has already started renovating the stadium," she said. "They should have been more prepared and secured this funding before they started build-

Cormack Lawler, a senior general studies major from San Antonio, said he also had doubts about the proposed agreement between the SGA and the administration. He said he would not support the extension because he believes the administration already told students they would not be paying for the renovations.

"I'm not really for this because I was under the impression the renovations were already paid for," he said. "As far as the benefits students are going to receive, I don't see those things happening."

Griffin also expressed concern about the allocation of the money concerning the extra seats that will be added to the stadium.

"We are having a hard time packing the stadium now without the extra seats," he said. "I don't see why we need extra seats.

Steinmetz said the Athletic Facilities Advisory Committee, which has not been formet yet, would address these types of concerns. He said committee members would evaluate the agreement and its effectiveness and evaluate issues such as whether the university was meeting the terms of the agree-

'The Athletic Facilities Committee will meet every year and make sure these types of issues are handled," he said. "Students would definitely have a course of action to take if the agreement was not up-

During the election, polls will be set up in several academic buildings including Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering, Holden Hall, Human Sciences, Law School, Mass Communications and Math buildings. Another site also will be located in the University Center. Students also can vote on the SGA Web site at www.sga.ttu.edu.

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mini-superstore, with the (Starbucks) café, magazines, books and soft seating that is offered at Barnes & Noble.

students have responded well to the

"We're really looking forward to it," she said. "And rather than a work

ernment Association president, said pansion will benefit the students.

perks," he said. "I hope the students will go out for the groundbreaking. After all, it is their building."

The UC will be expanded and renovated to include 60 spaces for different organizations, more office space for the SGA, a larger food court and a larger bookstore. The project was approved in Fall 1998 and was funded through an increase in student service fees that the students voted on and agreed to.

At least two other universities in

Texas offer this sort of setup. Texas Christian University and Texas A&M both offer mini-superstores within their bookstore, and, Burrier said,

in progress, everyone will be able to enjoy a whole new store." Andrew Schoppe, Student Gov-

he thinks the UC renovation and ex-

"The student organizations will get more office space and a lot of

information, contact John Miller ■ Tech Arbor Day will be April 27.

210 University Center. Deadline is Friday. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

change in thinking. "It would take something like the more chocolate ice cream you eat, the more weight you lose," he said, adding that failures in agriculture

happen when people are unwilling Segarra said the purpose of his class, AAEC 4100, is to host speakers of the students' choice to discuss issues relevant to agriculture and eco-

such foods would require a drastic

"We try to bring speakers that will provide valuable insight to students," he said.

Combest said he was impressed with the performance of Tech graduates in agriculture.

He said awareness of agriculture issues is important, especially in West Texas, where the economy is based heavily on ag-

"People don't say anything when things are going fine, but when things start going in the tank, people start to complain," he

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Texas Tech's student-run radio ■ Pre-occupational Therapy Club station KTXT-FM 88.1, which has will meet at 6 p.m. today in 113 been off the air for more than two Chemistry. For more information, eks, regained normal transmis- contact Andrea Harris at 763-3715.

■ The Horticulture Society at Texas Tech will have a plant sale Wednesday in the Plant and Soil Sciences building. Prices range from \$1 to \$7. For more informaair broadcasts after lightning stuck tion, contact Sandra Offutt at 799-7528 or e-mail soffutt@juno.com.

cost \$17,166, came from Tech Presi-■ Círculo Fraternal Mexicano "The dent David Schmidly's discretionary Legal Aspects of the Zapatista Movement" by Lic. Héctor

Villansana, dean of the School of 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.

■ University Center expansion groundbreaking will be at 11 a.m. April 27 at the northwest corner of the UC. Fore more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-

> Texas Tech cheerleader and pom squad tryouts will be April 20-21.

For more information, contact Billy Smith or Angie Labaj at 742-1195 or log on to www.texastech.com and click on traditions. Applications are due Friday.

■ The Department of Health. Physical Education and Recreation will have its annual scholarship awards banquet from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 21 in United Spirit Arena conference rooms B and C. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty, staff and parents. For more

organizations can be picked up in

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

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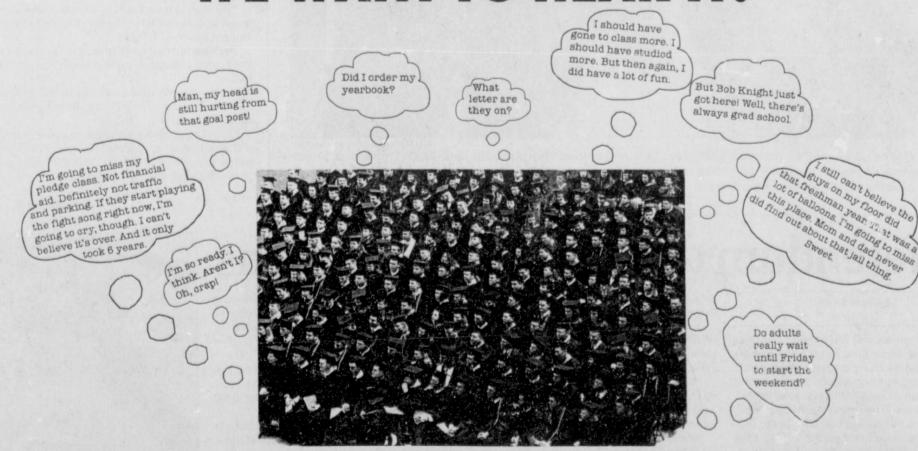


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Inside



Matchbox Twenty strikes chord with audience

By Sebastian Kitchen and **Christi Davidson** Staff Writers

Rob Thomas has a knack for writing catchy emotional, somewhat cliché, pop/rock songs. After all, he is probably more responsible for Santana's resurgence as a music icon and chart topper than the legendary artist himself.

