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## Oklahoma City bomber put to death

### Survivors, victims' relatives watch as McVeigh dies

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Stony-faced to the end, Timothy McVeigh was put to death Monday without uttering a word. More than 600 miles away, those whose lives were shattered by his bomb watched the execution via a video camera, finding neither the apology they hoped to hear nor the suffering some wanted to see.

McVeigh's eyes rolled back, his lips turned slightly blue and his skin appeared jaundiced as he was pro-

nounced dead at 8:14 a.m. EDT at the U.S. Penitentiary.

In his last moments, his face was as blank as it was that April day six years ago when America first saw him escorted out of an Oklahoma jail.

Instead of speaking, McVeigh released a handwritten copy of the 1875 poem "Invictus," which concludes with the lines: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."

The 33-year-old decorated Gulf War veteran was the first inmate executed by the U.S. government in 38 years. He was convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed

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#### McVEIGH'S FINAL THOUGHTS

Although convicted killer Timothy McVeigh did not verbally communicate any final words, he did release the following poem to his warden to convey his last thoughts.

"Invictus"  
by William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate:  
I am the captain of my soul.

### Red Raiders voice opinions on convicted killer's execution

UD STAFF AND AP WIRE REPORTS

While news crews and television anchors described convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's execution, students and faculty at Texas Tech also witnessed the day's events through various media outlets.

"I wouldn't think that it would be fulfilling," Sam Flores, a freshman pre-medicine major said. "They still lost a family member. Killing him doesn't replace that."

The execution was watched by witnesses at the prison, as well as survivors and family members of the deceased through closed-circuit television in Oklahoma City.

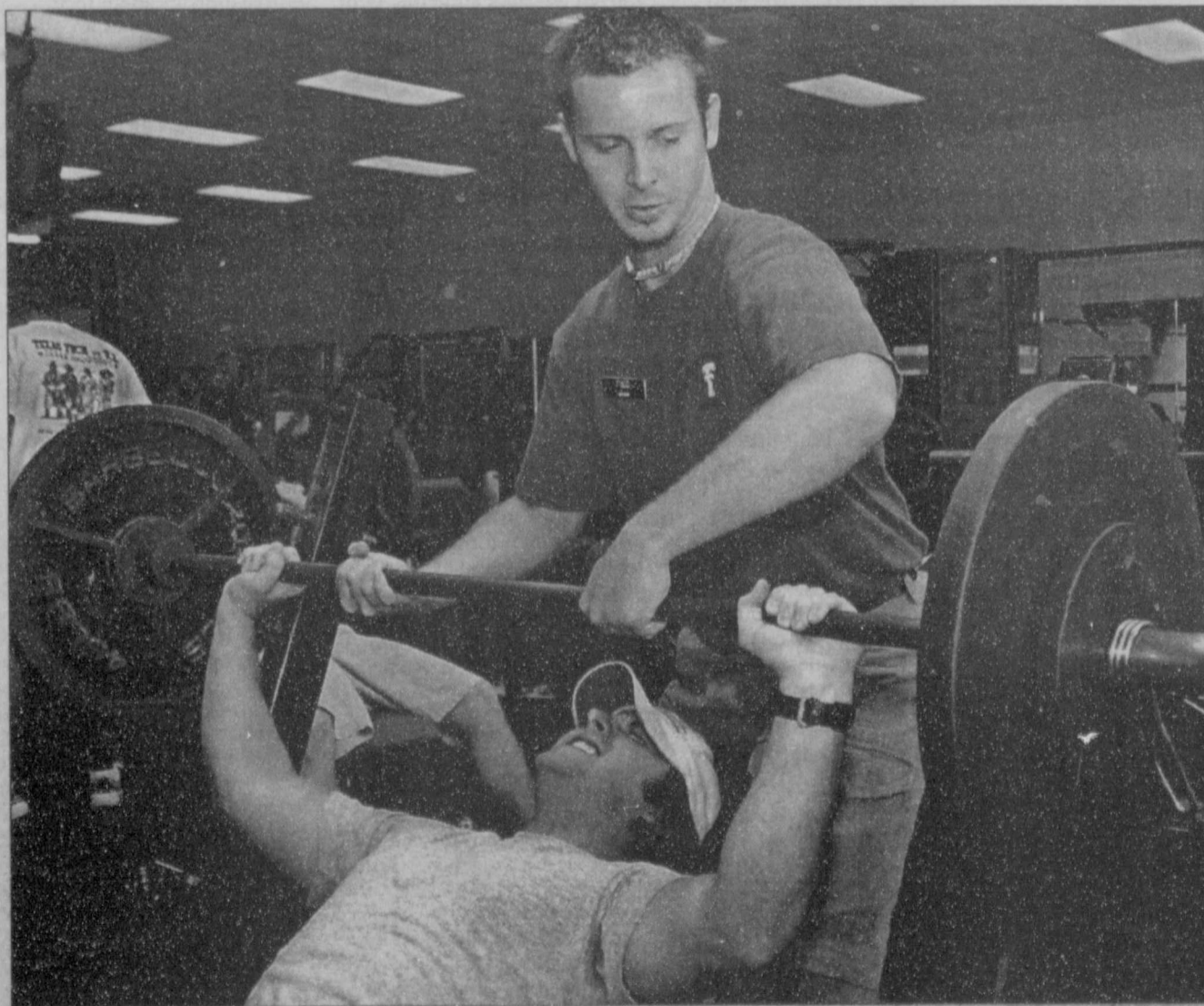
McVeigh bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995, and following the conviction he was sent to death row to await an execution, which was originally set for May 16.

