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Libertarians to organize smoking ordinance petition

By MATT MUENCH
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In a response to the smoking ordinance approved on first reading at Thursday's Lubbock City Council meeting, the Lubbock County Libertarian Party plans to organize a petition drive to repeal the potential ban on public smoking, Party Chairman David DeLamar said Monday.

The ban still must be approved again after a second reading, which is scheduled for a June 26 council meeting. If it is approved again it will become law 10 days following its second approval.

DeLamar said the council-approved ordinance, which calls to ban smoking in several public places, is an unwarranted infringement on personal property rights.

"We feel like the City Council did not do their job to defend the rights of citizens," DeLamar said. "We are confident that the voters of Lubbock will change this."

DeLamar is planning to repeal the ban by going through a process that may last 90-120 days he said.

First, he said, the Libertarians will file paperwork to the city.

Then he has 60 days to get 1800

signatures from registered voters.

Once he acquires the signatures he will submit the petition to the City Council and it will decide to accept the argument or call for a vote.

"We hope we will do this by the end of July," DeLamar said. "But if an election does occur, I have know idea when the City Council will call for one."

City Councilman David Nelson

said he did not want to make a formal comment on the repeal until he heard it from DeLamar.

But he said he believes the ordinance is fair to the people of Lubbock.

"I would like to hear what the Libertarians have to say," Nelson said. "I feel like it is a good ordinance and a

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Hub City blood banks plagued by shortages

By TIFFANY KINGSTON
STAFF WRITER

Blood shortages in Lubbock have prompted emergency appeals. In the meantime, local surgeries are being postponed one after the other.

Martha Bivens, the University Medical Center blood bank supervisor, said she has worked in blood bank services for 27 years and has never seen a blood shortage this severe.

Stan King, executive director of United Blood Services, said he agrees with Bivens and that his staff is currently receiving about 30 percent of its supply from other blood services around the nation. He said they primarily receive shipments from Cheyenne, Wyo.

Both said the entire nation is short

on blood and it is growing harder to ship from outside sources.

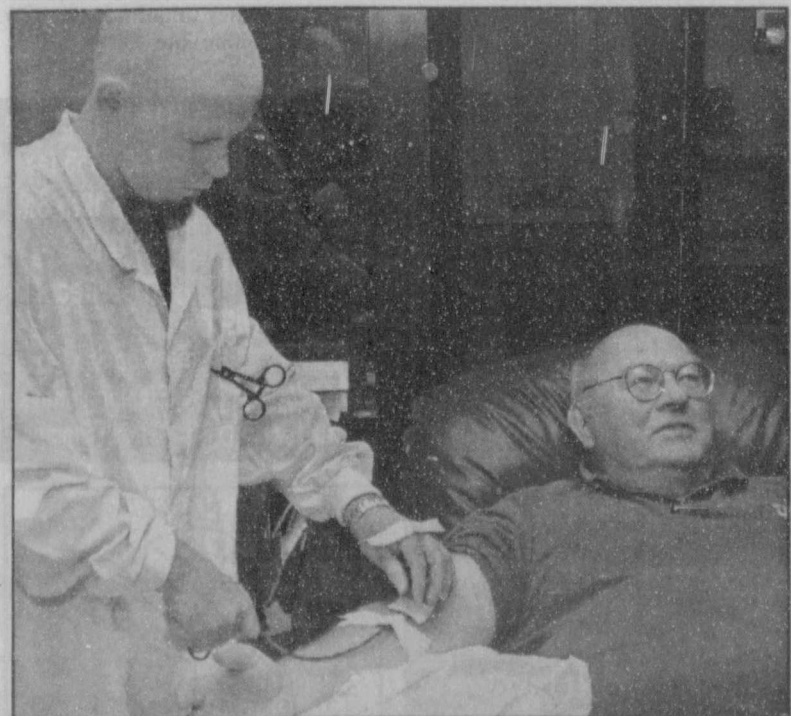
King said during the school year the bank relies heavily on Texas Tech and high school students. The summer months always present a challenge and finding donors is often difficult.

Hospitals are directly affected by surgery needs. As the shortage takes its toll on the Lubbock area, hospital physicians and surgeons are forced to cancel or postpone several operations.

"The Lubbock medical community is probably the largest between Dallas and California," King said. "A lot of patients come from other parts of the country to be treated."