No offense to Santana, "Smooth" was a great song as far as pop songs go, but Thomas made the song. Like the handful of hits that have propelled Matchbox Twenty into superstardom, pop and rock fans both young, and old adored the song. Thomas and his bandmates led Lubbock's sold-out audience, mostly young but some old, through a collection of those hits Sunday night at the United Sprit Arena.

As Matchbox Twenty's lead singer, Thomas set the rules for the show at the beginning of their set, "We're going to close all the doors, and I want everyone to forget everything outside them," he said.

concert review

He urged the crowd to forget about politics, jobs and to just listen to the music and have a good time.

"We'll be the house band in Lubbock, Texas," he said.

"Smooth" did not make its way into the playlist, but more recent Matchbox tracks from the band's latest mega-popular release Mad Season did. The band performed other hits including "3 a.m." and "Long Day."

Other highlights included the odd but entertaining encore, which started off with Thomas alone onstage singing and playing acoustic guitar on the retro hit "Time After Time." The cover sounded good, but it was a surprise to hear a pop music icon in tight leather pants singing an acoustic version of a Cyndi Lauper song.

Another cover, "All Along the Watchtower," followed Thomas' acoustic performance. Besides playing some guitar and singing, Thomas displayed he was even more multi-tal-

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Matchbox Twenty guitarist Kyle Cook sings to the crowd during the band's concert Sunday night at United Spirit Arena.

ented by playing the piano. The to go to a new bar and experience the "lounge" portion with the piano was one of several where the band was backed by a horn section -a great addition and sound for the pop band.

Thomas concluded by thanking his fellow performers Everclear and Lifehouse and encouraging the crowd music of a new band they have never heard before.

'Support local music," he said. At times, Thomas' vocals were not as audible in the sound mix as the instruments. A stronger sound for his voice would have done the band more justice.

The band's calm, cool demeanor was a great contrast from touring veterans Everclear, who played before Matchbox Twenty.

Everclear's energy dwarfed that of both of the other bands on the bill although the band does have louder, more guitar-driven music. Band members even left the stage temporarily and made detours running through the concert floor while they were playing.

Led by singer Art Alexakis, Everclear worked its way through of set of new and old songs-some of the band's heavier, more punk tunes and some of the more recent poppier and mellow tracks.

Everclear's set included "AM Radio," "Heroin Girl," "So Much for the Afterglow," "Wonderful" and "Father of Mine," which like many of the band's songs is an autobiographical depiction of Alexakis' younger life.

Matchbox Twenty and Everclear both finished with their biggest hits, "Push" and "Santa Monica," respectively. Those songs may have been the ones to break the respective bands into the limelight of popular music and onto radio and video airwaves.

Summer Neal, a sophomore food nutrition major from Corpus Christi, said that she wanted to attend the concert to catch a glimpse of Rob Thomas.

"This is the best thing to hit Lubbock since Bob Knight," she said. She said that all groups performed

well and that she enjoyed all performances, particularly Matchbox Twenty. 'They're even better live," she said.

"The concert was so good." If the band has an extended stay in the popular music world, the opening band Lifehouse may be able to look back and say the same thing. The young band, which played a very short set, finished it with "Hanging By A Moment," the band's first single. The band's young career was propelled by the hit after the album was released in October.

Lifehouse sounded good and had a



GREG KRELLER/The University Dail

Matchbox Twenty lead vocalist Rob Thomas leads the crowd at the United Spirit Arena in a song Sunday night. The band was preceded by Everclear and Lifehouse.

good presence for a young band that has never headlined a major tour. Lead singer Jason Wade, and his band seem to be searching for their identity in the music world. Although the band played a tight set, the band's stage presence seemed a big contrast to veteran bands Everclear and Matchbox Twenty. Give them a few years. Wade is only 20. If the band does not disappear from the music map, Lifehouse can only get better.

Lubbock resident David Tuman said that he wanted to go to the concert because he heard Matchbox

Twenty performed well live. "I think if we would have had de-

cent seats, (being on the very back row), it would have sounded pretty good," he said. Tuman said that the concert was great overall and he enjoyed Matchbox Twenty's performance of other artists' music.

"I like how he threw in those extra songs, like the Jimmy Hendrix song,' he said. "That was cool."

T.J. Reynolds, a sophomore marketing major from Houston, said all the performers were great and enjoyed the stage sets.

"I really liked Matchbox Twenty's lighting," she said. "The overall performance was great, absolutely wonderful."



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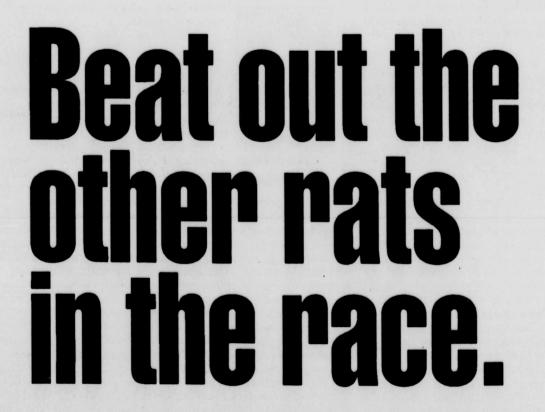
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Column

Students ban together to make change

ave you ever tried to balance a full glass of tea on a sugar packet? That would be quite a feat. But what if you took several sugar packets and folded three of them to make a triangular base and then rested one packet on top of the base to complete the stand? Try it and you will be amazed by what can be accomplished when several packets are pulled together to reach a goal. The strength of these sugar packets is just a

trivial in comparison with what can come about when people with a common vision in mind unite.

With the coming of this year came a new tradition at Texas Tech — the Rowdy Raider Rallies. How did these rallies come about? These rallies were not achieved by the work of just one person. Andrew The Saddle Tramps, cheer Schoppe and pom squads, High Riders, Gunfire Kickline, The Goin'

Band from Raiderland and members of the Student Government Association and Tech athletics grasped a vision — a vision for enhanced Red Raider pride and spirit. With this vision in place these groups pooled their resources, coordinated efforts and united their members to successfully promote what being a Red Raider is all

This year also brought about another example of the power of unity at Texas Tech. Thanks to a student complaint about Tech's water sprinklers and an idea from student government officials at the University of Nebraska, a solution was cultivated to conduct a student-run environmental audit that would create an opportunity to provide students with real world experience in a variety of fields, improve the environmental and economic condition of this outstanding university and increase our national prestige.