McVeigh's death sentence was prolonged for a month following an appeal concerning the revelation that the FBI withheld documents from the defense.

The appeal was overturned and Attorney General John Ashcroft declared that his guilt was not in question and that his execution would be carried out June 11.

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## FEELIN' THE BURN



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Spotting Brian Ottmer, a junior pre-physical therapy major from Dallas, on the incline bench press, Todd Waren, a junior mechanical engineering major from Midland helps him near the end of his workout. Waren is an employee at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and often helps people in the weight room.

## Big 12 adopts new eligibility rules

By MATT MUENCH  
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to promote education, the university presidents within the Big 12 Conference last week adopted a no-pass, no-play rule regarding student athletes.

Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford said Tech is the first school to operate under its own policy and said he is pleased the other 11 schools in the division have followed.

"I am very, very pleased the Big 12 has adopted this rule," Montford said. "We think it is a good rule because it places a good emphasis on academics."

The policy has two parts student athletes must follow. Part one requires student athletes to pass at least six hours of classes each semester to be eligible for competition.

Part two calls for student athletes to pass six hours of courses in the semester immediately preceding a bowl game or any form of post-season competition.

Shane Lyons, Tech's associate athletic director for compliance, said part one is something new for the Red Raiders, while part two is a policy Tech has enforced for the past four years.

Lyons said the policy begins Aug 1., adding that he believes this policy is helpful because it often keeps student athletes from slacking off during their last year of eligibility.

"One reason the rule was put in is a lot of students that are in their last year of eligibility tend to blow of their last

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# THE MAN with A PLAN

Texas Tech's president talks about his accomplishments and goals nearly one year after taking office.

By COURTNEY MUENCH  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech President David Schmidly said he remembers driving to Reese Air Force Base when he first arrived at Tech in 1996 and asking how the university could be involved.

"The answer I was given was, well, Texas Tech said it won't do anything," Schmidly said. "And I said that was ridiculous."

So he immediately went to work, and because of his efforts, the former base houses the Institute of Environmental and Human Health, an institute that researches the effects toxic chemicals have on the environment and human beings.

Schmidly then created the Rural Assistance Initiative to aid neighboring communities in economic development.

This led to an Economic Development Authority Grant of \$100,000 per year for 25 years.

The grant led to the development of an Economic Development Center, the first of its kind for the South Plains region.

"What we are trying to do there is bring technology to small towns around Lubbock," Schmidly said. "I want to make sure the community understands that Texas Tech wants to help. We are not the Ivory Tower. We aren't locking ourselves in. We want (the community) to come to this

campus and see (Tech) as a resource. We want to work with you."

With these endeavors, he has made economic development a priority for Tech's research projects.

"If you build a good research university, it will be good for economic developments," Schmidly said. "And there are so many things that go on at this campus that can either benefit existing small businesses or help new ones get started. So many start-up companies have started because of knowledge coming out of research in universities."

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently named Schmidly the Small Business Advocate of the Year for the Lubbock area.

"I think he certainly deserves the recognition," said Tech Chancellor John Montford.

"He has been a champion for research and evidence shows his involvement through his support for people and small businesses in improving economic development throughout West Texas."

Schmidly said he was surprised he received the award, but he outlined the major themes he wants Tech to possess — access and diversity, national excellence, engagement with the community, technology and partnerships.

Along with this, he said his focus shifts to the students.

"I try in every decision I make to

think, well is this going to be good for our students? Is this going to make their education and there lives here better?" he said.

With that, he remembers being a Tech student himself.

"I was a Sigma Nu. I liked to party. I went to every athletic event," he said.

"I was not the world's greatest student. I was a good student, a 'B' student, but I was not an 'A' student."

Schmidly said he struggled at first adjusting to the college transition because he didn't know what he wanted to do.

"When I realized I wasn't going to make a living in sports, I made a decision at the end of my freshman year that I was going to really focus on academics," he said.

Schmidly then decided, with a professor's help, that he wanted to major in zoology. He went on to earn a master's and doctorate in the field.

He said he believes students should be mainly concerned with academics, but college should be a fun experience, too.

"I want students to have fun and a good experience. I want them to leave Texas Tech saying, 'You know, that was a fun place to go to school. People cared about me, they were interested in me, and the man at the top really cared a lot about the students, and he tried and did everything he could to make sure every



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student got a quality education."

Before becoming president of the university in August, Schmidly was vice president for research and dean of the graduate school.

"I loved advising students, both undergrad and grad. But before being vice president, I was an assistant professor. Then I was promoted professor."

Schmidly said he promised his family that he would not hold an administrative job until his children were out of college.

"I coached little league, sponsored the pompom squad— our children were our No. 1 priority," he said.

In his spare time, Schmidly writes. He has published six books. His seventh, about Texas mammals, is in the editing process.

Even then, he said he often finds himself thinking about Tech.

"My job has been an absolute, complete and total labor of love. Whether I was teaching, advising, publishing papers, studying animals, administering. I do not think of myself as really having a job. I consider myself privileged and very fortunate to be able to do what I do," Schmidly said.

"And amazingly people pay me for it."

## Foreign Language building evacuated after false alarm

Students and faculty were evacuated after someone pulled the fire alarm in the Foreign Language building Monday morning.