Bivens said the shortage has been

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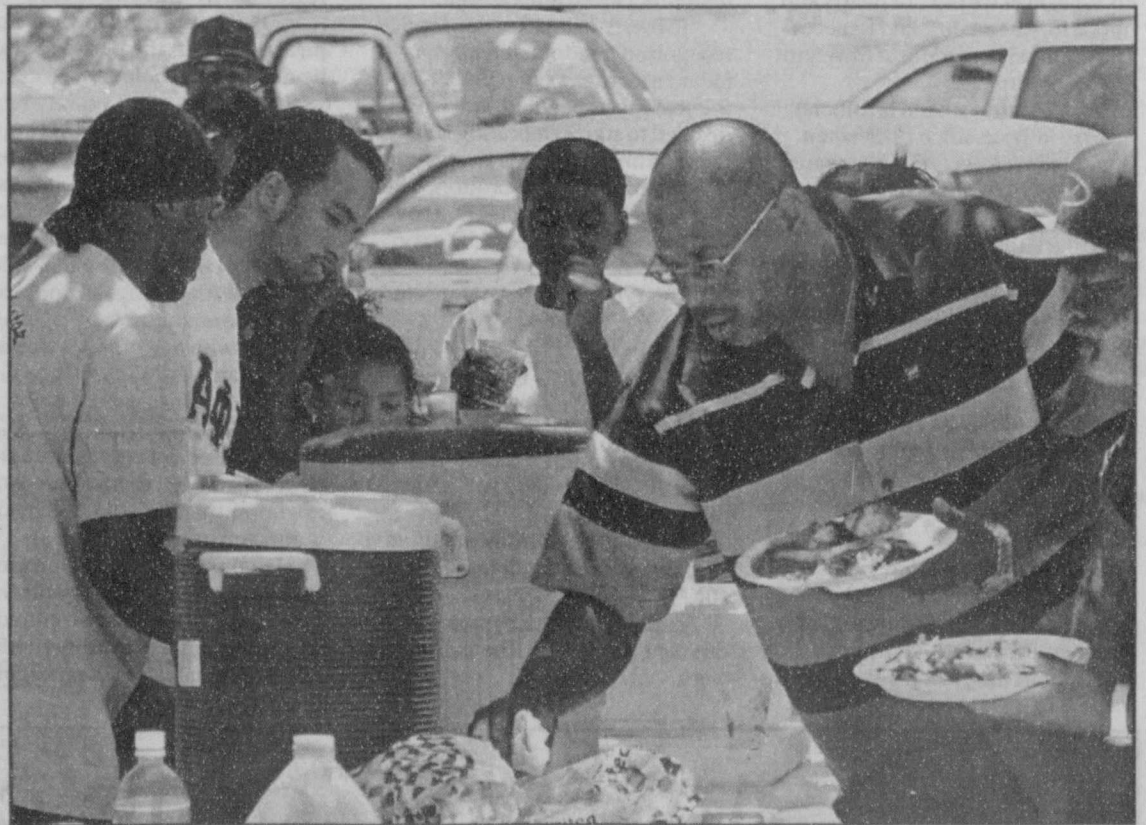


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Pascen Booth, a sophomore undecided major from Big Spring, draws blood Monday morning from donor Bruce Greene at United Blood Services.

JUNETEENTH

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION



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Juneteenth volunteers and participants go through the food line at a barbecue Saturday afternoon outside the West Texas Canyon Amphitheater. The holiday is short for June 19, which is the anniversary of the day Texas slaves were told they had been freed.

Lubbockites spend the weekend remembering the day Texas slaves were freed

By COURTNEY MUENCH
STAFF WRITER

Loud sirens led to the chanting and hollering of the crowd. Arms in air, hands clapping. All eyes fixed on the trailing floats.

The celebration of Juneteenth—a day for family and friends, a day to cherish freedom.

Hundreds of people, mostly African Americans, gathered

Saturday morning to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday, which is officially recognized today, with a parade traveling west down Parkway Drive, extending along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and leading to 19th Street before ending at the West Texas Canyon Amphitheater on Weber Avenue.

Three friends dangled their feet from the hood of a car. Smiles stretched across their faces as they yelled what came to their mind when thinking of Juneteenth.

"It's about freedom," said Shamika Jones, 12, as Alexia Alexander, 13, shouted out, "It's fun," with friend Ricky Tamlin interrupting, "It's about family and friends."

Juneteenth is a celebration of the anniversary of the day African Americans in Texas learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, which then-President Abraham Lincoln addressed Jan. 1, 1863.