How has this audit developed? The Leaders of Students for Environmental Awareness, Student Association of the Institute for Environmental and Human Health, Range Wildlife and Fisheries Club and the SGA united their organizations to pursue this goal.

Could one group have done this alone? Perhaps, but it is very doubtful.

Each group involved brings a different expertise and resources to dentribute to fulfill the vision of a student-run environmental audit to improve Texas Tech. Why would groups like the ones mentioned come together? Because like all of us, they care about improving Tech and know that they must seek out others for help to do so.

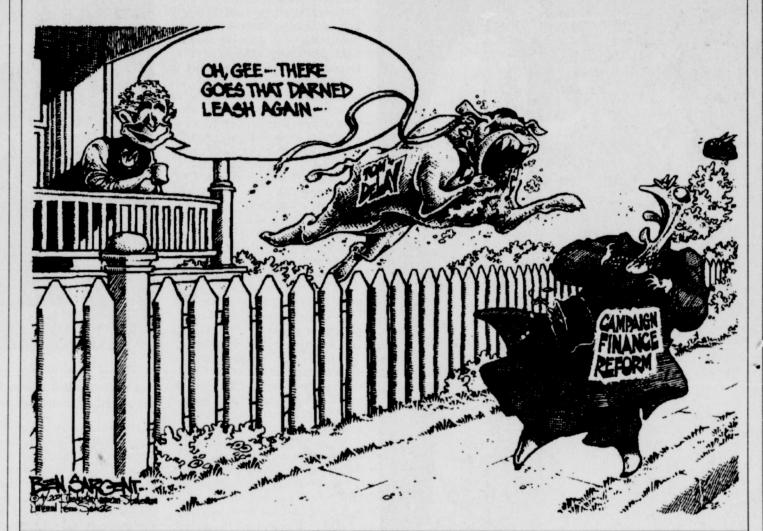
Whether an individual person or an individual group, we all have something to contribute and we all can enhance our contributions by communicating and working together with others.

In the coming weeks, leaders of all culturally diverse student groups on campus will share a vision for unity among all Tech students, but especially among culturally diverse Tech students. Their vision for IMPACT, a congress of multicultural student organizations, has the potential to achieve seemingly unimaginable goals for Tech and its culturally diverse students. Standing together, these student organizations will be able to successfully develop a model mentor program, enhance culturally diverse programming for all cultures at Tech and strengthen the sense of community and vision for Tech's culturally diverse students. These are just a few things that can occur if you, the students, contribute to fulfill this vision for a congress of multicultural student organizations by getting involved and supporting this cause. Just as several sugar packets are needed to support a full glass of water, the active involvement and contribution of all culturally diverse students and student groups at Tech are needed to fulfill the vision for a better, more culturally diverse Texas

The leaders of this vision for a congress of multicultural student organizations will be sharing more information in the coming days about how and why you are needed to be a part of this vision. They also will have a town hall-style forum about this vision for enhanced culturally diversity at Texas Tech at 7 p.m. April 26 in the University Center. This is something we all need to be a part of. Your involvement and contributions will be needed to achieve success. For more information, please contact Paul Joseph Guerra at 799-2087 or

guerra_paul@hotmail.com. Andrew Schoppe is the president of the Student

Government Association.



Column

Money is worth more than morals

t's often said money can't buy happiness. Yeah right, try telling that to an angry prostitute. While this is an extremely valuable cliché in modern society, we should be careful how we use it, lest we forget that while money can't buy happiness, it sure can rent it.

I remember being broke. It wasn't too long ago. Pretty soon the ladies started catching on, however. My romantic picnics in the park lost their cover and were soon discovered to be merely an easy way out of taking a girl to a restaurant. My Valentine's Day gifts of handmade cards, put together with magazine clippings, construction paper and elbow macaroni, lost their

"sweet" label and were soon after catego-

rized as cheap.

While monetary success seemed to elude me for several years, I soon discovered ways of cashing in with minimal effort. Look for my book "Easy Money to Attract Easy Women" at your favorite bookstore sometime next month. Until then, here's a preview of some of my very own get-richquick techniques. Sell a kidney. When God created man, he

Kenneth made sure he included the built-in insurance policy - our second kidney. Fortu-Strickland nately our great nation has quite the binge-

drinking problem, meaning millions of Americans will find themselves desperately searching Ebay in the next several decades to find a suitable donor willing to replace their rumsoaked kidneys with a fresh one. If the movie "Titanic" taught us anything, it's that big tragedies spell big bucks. In the spirit of this philosophy, take advantage of our nation's obsession with lethal intoxication, and sell one of your kidneys for millions of dollars. Hopefully man one day will evolve a second

liver as well, but until then just stick with the kidney. Start a freshman honor society. I must admit this isn't a completely original idea and started years ago when a group of individuals decided to feed off of human gullibility and start a company based upon the idea they would tell a bunch of high school kids they were selected to some great and honorable society of scholars. From that idea, the "Who's Who in American High Schools" book was published, featuring photos and a brief summary of every American kid willing to fork over the cash. I figured something was up when three guys I knew from high

school, two of whom dropped out and one who was serving a sentence for arson at the time, were featured as three of our high schools most popular and successful students. To accomplish this here at Tech is really rather simple. You merely mail out letters to the parents of each freshman telling them their son or daughter is one of a small group of students nationwide that has been selected to be honored in the (make up a name) honor society. Then sit back as the checks roll in. Seeing as how this tactic might be considered deceptive, you might have to channel the money through a Swiss bank account. But it's still better than getting a job.