Liz Hildebrand, foreign language building safety coordinator, said the alarm sounded around 11:30 a.m.

Students were evacuated and the fire department was contacted, she said. It became apparent that one of the alarms had been pulled.

"It was intentional, we do not have a suspect, but we are continuing to look into the problem," Texas Tech Fire Marshal Walter James said.

Hildebrand also said that a student witnessed a group of other students standing next to the fire pull station, but did not see the alarm being tampered with.

The evacuation lasted about 20- to 30 minutes.

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semester," Lyons said. "This pushes them to get to the classroom so they can play on the field."

The Big 12 is the first collegiate athletic conference to impose the policy, and will be followed by the South Eastern Conference.

Lyons said other schools around the nation just follow NCAA rules. Right now, under those rules, if a student athlete passes one semester, that student is certified to play for one year.

Giving an example under current NCAA rules, Lyons said if a basketball player passes three hours in the fall, he is still eligible in the spring.

He said the school may put the student on probation, but added probation is just a word because the student athletes still are allowed to suit up for competition.

The Big 12's new policy won't allow that.

"This policy is great for conference merit," Lyons said. "It shows that the Big 12 is taking a proactive approach to merits of student athletes at all of the universities in the conference."

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168 people, 19 of them children, and injured hundreds.

To the nation, it was the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

To Timothy McVeigh, planting a 7,000-pound truck bomb at a building filled with innocent people was a "legit tactic" for his one-man war against the government.

In Oklahoma City, 232 survivors and victims' relatives watched the execution on a closed-circuit TV broadcast, sent in a feed encrypted to guard against interception. McVeigh appeared to be looking into a small camera that had been installed overhead in his death chamber.

McVeigh "just gave us that same glare that makes me think he got what he wanted," said Karen Jones, whose 46-year-old husband, Larry, was killed in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Kathleen Treanor, also at the broadcast, carried a photo of her 4-year-old daughter, Ashley Eckles, who died along with Treanor's in-laws.

"I thought of her every step of the way," she said of her little girl.

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"If they count it eye for an eye, then it is peace," Robert Keecker, a freshman architecture major said.

Some survivors and family members of those who died sought some form of closure through the execution, while others felt that the execution was in no way a form of closure.

According to the justice system, justice was served in spite of evidence that was withheld from the defense.

Jennifer Beecher, a senior photo-communications and English major from Amarillo, said that there was some form of justice in that he cannot violate anyone else's rights again.

The blank expression, cold stare and open eyes of McVeigh just before his execution sentence was carried out might have shown his lack of remorse and his persevering sense of duty to blast the government.

McVeigh used a handwritten version of "Invictus," by William Ernest Henley as a replacement for speak-

ing his last words.

"I think the use of that poem proves how mindless he was," William Rowe, a senior telecommunications major from San Antonio said. "That poem was about keeping your head up during defeat."

The fact that McVeigh was a decorated military veteran has opened the door to media debate on whether or not the military played a part in his downfall from society.

"It makes me wonder about the desensitization in the military," Lewis Held, associate professor of biologi-

cal sciences said.

Family and friends of the deceased, as well as survivors of the bombing, made statements to the press following the execution.

Appeals were made to the public and the media by several mourners to remember the 168 victims of McVeigh as his execution was publicized.

Regardless of what is thought of McVeigh, at 33 years old he died strapped to a metal table as deadly chemicals coursed through his veins as hundreds watched.



# Tech storm chasers survey area weather possibilities

By TIFFANY KINGSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Graduate students in the Department of Atmospheric Science are continuing their classroom research by gathering recent storm demographics in the Lubbock area.

Mark Conder, a graduate assistant in the Department of Atmospheric Science, said part of their research entails placing aluminum instrument racks on the hood of their cars and driving into the storms to collect data.

The May 30 storm that entered Lubbock's west side produced wind gusts up to 105 miles per hour and golf-ball size hail, according to the data collected.

"That's very high. That's not a tornado. That's just thunderstorm winds, so that's pretty impressive," Conder said.

The Department of Atmospheric Science works with the Department of Wind Engineering and the West Texas National Weather Service where the groups share equipment and information in an effort to learn more about storm-producing weather.

Conder said a lot of the individual research conducted by the Texas Tech Storm Intercept Team is directed toward weather that threatens people and their property in this agricultural area. He said they study other phenomena aside from tornadoes. They also study hail, flooding and other aspects of thunderstorms.

"There are a lot of research possibilities with thunderstorms," Conder said.

Kevin Manross, another atmospheric science graduate research assistant, said dry lines, which are discontinuities in moisture with opposing winds, also are an important part of storm initiation research, because they often form where thunderstorms develop.

"Sometimes we have all the con-

ditions in place, but are we actually going to get a thunderstorm to initiate?" Manross said. "That's one of the things he (Conder) is hoping to find out."

Conder said one of the challenges is trying to understand where on the dry line the thunderstorm will form.

He also said a better understanding of thunderstorms, along with giving the public advanced warnings are some goals of the research team.

"We are trying to get a better understanding, the more we understand the better we can disseminate to the public," Manross said.

By knowing the characteristics of weather phenomena, he said, the researchers can predict what might happen next.

Manross said the Central Plains, which includes Lubbock, are more susceptible to super-cellular thunderstorms that produce tornadoes. But more importantly, specific to the Lubbock area, strong straight-line winds and hail damage are bigger threats.