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Juneteenth participants find heritage in history

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However, on June 19, 1865, Gen. Gordon Granger, of the Union Army, led his troops into the city of Galveston. There, he officially proclaimed freedom for all slaves in Texas.

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free," Granger announced. "This involves an absolute equality of rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

It was then that slaves captured their first breath of freedom, which continues to be celebrated today.

"I am thankful that there was a time that slaves were freed. That we have equal rights now. We can pretty much do anything that we want to do. What ever we put our hearts and minds to, we can do," said Rebecca Titus, a nursing student at Covenant School of Nursing.

Juneteenth has been an official holiday in Texas since 1979, when then-Gov. William Clements signed House Bill 1016, which was introduced by Rep. Al Edwards.

Some Lubbockites have been celebrating this year's holiday since last week.

Festivities included a health walk Friday, parade, barbecue and concert Saturday and religious

ceremonies Sunday at Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

During the parade, candy rained from floats as children raced to grab a piece.

A crowd favorite was when B.J. Morrison, 60, waved to the crowd with one hand as he tossed out candy in the other.

This is his 10th year participating in the parade.

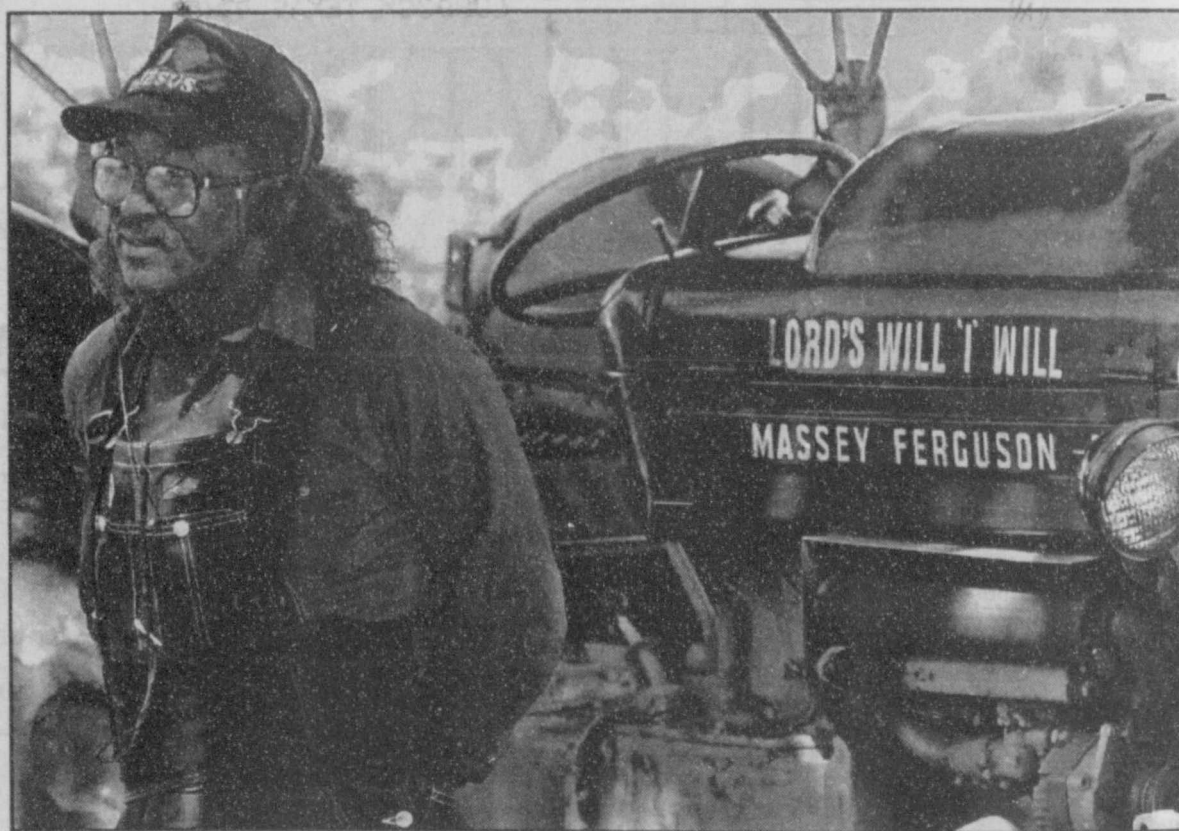
He stood on his red tractor smiling and hollering with his dog Sergeant trotting along as the crowd cheered, waving back.