Start a casino. Whether you're in a dorm room or have a place off campus, starting a casino in your home is a one-way ticket to a life of wealth and luxury. Get your buddies to line their computers up in your living room and install slot machine software while you set up the craps tables. Next put up flyers in all the local nursing homes and retirement centers, and start busing people in. I know that may sound bad, but it's the only chance you'll ever have of receiving a social security check. Since 85 percent of students on the Tech campus play guitar, finding suitable entertainment shouldn't be difficult. If there's a problem you can call me up, and I'll come by and do my Tom Jones impersonation. One piece of advice - don't endorse the campus dining halls as your all-you-can-eat buffet. A 95-year-old woman trying to digest a three-day old soy hamburger will only lead to unwanted lawsuits.

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Kenneth Strickland is a junior political science and sociology major from Mesquite. By reading this sentence, you've waived all legal responsibility that he may hold if you're actually crazy enough to apply any of these ideas.

Out of the Past

From The University Daily April 10, 2000

- The identity of the 30th Texas Tech University Masked Rider will officially be revealed Friday at Jones Stadium.
- Texas Tech Web registration celebrated its first birthday this spring as it makes steps toward its perfection.

From The University Daily April 10, 1991

- Richard Hayes, recognized as one of the top criminal lawyers in the United States, visited Tech to speak to Tech law students.
- Tech will have Cultural Awareness Day all day in the University Center to test student Anowledge about destructive

From The University Daily April 10, 1981

■ Student Association leaders plan to attend a hearing on a bill proposing a 100 percent tuition increase before the House Higher Education Committee. ■ Jomes Gross, chairman of the departments of anthropology and museum science, was named interim director of the Tech Museum.

From The University Daily April 9, 1971

■ A survey taken on campus revealed a student dislike of administrative control over the student government is one of the responses that remained consistent during the sampling. Actor and television star Dale Robertson will arrive in Lubbock Friday for the National Intercol

From The Toreador April 11, 1951

legiate Rodeo.

■ The Varsity Show made \$773 in a three-night run, which totaled 1,559 in attendance.

■ Both Tech's debate teams won superior ratings during the Southern Speech Association Tournament and Congress of Human Relations.

From The Toreador April 9, 1931

■ Tech journalism students will attend the Southwestern Journalism Congress on May 1 at the University of Texas.

■ A shirt made out of cotton which is grown on the Tech campus, woven by the textile department engineers and made by Tech student Ella Blanton, was presented to Judge C.E. Coombs.

compiled by Christi Davidson

E-mail your letters to the editor at ud@ttu.edu

Letters to the editor

Children's group receives meney

To the editor: From March 30 through April 1, the Kappa Delta sorority and Beta Theta Phi Fraternity held a 48-hour seesaw-a-thon at the South Plains Mall. This effort was to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Lubbock County.

During this 48-hour period, these two wenderful groups raised more than \$10,000. This money will go to help child victims of sexual assault and severe physical

This is the third year for the Children's Advocaby Center to benefit from the efforts of the Kappa Deltas and our first year for the Betas. These young women and men worked so hard to pull off this effort, and the board and staff of the Children's Advocacy Center are very grazeful to you all for your hard work, your leader-

ship and your caring commitment to children. Thank you for all that you do to make the world a _better place.

Connie Hindman executive director Children's Advocacy Center of Lubbock

Women demanding for change

To the editor: The caption chosen to represent the march for the "Take Back the Night" article on the front page of Friday's UD upsets and disturbs me. Victims of violence have suffered in silence way too long to be disrespected by a title that read "beg-

ging" for change. In tacky disregard for the protest, students and fagulty read this title which undermined the very nature of why we marched. Our voices echoed loud, and clear to protest the epidemic of violence on our campus and in Lubbock.

"Demanding change now!" could have more

clearly represented the picture. We did not kneel or plead like beggars, we marched and chanted for our right to safe streets.

It is the subtle nature of communication which threatens the liberation of women from standing up and speaking out against abuse.

I demand the right to a safe home and a community free from violence or hatred. Only in testing one's choice of words can one truly proclaim safety for a fellow sister or brother.

Tammy Stansel senior human development and family studies

Tech student gets chance on MTV

By Whitney Wyatt Staff Writer

A Texas Tech student now is a Spring Break MTV celebrity.

While Stephen Cloud, a senior marketing major from Hereford, was in Cancun, Mexico, for Spring Break, MTV picked him to introduce Carson Daly and Jessica Simpson for MTV's "Total Request Live."

On his first day of Spring Break, Cloud said he was with his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers eating at Fat Tuesdays when they noticed MTV's "Fashionably Loud" being filmed. While they were watching in a fenced area MTV designated for the crowd, Cloud said this man with a New York accent walked up to him.

"He asked me if I was crazy," he said. "I looked at him wondering what he was talking about, but I said 'Sure, I'm crazy.' Then he asked if I was crazy enough to do a stage dive.'

After lifting up the man's shirt, Cloud said he found an MTV credential on the man's shorts.

MTV picked Cloud and 10 other guys to meet at the MTV headquarters, he said, but MTV then narrowed it down to two guys-one to introduce the hosts of "TRL" and one to participate in a kissing contest for "TRL."

Cloud said a MTV casting crew member pointed at him and said, "Take the tan one."

Cloud, who was picked to do the "TRL" introductions, said Carson Daly walked up to him and introduced himself, but he was disappointed he did not get to meet Jessica Simpson.

MTV gave Cloud a cue card for the introduction, but instead of using it, he said "What's up Cancun? Make some noise for your hosts Carson Daly and Jessica Simpson." Cloud said he then stage dived into the crowd.

"I was shocked at first. I couldn't believe I was going to be on MTV because I had watched it (MTV) my whole life," he said. "I was also excited Cloud runs three miles a day and is the



Stephen Cloud, a senior marketing major from Hereford, was seen on the MTV program "Total Request Live" introducting host Carson Daly and singer Jessica Simpson. Cloud was selected from a group of 10 people during spring break in Cancun, Mexico.

because my friends were there to see

Jeremy Kelly, a senior marketing and management major from Dumas and one of Cloud's friends, said it was awesome to see Cloud being filmed on MTV.