"Hail damage especially is a concern around here because it is an agricultural area," Jason Branz, a graduate research assistant in the department of atmospheric science said. "Of course, any sizeable hail will cause damage to cotton crops as well as other crops."

Banz said the usual season for severe weather in this area is from late March until late May or early June. Then, he said, the pattern shifts so that the severe weather threat shifts north as summer progresses.

Manross said the Lubbock community could see an unseasonably strong system later this week, but because of warm air in the mid-level of

the system, the possibility of a thunderstorm is not certain.

"It's almost like having a helium balloon wanting to rise than hitting the ceiling. It can't go any further," he said.

Manross said that he wants to clarify that as researchers they do not chase the storms because of an adrenaline rush or to hype up the local weather forecasts.

"We do it more for research — for the scientific aspect," he said. "We go out because we have sat in the classrooms and done the equations. We go out looking to see how it's done in real life."

Conder said when tracking a storm they stay in contact with the local weather service to relay information.

The county warning area that the Lubbock forecast office is responsible for extends as far west as Muleshoe and Morton, east to Aspertown and Childress, north to Friona and Memphis and south to Plains and Tahoka.

"Since this area is so rural, and there is a limited number of people living around here," Banz said, "the importance of chasers and spotters relaying what they are seeing is very important, in order for them (forecasters) to issue warnings."

During the storms on June 5, the researchers spotted land spouts, non-super cell tornadoes, north of Floydada. The spout was produced by storms in the west.

Manross said land-spouts are generally not as strong as other types of tornadoes but they are dangerous.

The land-spout lasted about 25-to-30 minutes, Banz said. He also said that most land spouts don't last more than 10 or 15 minutes.

The researchers said the weather this spring has been more active than last year's spring.

# Houston faces cleanup after weekend floods

*Tropical storm effects leave downtown in 'dirty mess'*

HOUSTON (AP) — The roar of pumps removing water replaced the usual hum of traffic Monday in downtown Houston as businesses heeded the advice of Houston's mayor and concentrated on recovering and cleaning up from the deadly floods of Tropical Storm Allison.

"It's a dirty mess," said Jordy Tollett, Mayor Lee Brown's chief of staff, as dozens of crews pumped millions of gallons of water and mud from office building basements and underground garages.

Traffic was lighter downtown where some buildings were closed and without power because of flooded basements. Many traffic signals were out.

The bulk of the residential damage was on the city's east side where Halls and Greens Bayous had strayed far from their banks and swamped neighborhoods with water nearing the ceilings of some homes.

Most of the rest of the nation's fourth-largest city, however, appeared near normal on what Brown declared a "day of recovery." Freeways were open. Water was back within the banks of bayous.

"It seems so odd the way different sides of Houston were affected," Donna Mireles, a downtown office worker, said. "Some parts got so much and other parts

barely got any at all."

Mireles, whose federal office was open Monday, said she took a bus to work because she knew so many underground parking lots were filled with water.

At least 17 deaths in Texas were blamed on the deluges brought by Allison, which first came ashore in Southeast Texas seven days ago as the first named storm of the new Atlantic hurricane season. After flooding coastal areas, it drifted into East Texas, then returned Friday to the Houston-area where as much as 3 feet of rain fell in some parts of the city.

"This is the most devastating widespread flooding we've seen in recent history in this area," said Harris County Judge Robert Eckels.

Most of the fatalities were drownings. Water reached rooftops in some neighborhoods near inundated bayous. Other victims were found in cars that became trapped in quickly rising waters. A few others were electrocuted.

Some 20,000 residences were flooded, but evacuations and high-water rescues appeared to be over Monday.

"We are going door to door to houses and searching them to make sure everyone is accounted for," said Rusty Cornelius of the county's office of emergency management.

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[ COLUMN ]

## Greek experience teaches lessons

There are many fraternal organizations on the Texas Tech campus. I was a pledge in one such organization last semester.



**Damion Davis**

I won't say the name of the organization. I will, however, tell you what I thought about it.

At first it seemed like a good idea, and I thought to myself, "Why not be a part of a group of gentlemen that seem so close?"

Then, as reality blew back into the harbor, I realized something totally different.

I never had a brother and was looking for a group of gentlemen I could embrace as friends and become people I could go out with and have a good time. But, I eventually decided it might not have been the best idea.

I began to go through the process: the rushes, the interview and initiation. There were 14 of us, and we were one of the most diverse groups to ever pledge at the same time.

I started to think this was a good idea for me. Pledging is kind of like the show "Survivor." The purpose is to work together for one cause, to make it to the final draw and to be inducted into the group.

I heard the horror stories about hazing and exactly what they do to you while you are on the line.

I heard about the egg game where you take a raw egg and crack it in someone's mouth. That person must pass it to the

next person, then the next and so on.

And, believe it or not, I was even ready to play that game. But to my delight, it was never played.

In the long run, I did not make it into this fraternity. I ended up dropping after being in the pledge program for about six weeks.

I dropped for more than one reason.

The first reason was that I saw how one of my good friends was treated. He was late to a meeting because of a flat tire and was treated as if he were nothing. They made him feel as though he was not worthy to become one of them.

And second, I saw how they treated their own so-called brother. In his face they laughed and joked, but behind his back they talked about him almost worse than I talked about my enemies.

I realized after six weeks that a fraternity was not for me. But, I don't think it's that way for all people.

I have good friends that are part of these organizations. I don't think that fraternities promote underage drinking or violence.

I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent pledging the wonderful fraternity that I did pledge.