"I thank the lord for letting me have just one more day. To just enjoy, meet other people and just get out. I have work to do today, but I wanted to fellowship, get out and celebrate Juneteenth. I enjoy being out here, and I feel great to be here," said Debra Pacheco, 46.

For others, the day was not only a way to observe the holiday with friends and loved ones but a day to remember loved ones as well.

"To me, it means freedom and recognized freedom. It really has meant a lot to me since 1990. That's the year my father died, and I just decided to start celebrating it again. Because he did. He was always a participant in the celebration," said Manuel Escamilla, Tech's assistant to the president in equity and diversity.

"This is a celebration. Honoring and valuing what our African American community brings to Lubbock—to Texas Tech. I like to



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(Above): Parade participant Masey Ferguson enters his tractor into the Juneteenth parade every year. (Right): Texas Tech Upward Bound participated in the parade Saturday by decorating their van.



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celebrate; I like to party; I like to enjoy life. And this is one of those activities. You do that and at the same time you value what a lot of us would not know first hand," he said. "People feel good. Look at all these people out here. We are given an opportunity to share something that is very valuable with one of our groups in our community," Escamilla said.

■ PETITION

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good compromise that helps with health and business efforts."

The debate concerning a smoking ban has escalated in the Hub City throughout the year. It began when a

group of residents asked the City Council in December to ban smoking.

The council appointed an advisory committee that studied the issue.

Finally, the council passed the ordinance, 4-3, on its first reading last week.

DeLamar stressed that some people, mostly business owners, do not know that their place of business is affected by the ban.

He spoke with a sole proprietor that owns a glass shop downtown.

The owner and his two employees all smoke, but if the ordinance is enacted their habits will be prohibited.

DeLamar said the owner was greatly upset and said he might move his business to Wolfforth.

DeLamar also spoke to a painter that said he will relocate his business because he cannot smoke at his own business.

"This ban is not just about restaurants," DeLamar said. "It is a ban on

all businesses and their customers. There will be a heck of a lot of people that will be upset when they find that out. We hope to build a coalition of business owners to stop this."

DeLamar said he met with the executive leaders of the Libertarian Party and they unanimously agreed to seek a public vote.

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HSC researchers develop mold fighter

BY COURTNEY MUENCH
STAFF WRITER

Researches at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center have originated a chemical that could prevent Stachybotrys mold from growing.

Stachybotrys mold, otherwise known as black mold, produces toxins called mycotoxins, which can cause serious health problems for animals and humans, said David Straus, head researcher of the project.

"This mold is poisonous and can have detrimental effects," he said.

Straus said mold only needs water and a food source to grow.

Stachybotrys mold typically feeds off of high-cellulose material, including drywall and ceiling tile. A leaky pipe or roof could cause this kind of mold to grow.

However, researchers have created and are testing a new chemical spray they believe will prevent the Stachybotrys mold from forming.

Researchers are testing the new formula on sheetrock and ceiling tile.

The chemical is sprayed and allowed to dry on sheetrock and ceiling tile while other materials are left untreated by the chemical.

The sheetrock and ceiling tile are then wetted and Stachybotrys mold is applied.

So far, mold has grown only

on the sheetrock and tile that did not get sprayed with the chemical, Straus said.

Straus would not reveal the secret ingredient to his formula, but he said he believes the chemical will be able to prevent the mold from growing and said he hopes to be finished with his project by summer's end.

Straus said most molds are black and the only way to determine if the mold is

a strong musty odor and you feel your health can be or is at risk, then I recommend that a full analysis be done," he said.

Workers from Assured Indoor Air Quality often perform studies of air and surface samples at Lubbock-area homes.

He said if a small spot of mold is present and the person honestly feels the mold presents no serious problems or health risks, then he recommends the customer send the sample to Tech.

Hubbard said it costs about \$3,600 to analyze a typical home, but the cost increases the bigger the home.

"We may take anywhere from 30 to 40 samples," Hubbard said. "We do a full investigation and give a detailed report. Once the customer understands how involved our analysis is, it gets to be a pretty reasonable

price."

He said his business has worked with insurance companies, which depending on the situation, might pay for the cost of the process.

After the mold has been tested, various steps can be taken to remove the mold.