"It (being on MTV) fits his personality. He gives off that vibe," he said. "He's crazy and incredibly funny."

Kelly said because Cloud is a carefree person, he can take a situation that is not funny and flip it around.

However, he said Cloud also is one the most disciplined people he knows.

intramural chair for Beta, so Kelly thinks MTV also picked him because he is in such good shape.

Cloud also can be seen dancing in

the front row of the crowd on MTV's Cancun Court. "It was a good way to start Spring

Break," Cloud said. "Getting on MTV made all the money spent and the entire trip worth it." Cloud said he called his parents af-

ter he finished filming to tell them

"Don't worry, I didn't do anything too wild," Cloud said he told his par-

ents. "I was wondering what my dad would think since he is a preacher. He never liked us watching MTV when I was younger. My dad thought it was cool, though, and my mom thought it was cute.

Even though Cloud only had one chance to do his live introduction, he said it took more than three hours to

MTV also required him to sign two insurance waivers, with one of those waivers saying MTV can call him at any time for him to participate in other MTV events.

Percussion ensembles, international performer to collaborate at concert

By Cory Chandler Staff Writer

Texas Tech students yearning to hit the beach can get a taste of the Caribbean tonight.

The Texas Tech second and third percussion ensembles ad steel drum band will be performing with guest artist Şandip Burman, an international performer from Calcutta, India.

Burman will be playing the Tobla, performed with such groups as Bela Fleck

during intermissions.

Liza Muse, information specialist and coordinator of concerts for the music department, said the department decided to invite Burman because he will add an interesting flavor to the event.

This is not the first time he visited the campus," she said. "He played here this fall and was just fabulous. He adds a unique sound."

She said the concert will have a Caribbean flare because of the adwhich is an Indian drum, and has dition of the steel drum band and should appeal to many people.

'This should hold a lot of inter-The steel drum band will be est for most people," she said. "It has contributing to the performance a real Caribbean feel to it, and

Sandip is sensational. It will not have the typical classical music feel."

Lisa Rogers, an assistant professor of percussion studies, said this concert will be different from other percussion performances this year. "This concert will be a special

one," she said. "It represents music from a lot of different cultures." She said this performance would be a good chance for students to find

out the potential of percussion mu-

"A lot of students don't realize

what a percussion group can do," she said. "They hear the word percussion and think of marching bands, but this will have a good variety of instruments and be very

Rogers said the concert will feature Indian, Brazilian and African music as well as jazz and classical styles.

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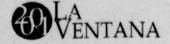
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Hispanic professional engineers society to host Easter party today

The Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, located at 102 Ave. P, students from the Texas Tech chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will host an Easter party for children today.

The party will start at 3:45 p.m. and last until around 5 p.m. During this time, members of the society will have a pizza party where Jessica Rendon, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Midland, said they will interact with students.

We will ask them questions about school and if they know about engineering and the opportunities," Rendon said.

After pizza, the society will have

an Easter egg hunt where the Easter bunny will make an appearance. While the kids are hunting for eggs, the society will donate books and movies to the center.

Rendon said she wants to make this an annual event, but this is the first year they have done this. She also said her goal is to inform these students about the possibilities they have.

The main goal of the day is just when the kids, leave we want them to know that they can go to college and hopefully look into the field of engineering," she said.

For more information on the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, contact Paul Guerra at

Critics say 'Blow' mirrors promote drug use

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - Small mirrors distributed to promote the Johnny Depp film "Blow" have reflected badly on the drug-trafficker tale.

Critics charge the rectangular mirrors promote drug use because dealers use the items as cutting boards for cocaine.

The souvenir mirrors, contained in a rubber sleeve featuring the "Blow" title, were distributed with invitations to advance screenings of the film, which opened nationally Friday.

They also were handed out in bars and outside sporting events, The Orange County register reported Friday.

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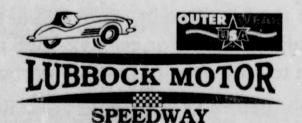
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Association annual state meeting last weekend in Austin, the Texas Tech chapter brought home many awards including the highest

The chapter received the Glen W. Kidd award, which, one of the chapter's faculty advisers, Sandi Cooper, said is the best chapter in the state award. Cooper said Tech also received first place in theme promotion, first place in human relations, second place in scrapbook and the Century Club membership for having more than 100 members.

As well as the awards the chapter brought back, Clinton Gill, a senior elementary education major from Fort Worth, was reelected as state president for the organization and Christine Mazure was named District 1 president.

"Our goal for next year is to work more with the freshman and

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At the Texas Student Educators sophomores coming to Tech and to get them involved and let them know what we do," Gill said. "The Tech chapter is the third largest in the state and grows more and more each year.

Tech TSEA members work together with schools in the Lubbock area doing charity work and helping students. Gill said they sponsor the Texas Future Teachers of America program that is run in local high schools, as well as book drives, carnivals that raise canned goods for the food bank and participate in Read Across America.

Cooper said getting involved on campus is important, especially with an organization like

"Organizations like this are very important," she said. "They give students leadership opportunities, as well as the opportunity to meet with other students and chapters from colleges all over the

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Springtime ups need for blood

Season brings an increase in the demand for blood, says United Blood Services.

> By Linda Robertson Staff Writer

Spring is here, and with it comes warm days and an increase in outdoor activities. Not all is good, how-

Gabriel Zuniga, a supervisor from United Blood Services, said with the warmer weather comes an increase in the demand for blood.

'Spring is usually the beginning of the busy season for us," he said. "Everyone wants to get surgeries done before the summer, so our demand for blood goes up."

Zuniga also said as the weather warms, the incidents of trauma, which increases the need for blood, dramatically increases.