Although I am not a part of this organization, the things told to me as sacred will always remain that way. But, I can honestly say that I met some of my best friends while pledging.

I will probably never pledge this organization again, but then, you never know.

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[ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ]

### Hate crimes law misguided

**To the editor:** My family is a "blended" family, of mixed ethnicity, so I have strong feelings about prejudice/acceptance. I agree with Mr. Davis about the Jasper murder. I think it was disgusting and horrendous. Those who committed that crime should receive the most severe punishment allowed by law.

But I don't know that I want them punished more severely for killing Mr. Byrd than they would be punished for killing a heterosexual white man. I fear that when we legislate inequality in opportunities (Affirmative Action) and/

or punishments (Hate Crimes Law), more resentment surfaces, creating a deeper rift between groups in our society.

Bottom line, (now donning my rose-colored glasses) what I wish is for all people to be treated equally and fairly and I want it to come from the heart, not the law.

*Mary Benton  
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[ COLUMN ]

## Democrats on the take

The Democrats want your money one way or another.



**Katie Harris**

In return the party will send an electronic post card to the president commenting on his policies and agenda. Talk about looking a gift horse in the mouth.

Democrats want you to give back your money in order to criticize the individuals who made the refund possible.

In America, we have the freedom to choose what we want to do with most of our money, and that includes tax refunds. If an individual wants to support a political organization, then he or she has that choice.

Americans also have the choice to put their money to use in ways that will help themselves and the country as well. Investing, higher education and purchasing a home are just a few of the ways this tax refund can help Americans and the U.S. economy.

The legislation of President Bush's 10-year tax plan is a positive thing for the country. Americans will see fast results with the arrival of refund

checks this year, but many other benefits will soon follow.

President Bush's tax cut includes a gradual decrease in the income tax, the ending of the estate tax and reduction of the marriage penalty.

The plan also is aimed to assist future college students by allowing college savings plans to mature tax free until withdrawn.

Despite all of these benefits, Democrats believe the tax cut is too large and neglects the government's other priorities. Democrats want to keep the budget surplus to create new government programs and fund existing ones.

As if America needs anymore programs.

Government-funded programs may help individuals in a variety of ways, but the refunds and tax breaks will help Americans help themselves, instead of relying on programs. New programs will not keep things like the economy afloat, but more money in Americans' pockets will.

Money talks, and America is listening. Democrats want you to complain about receiving a check, which is completely absurd.

This shows the Democrats are either afraid of Bush and his agenda, or they just do not know the value of a dollar in this country. Either way, by passing this plan Bush will gain support because he knows where America's trust lies — in the almighty dollar.

Maybe one day if the Democrats give me a tax break I will send them a check. Their track record, however, shows they just want to take.

In the mean time, Americans will just be glad to have a little more cash in their pockets this year.

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# Study: pollution increases heart risks

## Incidents of heart attacks are being linked to unclean air exposure.

DALLAS (AP) — High levels of air pollution can trigger heart attacks in at-risk people exposed for even a short time, a study has found.

Researchers who interviewed 772 Boston-area patients about four days after their attacks found that the onset of symptoms correlated with times of high daily air pollution.

Tiny, invisible particles long have been thought to cause long-term cardiovascular diseases. The new study

is the first to examine short-term effects on the heart, said senior author Dr. Murray Mittleman, director of cardiovascular epidemiology at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The study of 489 men and 283 women, conducted from January 1995 to May 1996, defined at-risk people as obese, inactive or those with a history of heart problems.

The results appear in Tuesday's edition of *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

The pollution particles are called PM-2.5, for particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter. They're emitted by cars, power plants and industry, as well as fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

Studies in the past five years have linked deaths and hospital admissions to a spike in PM-2.5 levels. In the study, risk for heart attack peaked two hours and 24 hours after patients were exposed to increased levels of the particles.

After two hours, risk increased 48 percent in the hours when pollution was the worst, compared to the best hours; after 24 hours, risk increased 62 percent.

The study also examined health risks caused by ozone, a chief ingredient of smog that's created when air pollutants mix. Ozone has been linked to lung and breathing problems, but researchers in this study found no data linking it to heart attacks, Mittleman said.

The study did not address how the particles trigger heart attacks. Other studies have shown that the particles, small enough to bypass the body's defenses and get into the lungs and other tissue, cause inflammation and blood clotting. These symptoms may contribute to heart attacks by blocking flow of blood through the heart, some researchers say.

Still other studies have shown that the particles may create electrical reactions affecting the nervous system.

PM-25 particles are light enough to travel long distances and infest air that's typically clean. Air conditioning helps to filter it out of the indoors.

"The best advice is to avoid outdoor activity on hot, hazy days," said study co-author Douglas Dockery,

professor of environmental epidemiology at Harvard.

Researchers noted that Boston does not have excessive pollution and meets federal air quality standards, so the risk could be even worse in high-pollution cities such as Houston and Los Angeles.

The Environmental Protection Agency's air quality standards, last updated in 1997, have been challenged in court in part because no one has pinpointed why pollution particles pose a health risk.

The study can be used to encourage the EPA to consider stricter air standards, said Dr. Jonathan Samet, chairman of the department of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University, who was not involved in the study.

## Managing conflict topic of lecture

Alan Korinek, assistant director for the department of neuropsychiatry at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, will lecture on how to manage conflict at noon Wednesday in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collections.

The roundtable will concentrate on why conflict management is better than avoiding the problem. It will hit on the areas of different conflict styles and

the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Korinek will explain the ways to approach conflict and elaborate on the steps and techniques to resolve it.