Joel Mowery is the general manager for Blackmon Mooring Steamatic, a business in Lubbock that can restore furniture, carpet and other household items that contain mold.

"There are numerous ways



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Jamie Uballe and Lisa Lopez, employees at Blackmon Mooring Steamatic, work together Saturday morning in an environmental safe room.

to get rid of the mold," Mowery said. "We can vacuum it, use different kinds of detergents and bleach solutions. It just depends on where the fungus is and on what type of material."

Employees of Blackmon Mooring Steamatic will pick up and bring back to their offices items people wish to have restored.

The items will then be boxed up or wrapped in plastic and placed in a room with negative pressure.

Inside the room are three smaller rooms linked together

Workers wearing lab suits and facemasks will then bring the item into the furthest room containing negative pressure to begin the cleaning process.

All toxins are then filtered into an air scrubber and released into the outside air. This room is where items can be vacuumed.

In the next room items can be dry cleaned or washed using different kinds of bleaching agents.

The last room allows the cleaned items to be boxed up again and taken to storage for

the customer to inspect. This room contains 100 percent positive pressure, meaning the air is attracted to the negative-pressure rooms where it can be filtered.

Mowery said the cost of restoration ranges in price.

"If you clean everything on location it can cost around \$1000," he said. "If you have to pack out an entire home and store it and deliver it can go in the thousands, I hate putting an exact figure on it," he said.

He said a couch's restoration costs about \$150.

Therapists jailed for rebirth session

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Two therapists were each sentenced to 16 years in prison Monday in the death of a 10-year-old girl who suffocated while wrapped in blankets during a "rebirthing" session.

Connell Watkins, 54, and Julie Ponder, 40, received the minimum term for the death of Candace Newmaker. They could have been sentenced to 48 years behind bars.

"I failed Candace and I failed her mother," Watkins told Judge Jane Tidball. "I failed to keep Candace out of harm's way."

The girl was covered in blankets

and pillows meant to simulate the womb and was encouraged to push her way out during the April 2000 session. Therapists hoped she would emerge "reborn" to bond with her adoptive mother.

"I have to live the rest of my life knowing that Candace was dying next to me and I wasn't aware of it," Ponder told Tidball.

A jury convicted Watkins of reckless child abuse in April.



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[COLUMN]

Juneteenth events celebrate freedom

On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation given in Galveston proclaimed all slaves free. This became a celebration today known as Juneteenth.



Damion Davis

The event means so much to the African American Culture. The Proclamation states that the black race would no longer be enslaved by anyone and would be free and equal to do all things.

This freedom came at a hard price. The Emancipation Proclamation was actually given in 1863, two years before the slaves of Texas knew that they were now free.

After the Civil War, Gen. Gordon Granger sent troops into Texas to ensure that all slaves were indeed

free.

Although free to feel, think and go anywhere that they pleased, freedom still was a far cry for the former slaves. They still were not able to do many things.

They were not able to vote or go to the restaurant of their choice. They were only able to drink from water fountains marked "colored only."

Could you imagine that?

Could you fantasize that while you were said to be "free," you still had limits on everything that you did?

I find it hard to comprehend. I have read the Declaration of Independence and it states that all men are created equal, but that was not honored. I have the utmost respect for these people that went through this.

I don't know if I could have lived through this horrible time in history.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated by huge gatherings of the African American culture. They go and they celebrate the one thing that makes them more joyous than anything in the world — freedom.

Some activities include barbecues, concerts, talent shows and so much more. On this day we can actually believe that we all are created equal.

But on a personal note, this day now means more to me. This day makes me remember one of the best friends I have ever had in my life.

Last week she made the transition from this Earth to Heaven. If you have ever lost a friend, then you know how I feel right now. I have not been able to concentrate, eat or drink since I heard the news.

At first, I knew that this could not have been true. Then I looked at myself in the mirror, and thought that this could not be happening. Not to me.

I thought that the sky opened up and poured rain over my parade, my day and my life.

So to her I give my final goodbye — the goodbye only on this Earth, only to say hello again when I reach her in Heaven.

So, today I celebrate the freedom of making my own choices. I celebrate being able to speak my mind on paper or out loud to the world. I celebrate being an American, a free African American.

And last, but not least, I celebrate the life of a friend that I could not have gotten through life without. To you I say, "So long until next time."

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[COLUMN]

Reproductive choices question ethics

There is a way to help pay for college without giving yourself up to those student loan sharks. You have to give up something though.