'Summer is our busiest time, but we never seem to have enough donors," he said.

Casey Carson, community relations representative for United Blood Services, said the blood bank is short on all types of blood, but O negative blood in particular.

We need to have 150 units of blood donated each day in order to meet demand, but we haven't had nearly that amount of donors in years," she said.

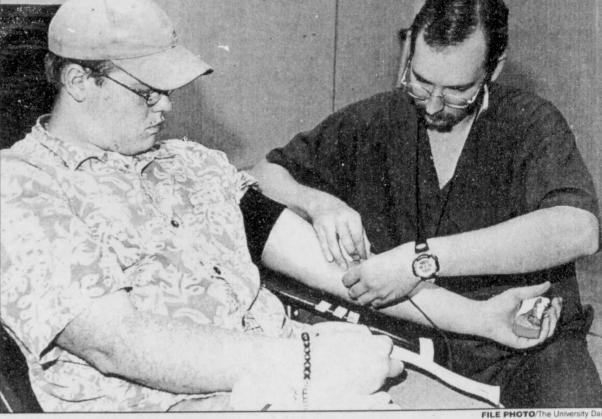
"That number is so high because we have such excellent healthcare in this town, with the big surgeries

Carson said in order to meet the ported from other service areas around the country.

"Some centers collect more than they can use, so we can get units from them," she said. "It's no help, though, if the entire nation is

Carson said several reasons exist for the shortage of donors.

"Many people don't make it in the doors the first time because they are afraid of what will happen," she said. "That and the FDA has released new regulations about who



A Texas Tech student donates his blood in an effort to aid Lubbock and the surrounding communities. Officials with United Blood Services say type O-negative blood is needed most.

is excluded as donors."

Carson said because of the mad cow and foot-and-mouth epidemic in England, the FDA has excluded people who have been in England cumulatively for six months from 1980 to 1996.

Courtney Brown, a medical technologist at University Medical Center, said the blood supply situation is improving at the hospital, but that could change anytime.

"We always try to keep 30 units demands, the agency has blood im- on hand," he said. "We have been down as low as two units, which is a huge problem.'

Brown said each unit of blood contains a preservative, which gives the blood a 42-day shelf life. After that, the unit must be destroyed.

"We usually don't have problems with expired units," he said. "We have problems when we are low on supplies. How do you tell someone who is bleeding to death to wait until the blood arrives from Montana in two days?

Carson said numerous blood

drives are scheduled in the area, and hopes that these drives will increase their stores.

"We had a blood drive last week at Wall and Gates Halls," she said. "We had hoped for 20 units, and ended up with 12. It's hard to tell what will happen.'

She said the next drives would be at Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex on April 17, and at the Carpenter/Wells Residence Complex on April 19, as well as a drive at Reese Technology Center from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Building 800 on the first floor.

Donors must show proof of identification and must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110

"Some things that require blood, like elective surgeries, can be postponed," she said. "Car wrecks can't be postponed. We need donors. There really isn't anything that can substitute for blood."

For more information, call United Blood Services at 797-6804.

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launching a new effort to improve Latino retention rates at leading uni-

The Goldman Sachs Foundation is giving \$1 million to create Hispanic Scholarship Fund student chapters at major universities, beginning with the University of Texas.

Chapters will open at 15 campuses nationally over the next two years and will provide mentoring and guidance for HSF scholarship recipients, said Sara Martinez Tucker, president and chief executive officer of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

In addition to UT-Austin, HSF

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry chapters will open this year at the joined a leader of the Hispanic University of California at Berkeley,

Scholarship Fund on Monday in Stanford, Harvard and Columbia. The \$1 million start-up money will help create an alumni network to offer support for scholarship recipients.

"It's a major investment in this state, but one that I happen to think will return huge dividends," Perry

Access to higher education by all Texans has been a key theme of Perry's since he became governor in December, succeeding President Bush. Since it was founded in 1975, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund has awarded more than 45,000 scholarships to students nationwide total-

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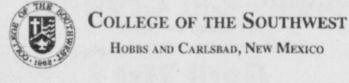
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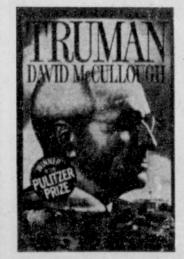




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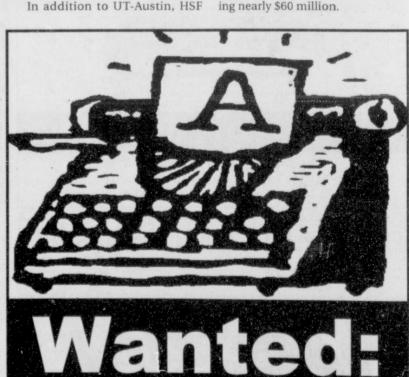
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Aikman retires after 12 NFL seasons

Three-time Super Bowl champion says his 'time's come', looks to broadcasting

IRVING (AP) — As always, Troy Aikman came to Texas Stadium with his game face on.

He brought an inch-thick stack of index cards and enough family and riends to fill a ballroom. Banners from the three Super Bowls he won hung from the hole-in-the-roof vistble behind him.

Then, when it came time to talk about the end of his 12-year career, the usually unflappable quarterback was overcome by emotion.

A few sentences into his nearly 1 /2-hour retirement news conference Monday, Aikman put down the eards, took a breath and dragged a finger beneath and above his left

"You watch and you think your time will never come," Aikman said slowly. "And my time's come."

Aikman called it a career 33 days after being waived by the Dallas Cowbovs.

While he believes he can still be a starting quarterback in the NFL, the right job wasn't out there.

So rather than risk suffering an 11th concussion or taking another

hit on his aching back, the 34-yearold Aikman ended his playing career and is preparing to start another as a broadcaster.

"I know it's the right thing for me because of my health, concussions, the back problems I've had," Aikman said. "It took its toll."