The forum is open to anyone interested.

The roundtable will be the first of two roundtables held this summer. The second forum will be July 12 and is titled "Active Learning: Jumping Jacks for the Brain."

## 'Miss Congeniality' shows Thursday

"Miss Congeniality" will be showing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Allen Theatre.

The PG-13 rated movie features Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt and William Shatner.

The movie tells the story of an FBI agent (Bullock) who goes undercover as a beauty pageant contestant.

Students with a valid Texas Tech I.D. who attend will receive free admission to the show.

## Getting a grip



Joe Colley, a senior English major from Mount Pleasant, practices his climbing technique at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday afternoon. The 50-foot wall is one of the largest climbing walls at a university in the country. Craig Swanson/ THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

## Researchers find Hispanics to be most uninsured group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics are more likely to work in jobs without health insurance and within those industries are less likely to be offered health insurance than whites, according to a new study.

Zooming in on why Hispanics are the most uninsured ethnic group in the United States, researchers discovered that in 1999, employers offered health insurance to 69 percent of fulltime Hispanic workers compared to almost 87 percent of whites.

Even at low incomes, rates of coverage are lower for Hispanics than for whites, although the majority of Hispanics accept coverage when it is offered, the study said.

Study author Claudia Schur

said the findings challenge some beliefs about why Hispanics working full time lack health insurance.

"Some people may believe Hispanics decide not to have health insurance because they choose not to buy it. That's not true," Schur said. "It's not just affordability."

Her study found much of the problem can be attributed to types of jobs held by Hispanics. However, immigrant status and their family structure also play a role. She also said some discrimination may be involved.

"Because of the number of contributing factors and the lack of a single culprit, there is not likely to be one simple policy solution to this problem," the study said.

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# Six Flags opens gates for Republican fund-raiser

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six Flags Inc. opened its suburban Washington theme park Monday to help House Republicans raise more than \$200,000 from donors who got to ride roller coasters instead of attending the usual stuffy fund-raiser.

The event, headlined by House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, was held as Congress considers legislation that would place amusement parks under the jurisdiction of a federal consumer agency for the first time since 1980, when the industry won an exemption from such oversight.

Six Flags spokeswoman Debbie Nauser said the company helped sponsor the fund-raiser at its Largo, Md., park at the National Republican Congressional Committee's request. The NRCC shared the cost, she said.

"We'd be happy to do one for the Democrats, we'd be happy to do one for the independents," Nauser said.

"It's a nice family night out and that's what we try to promote."

Six Flags is not lobbying against the theme park oversight bill, introduced by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., though it doesn't feel the legislation would make parks safer, Nauser said.

"We feel that our industry is a very safe industry," she said. "We don't feel that any additional legislation would make any difference at our parks."

The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions

was also taking part in Monday's fund-raiser at Six Flags America, Nauser said. Spokesmen did not immediately respond to a request for comment left at their Washington office Monday afternoon by The Associated Press.

About 5,000 tickets were available for the three-hour fund-raiser, which gave Republican lawmakers, donors and their guests sole run of the park Monday night, NRCC spokesman Carl Forti said. Tickets could be purchased in groups of 10 for \$2,000, he said.

DeLay spokeswoman Emily Miller said DeLay has not taken a position on the Markey bill. Six Flags' sponsorship of the GOP fund-raiser will play no part in DeLay's decision, Miller said.

Markey proposed placing theme parks under the oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1999, when at least four people died in amusement park accidents around the country.

He introduced a new version of the bill this year after the proposal failed to make it out of committee last session.

Markey spokesman David Moulton declined to comment on the fund-raiser.

"We know for a fact these guys have access whether they give money or not," Moulton said. "The only way we're going to win this is to build a public movement around families that are getting hurt."

## Gaining a new perspective



Craig Swanson/THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Holding up a piece of art, Gina Peranio, a senior public relations major from Dallas, displays her work for some potential buyers at the third annual Llano Wine and Clay Festival on Sunday. "It's good to have a hobby," Peranio said of her stained glass artwork.

## NEWS DIGEST

### [STATE]

**DALLAS MAN CONVICTED OF KILLING AN 80-YEAR-OLD WOMAN**  
DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas jury convicted Jediah Murphy, 25, of capital murder Monday for the October slaying of an 80-year-old woman who disappeared from a mall in October.

The body of Bertie Cunningham of Garland was found Oct. 6 in a rural area of East Texas. Authorities found the body shortly after Van Zandt County officials arrested Murphy.

Investigators said one of Cunningham's credit cards had been used at a Richardson motorcycle shop.

The punishment phase of the trial is to begin Tuesday. He could get the death penalty.

### [NATIONAL]

**NEW EVIDENCE LEADS TO CONVICTED KILLER'S RELEASE**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man who has served 16 years of a life sentence for a pair of murders will be released on bail within days because

new evidence shows he may be innocent.

New evidence gathered by Glen "Buddy" Nickerson's attorneys includes the recent filing of murder charges against a suspect who has been linked to the murders through DNA evidence, admitted he was there and told investigators that Nickerson had nothing to do with the crimes.

Nickerson was convicted of the 1984 ambush shooting at a condominium near San Jose. After an apparent botched drug deal, two men were shot to death in a gunfight. Authorities eventually convicted Nickerson and two others.