Aikman is close to finalizing a deal with Fox to replace Matt Millen as the partner for play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton, an industry source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. An announcement could come as early as Tuesday, the source said.

Without mentioning any specific

networks, Aikman said a new job in friend Daryl Johnston. television "looks like something that will take place," with an announcement in the next few days.

Aikman's life is rapidly changing. He recently moved to California and in late August his wife is due to have their first child. They're also raising an 11-year-old daughter from her previous marriage.

"I'm OK with it, but I also know I can still play," Aikman said. "I think when all things are considered it was the right thing for me and my fam-

Aikman bit his lip as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones introduced the first player he ever drafted and reminisced about the rise of the team and the quarterback. Before Aikman spoke, Jones pre-

sented a video prepared by NFL Films. It began with clips of a young Aikman and featured great moments throughout his career. Aikman told about hoping the

Cowboys would have the top pick in the 1989 draft, then became choked up talking about his rookie class, which also included close

He remembered the team's rocket ride from 0-11 in his 1989 starts to Super Bowl champions in 1992, '93 and '95. He emphasized the character of the players as being a major part of their success.

"The chemistry of that ballclub and unselfish manner - you can't beat that combination," he said.

Then, showing the candor that will serve him well in broadcasting, he added: "Maybe over recent years we've lost sight of that. It's become a game of players showcasing themselves.

Aikman talked about the things he'll miss, such as the locker room after a big win, and the things he won't, like facing reporters after a big

He also thanked scores of people, from every coach he's ever had to practically every member of the Cowboys' organization. He broke down again talking about "The Triplets" - himself, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith.

"I loved it when they called us that," he said.

Sitting in the second row, Smith draped an arm around Irvin and both bit their lips as they held back their emotions.

"All three of us stepped up," Smith said. "We all pushed one another. He probably was the laid-back one, but he was the stubborn one, too. His stubbornness was really his way of showing that losing was not an option.'

Irvin said Aikman's emotions Monday proved he wasn't always frown-faced, as cameras usually caught him during games.

"He's a stoic kind of guy," Irvin said. "This shows what football and the relationships he's built meant to

Jones said Aikman "restored or embellished our belief ... that our athletes can be heroes.'

Jones waived Aikman on March 7, a day before he was due a \$7 million bonus and seven-year contract ex-

Aikman holds nearly every team passing record and was among the best postseason quarterbacks in

Rangers not panicking after start

ARLINGTON (AP) - Alex Rodriguez and the Texas Rangers certainly aren't in a panic mode. It's only been a week.

"Obviously, we want to be doing better, but it's a long season. We'll be fine," Rodriguez said of the Rangers' 3-4 record. "We want to win games, that's what we are here for. That's what our job and motivation is every day."

The Rangers completed their first week of the season with a 5-4 victory over Seattle, avoiding a three-game sweep by Rodriguez's former team. After an off-day Monday, Texas begins a nine-game roadtrip Tuesday in the continuation of a stretch of 19 straight games against AL West foes.

In Week 1 of his \$252 million, 10-year contract, Rodriguez hit .296 (8-for-27) with eight strikeouts. His only extra-base hits were three doubles in a 6-5 loss to the Mariners on Saturday, the same game in which the 25year-old All-Star shortstop got his only two RBI.

"He's still getting his feet on the ground," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I said in spring training that there are going to be critics that if he doesn't hit 1.000, he's a failure. He's never allowed to make an error or fall down or stub his toe. He's not allowed to do that.

"But I think when it's all said and done, he's going to have a very nice career. So we don't overreact one way or another to seven games.

Pirates slugger, Hall of Famer Willie Stargell dead at 61

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Family has lost its patriarch.

Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who led the Pirates to two World Series victories with his tape-measure homers, died of a stroke Monday at

He had been in failing health for several years with a kidney disorder, according to officials at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

bronze statue of the man known as "Pops" on Saturday at PNC Park, where they played their first game Monday only hours after Stargell died.

"Now, every opening day at PNC Park, everybody will know this is Willie Stargell's day," said Chuck Tanner, Stargell's manager from 1977-82. "He's up there, and he knows the Pirates are opening today."

The Pirates unveiled a 12-foot ters ever, in volume and in distance, Stargell hit 475 homers — many of them soaring, majestic shots that rattled a pitcher's confidence. With Stargell batting cleanup for most of his 20-year career, the Pirates won World Series championships and NL pennants in 1971 and 1979 and six NL East titles from 1970-79. He was in-

ducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. Stargell was a dynamic leader on One of the greatest home run hit- the field and a fatherly yet forceful

presence off it. The 1979 Pirates were nicknamed "the Family" from the Sister Sledge song, "We Are Family," and Stargell said years later that it wasn't a misnomer.

'We won, we lived and we enjoyed as one," Stargell said. "We molded together dozens of different individuals into one working force. We were products of different races, were raised in different income brackets, but in the clubhouse and

on the field we were one."

He distributed his coveted stars for extra effort to teammates who proudly attached them to their ball caps.

'We fought for those stars," former teammate Bill Robinson said Monday. "Those were precious. If he forgot to give you one, we'd be at his locker saying, 'Willie, I did this' or 'Willie, I did that.' To get those stars from your leader and captain, that was special."

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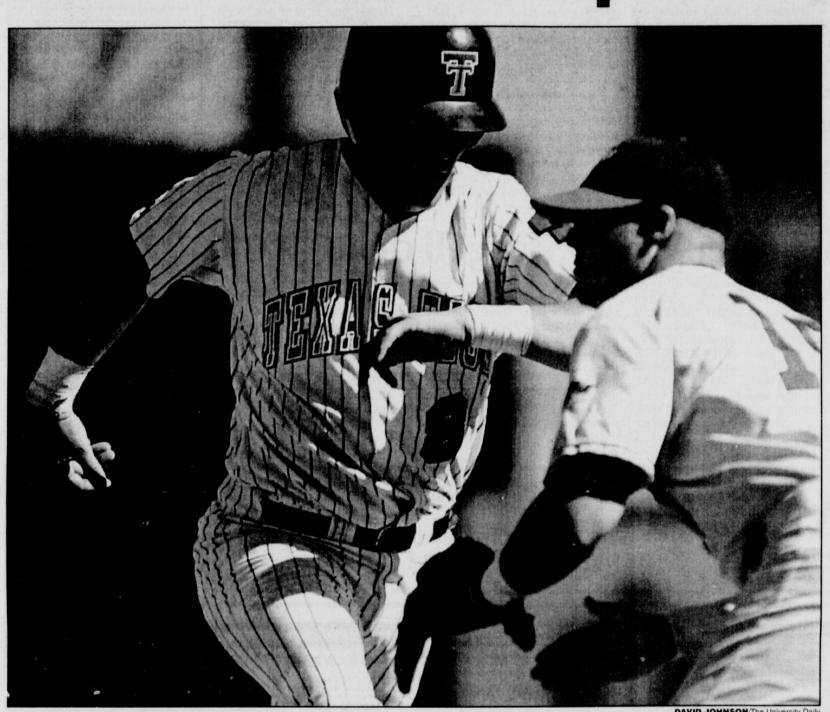
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Tech infielder Bryon Smith returns to first base during the Red Raiders' series sweep of Iowa State last weekend at Dan Law Field.

Tech baseball prepares for five contests in the upcoming week

Cory Metzler

TEXAS TECH PITCHER

Staff Writer

Texas Tech will try to use a threegame weekend sweep of Iowa State as a springboard for even more success as the Red Raiders take on West Texas A&M at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Today's battle is the first of five in a seven day stretch for the Raiders. The stretch of games also will feature a Wednesday home tilt with TCU and a weekend series with Texas A&M in

"We kind of like it that way," said senior pitcher Cory Metzler, who

earned Tech's last win, a 5-2 victory over We play better when Iowa State on Sunday. "We we play more games." play better when we play more games. The more we play the more

focused we'll

the winning effort.

gives us a chance to do some things," Metzler lasted 6 2/3 innings, fan-Tech coach Larry Hays said. "We've ning three and scattering five hits in

"We've got enough guys on this team who can play for us and get the job done," he said of the upcoming schedule. "Especially the pitching staff, we've got plenty of guys to do what we need.'

The Raiders' power game seems to be hitting its stride, as well. Tech hitters accounted for 16 extra-base hits over the weekend, including seven home runs.

Third baseman Nick Blankenship hammered a pair of round trippers in Sunday's win, driving in four runs. In addition, senior left fielder Jason

triple, a double and three RBI in Saturday's doubleheader.

The Buffs', who compete in the Lone Star Conference, are led by junior Bill Potts, who brings a team-high .327 batting average into today's game. Potts has four homers, three triples

and 16 RBI to his credit in 2001. Junior Bill Hangartner leads the Buffaloes with 36 RBI. Hangartner is hitting .297 with 10 homers and a .585 slugging percentage.

Today's expected starter for WTAMU is Michael Kopenits, a senior right-hander from Clovis, N.M.

Kopenits totes a 3-2 season mark and a 10.24 ERA.

struck out 18 and walked 11 in 29 innings and eight appearances. "The sweep

just got to have a good week now. We've got to have some pitchers who haven't got to pitch in a while step up and pitch for us." While Hays is pleased with the Big 12 sweep, he said this week's

crowded schedule needs to be motivation for his pitching staff. He said he hopes his team will be able to use the momentum of three

straight wins. "I hope so," he said, "but we haven't used momentum all year. We'll win two games and lose one. It's going to come down to whether we

pitch or not. It'll be a challenge for

A glimpse into my perception of Texas Tech's future

I am 33 years old, and I quit The University Daily in 2002

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But what makes me sad is I have been out of the journalism profession for 14 years.

So I contacted my old sports editor Jeff Keller, who is now head of media relations at Texas Tech, to do one last interview with some of the coaches I talked to while I was a Red

Keller took the job after Chris Cook, who was hired in 2000, departed for the WNBA's Houston Comets. Too bad the WNBA folded in 2003, and Cook now is back at Tech in charge of men and women's tennis. Keller gave me the phone numbers of current Tech coach Bob Knight, ex-coach James Dickey,

current Athletics Director Gerald Myers and current President David Schmidly

Myers didn't return my message. I guess he hasn't changed since I went

But at least Dickey called back. Dickey and I laughed at the memories of our argument in the United Spirit Arena parking lot in 2000.

Dickey remarked how he has been out of coaching since he was fired in 2001. He has been into yoga and has traveled around the country talking to groups of people called HOTBE Also known as "It Is OK To Be Fired.

Dickey's son, Jared Allen, is an

18-year-old basketball star at Lubbock Coronado High School and is only being recruited by Knight. Dickey said don't go to school. Go pro. Knight called while I was on the phone with Dickey so I told James a more important coach is on the other line.

Knight has been coach at Tech for 14 seasons and has yet to get the university a national championship. It took him four years to reach the NCAA Tournament and

six to get to the Final Four. The Knight shirts are still selling and he still has everyone at the

university bowing at his feet. I heard he had a confrontation with his grandson who told him he wanted to be a cheerleader at Tech

when he grows up. But he didn't choke him. He just grabbed him with one hand.

Schmidly finally called and accidentally told me football coach Mike Leach is on the verge of being fired. Leach doesn't know that yet. Well, now he knows.

Schmidly is stepping down from his position after this season because he still upset more people went to Knight's news conference than his inauguration in 2001.

But before he calls it quits he told me he wanted Dickey to become the new president.

I called Dickey back, and he said the first thing he will do is fire Knight and Myers and hire me as the

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men's head basketball coach.

New York Times settles lawsuit with pro hoops

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Times settled a lawsuit with the NBA over the commercial rights to game photographs by agreeing to provide a direct Web link from the newspaper's online store to NBA.com.

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