**KEY WITNESS HURTS CASE AGAINST STRIP CLUB OWNER**

ATLANTA (AP) — A key prosecution witness in the trial of a strip club owner appeared to damage the government's case Monday when he testified that none of the club's cash was earmarked for the Gambino crime family.

Former Gold Club manager Thomas "Ziggy" Sicignano described owner Steve Kaplan as a multimil-

lionaire who often carried tens of thousands of dollars in his sweat suit. But he testified that he knew of no club proceeds going to the mob.

### [WORLD]

**AIDS EXPERTS TO HELP TRAIN DOCTORS IN AFRICA**

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Experts on AIDS from North America and Uganda launched a training center for African doctors Monday, seeking to bolster delivery of new treatments for patients on the continent hit hardest by the disease.

Financed by Pfizer Corp., the Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa will train 80 doctors a year on treating AIDS patients with anti-retroviral drugs.

Dr. Merle Sande said the goal in building an Infectious Disease Center at Makerere University Medical School was to quash criticism that there is insufficient infrastructure and training for African doctors to administer new drug therapies.

"We want this to be the central training center for sub-Saharan Africa," said Sande.

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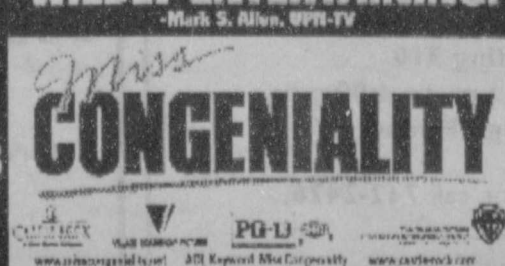
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# Seeding expands at tennis Grand Slams

LONDON (AP) — In a major break with tradition, there will be 32 seeded players instead of 16 at this year's Wimbledon tennis championships.

The move was announced Monday by The All England Club in a bid to assuage clay-court experts who claim Wimbledon's seeding policy discriminates against them in favor of grass-court specialists.

The new formula will be adopted by all four Grand Slam tournaments — Wimbledon and the U.S., Australian and French Opens.

Under the new system, the 32 seeds will be the top 32 players on the ATP Entry System rankings and the WTA Tour rankings. The order of the

seeds will be arranged on a surface-based system.

Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten, who won his third French Open title Sunday, already said he will not play at Wimbledon, which begins June 25.

Kuerten said he wants to rest a sore groin, but he previously had complained about the tournament's seeding system, and his career record there is only 6-4.

Other clay-court experts, including French Open runner-up Alex Corretja and Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero, have said they would wait to see what Wimbledon decided.

Wimbledon was the only Grand Slam tournament which had not ad-

hered strictly to the ATP world rankings in its seedings.

The All England Club seeds players based on their grass-court record and potential, often relegating clay-court players below their world rankings or out of the 16 seeds altogether.

The new system should ensure that the top clay-court players are seeded in the early rounds.

"Nobody currently ranked in the top 32 on the entry list will be dropped from the seeding to make way for a grass court specialist, who may be ranked outside the top 32," the Wimbledon statement said.

Wimbledon took the first step to appeasing the clay-court critics when

it disbanded its men's seedings committee last month and promised to announce a new seeding policy by the end of the French Open.

Wimbledon said the order of the 32 men's seeds would be arranged using an "objective system," originally suggested by the ATP, to reflect a player's grass-court achievements. That means Pete Sampras, who has won Wimbledon seven times, will be seeded higher than his current ranking of No. 5.

For women, the order of the 32 seeded positions will be determined by the Wimbledon seeding committee as in previous years. A surface-based system for women will be

adopted starting next year.

All England Club chairman Tim Phillips said Wimbledon had consulted with the ATP, WTA and Grand Slam officials to reach a "sensible solution to this important issue."

"We have stayed true to our beliefs that seeding at Wimbledon should take into account players' grass-court credentials and at the same time have addressed players' concerns by accepting that the Wimbledon seeds will be the top 32 in the entry system of each player association," he said.

The seeding process for Wimbledon will take into account points achieved in grass-court events going back to 1997-98.

# College cowboys, cowgirls begin national finals rodeo gallop

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — The 52nd College National Finals Rodeo bolted from the chutes Monday as 449 competitors from 94 college and universities chased national championship belt buckles, both record numbers.

Organizers were hoping the event, which wraps up Saturday, would break even in its third year in Casper.

The increased numbers resulted from a change in how

cowboys and cowgirls qualify for college rodeo's main event. For the first time, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association set up a system of playoffs.

In the past, the top two contestants in each event and the top teams from each of 11 regions qualified automatically for the national finals.

This year, the top two individuals still automatically qualified but had to fend off competitors in four regional

playoffs to keep their standing.

In addition, the next seven-highest placers at each playoff were allowed to come to Casper, resulting in higher numbers of qualifiers.

Another change is that the top teams in each region were no longer guaranteed their entire contingents would come to the CNFR.

"The only real difference I see from the old system is if you qualify a team, you could

possibly have people not qualify in different events," said Southwestern Oklahoma State coach Don Mitchell, whose men won the team title in 1999 and finished second to Panhandle State by 17 points last year.

Underscoring his point is the fact that two of his top hands, brothers Jet and Cord McCoy, will participate in bareback and saddle bronc riding in Casper but not in bull riding.

The McCoys were unable to qualify for bull riding at a playoff in Enid, Okla., but under the former system, might have qualified as part of the team.

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association made the switch to a playoff system to create a more competitive national finals and increase college rodeo's awareness for sponsors and fans.

Longtime College of South-

ern Idaho coach Shawn Davis is not yet convinced of the new system's merits.

"If it (the playoffs) was televised where you could create sponsors and create revenue for scholarships and benefits for our contestants, then it would be an advantage," Davis said.

NIRA Commissioner Tim Corfield said that is exactly the goal, and he said Outdoor Life Network and Justin Boots are showing interest.

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# Tech defensive back won't play in 2001-02

By MATT MUENCH  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech first-team cornerback Eric Cooper will not walk the sidelines sporting a Red Raider uniform next season.

Shane Lyons, Tech's associate athletic director for compliance, said Cooper has been ruled academically ineligible and will not be allowed to play for Tech coach Mike Leach until the beginning of the 2002-03 season at the earliest.

Lyons said he cannot say any more about the matter because of the Buckley Amendment, which requires educational institutions to provide

students access to their educational records, but prevents information from student records from being shared with unauthorized third parties without the student's written consent.

"All I will say is he can't play," Lyons said.

The red-shirt sophomore from Houston ended spring workouts as Tech's starter after tallying two interceptions for touchdowns in the Raider spring scrimmage April 14.

Cooper could not be reached for comment.

Leach said it is a situation that is adverse for Tech and Cooper.

"It is unfortunate that he is gone,"



Cooper

shirt freshman.

He registered just four tackles in 2000.

He was expected to be one of the squad's two starters this year following the departure of both of last year's

Leach said. "We wish him the best of luck and maybe we can get him back."

Cooper received limited action during his first season on the field last year as a red-

starters at his position, Antawn Alexander and Derrick Briggs.

With Cooper out, a likely starter for Tech is junior-college transfer Ricky Sailor.

Sailor is coming off minor arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his knee, but it is expected to be full speed when August camp begins, Leach said.

Sailor is expected to fill the right side, while Cooper's spot may be plugged by C.J. Johnson, Tech's top backup last year; incoming freshman Quincy Butler; JUCO transfer Jose Hanson; or senior Ronald Ross, who spent the spring semester in a starting role.

Leach said he is not for sure who he and defensive coordinator Greg McMackin will choose to start in the secondary because it is too early to tell.

Camp in August will decide that Leach said.

"With any type of losses like injuries or ineligibility, you have to adjust," Leach said. "It is just something you have to deal with in sports."

Tech begins the 2001 campaign at home against New Mexico, then the Red Raiders hit the road for two consecutive non-conference matchups before opening the Big 12 Conference season in Austin against Texas on Sept. 29.

## Houston flood waters injure Compaq Center

HOUSTON (AP) — When Jerry McDonald, general manager of Compaq Center, arrived at the arena that's home of the four-time WNBA champion Houston Comets and the NBA Houston Rockets, he was stunned.

"The court was floating in water four feet off the ground," he said.

Flood waters from torrential rains brought by Tropical Storm Allison inundated the arena.

The Comets' game, set for Monday night was postponed. There's question if the arena can be cleaned and repaired in time for Thursday night's scheduled game against Portland.

## Sixers seek revenge after Game 3 loss

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For the third time in a month, the Philadelphia 76ers find themselves trailing 2-1 in a playoff series. Anybody want to write 'em off as dead again?

"It's still the same thing. People are still questioning what this team is capable of doing," Aaron McKie said Monday. "When does it come to a point when you say this team is good?"

Just being good hasn't been good enough to get the 76ers past the Los Angeles Lakers in the last two games of the NBA Finals.

With the series not resuming until Wednesday night, Philadelphia has two days to sit and wonder if its reservoir of resiliency can be tapped one more time or whether that well has run dry.

To outsiders, the Sixers looked like a beaten team after Game 3 of the conference finals against Milwaukee — a game that Allen Iverson sat out because of a hip injury. But the Sixers somehow gained strength from that

six-point loss, walking away knowing they had more heart than the Bucks.

A similar thing happened in Toronto during the second round, when coach Larry Brown moved McKie into the starting lineup in place of Eric Snow. McKie scored 18 in Game 4 as Philadelphia evened the series.

The 76ers can rest comfortably in their own homes before trying to tie things up one more time.

"I've got a lot of energy to finish out this series, definitely," Iverson said Monday. "I mean, this is a dream of a lifetime."

That dream was a lot more pleasant several days ago after the 76ers stunned everybody but themselves by winning Game 1 in overtime.

They have been within striking distance in the final minute of Games 2 and 3, but was Kobe Bryant, Robert Horry and even Ron Harper — not Iverson or McKie — hitting the clutch shots that have made the difference.

If the Sixers hadn't missed 10 free throws in the fourth quarter of Game

2 or had rotated quicker on defense to get a hand in Horry's face, a different team might have had a 2-1 lead — or a 3-0 lead.

"They do play hard. They're very competitive. When you play with your effort and play with your heart, it's going to keep you in a lot of ballgames," Bryant said. "I don't think you can say they're a better team than San Antonio. That's far out. But they do play with so much desire and so much hunger that it keeps them in a lot of ballgames."

The Lakers are now 13-1 in the playoffs, and victories in the next two games would give them the best winning postseason percentage in NBA history. The 1982-83 76ers hold the record of .923 (12-1).

Los Angeles is 6-0 on the road in the playoffs, one shy of the record for consecutive road wins set by the Houston Rockets in 1995.

"I don't even look at the home court as a big deal anymore," Sixers coach Larry Brown said.



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