Katie Harris

Reproductive medicine has become a big business. Couples across the country with fertility problems are willing to shell out big bucks for egg and sperm donations.

The *Los Angeles Times* recently reported that a woman can be paid anywhere from \$5,000 to \$80,000 for donating her eggs.

Options National Fertility Registry Web site says compensation for egg donors can reach \$5,000, and designated sperm donors can earn up to \$500.

There is money to be made when it comes to treating infertility.

For couples that have tried fertility

treatments, such as artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization, with their own reproductive material, failure is often met. With egg and sperm donors, however, these couples are given new options and new hope.

Any expectant parent wants a healthy and beautiful baby. When a couple decides to conceive through a donor, they want healthy and often times specific genetic material.

Just like in any retail market, a certain size, color and style is specified. And most of the time the color is blue-eyed, the size is tall and the style is athletic and intelligent.

What better place to look for active, young, and intelligent individuals than at college campuses across the country. I am sure many of you have seen ads at one time or another in *The University Daily* asking for healthy, non-smoking female

students to donate their eggs.

After seeing your tuition bill almost anything to help you pay for college seems reasonable. The question of ethics, however, comes up when considering donating reproductive material.

In a philosophy class I took last semester, we briefly discussed donating eggs.

Is it a form of prostitution to donate your genetic material for compensation? If so, then is that right or wrong?

These are some of the questions we came up with. However, we did not come up with a simple answer.

It can sometimes be difficult to distinguish between a woman selling her body to a man and an individual selling his or her time and skills to an employer. The line between selling your time and selling your body is often blurry.

This is one of those times.

By donating genetic material you would be helping an infertile couple conceive. Not only would you help someone realize their dream of parenthood, you also would be given the finances to begin stepping toward your dreams.

Helping people is a good thing. So what is wrong with donating eggs and sperm?

The bottom line is you would be selling a part of your body. Whether that is prostitution or merely providing a service is really the question.

College is expensive, but donating eggs or sperm is a way to help you reach your goals. Later in life though, when you have your own career and family, you might see a little girl or boy who looks suspiciously like your own child. Only then will you know if the decision you made is right or wrong.

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Iron man to visit Tech

■ *Paralyzed athlete will lecture about his experiences to Red Raiders today.*

BY MATT MUENCH
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students will have the chance to hear a story about a man, alcohol, his wheelchair and the way he turned his life around at 7 p.m. tonight in Coleman Hall.

Thirteen years after almost losing his life in a drunken motorcycle accident, 32-year-old Randy Caddell will speak to students in a one-hour speech called, "Alcohol: A Personal Experience."

Caddell was paralyzed from the waist down in the accident but now lives his life as an athlete.

He could not be reached for comment but according to a press release promoting the event, he wants to

raise awareness.

"I'm trying to raise awareness to people like me, athletes in wheelchairs and show able-bodied and disabled people alike that we are strong, competitive and deserve to be recognized as such," he said.

Seven years after the accident Caddell regained his energy and began to play wheelchair basketball.

He then started to compete in road races, 10-kilometer races, marathons and triathlons that eventually led him into Ironman distance.

Since he began Ironman, he has competed in 13 Ironman distance events, completing seven. He spent last year around the world competing in his home state of Hawaii, as well as South Africa, New Zealand and California.

This year he has yet to participate in an Ironman competition, but that drought will end when he competes in Lubbock on June 24 in the Buffalo Springs Triathlon.

Janda Ibbetson, assistant director for recreational sports is coordinat-

ing the event and said she heard of Caddell through friends who live in the Hub City that know him.

She said his speech is a perfect opportunity for Tech students to realize the dangers of drinking and driving.

"He will talk about a combination of exercising, overcoming obstacles and what drinking has done to him," Ibbetson said. "I am hoping for a good response from students."

Ibbetson said Tech has never had speeches relating to alcohol awareness during summer school.

She said most of Tech's awareness programs occur in the fall and spring when the campus is full of students.

However, she feels like if Caddell can reach one student it will be a success.

"We haven't done a lot in the summer as far as alcohol awareness goes," Ibbetson said. "But because of the opportunity to get him to speak, we have to do it now. I think he can reach a few people."

Caddell will speak for one-hour and field questions after the lecture.

License altering aims to deter fraud

BY TIFFANY KINGSTON
STAFF WRITER

Texas Gov. Rick Perry recently approved a new design for Texas driver licenses in an attempt to deter fraudulent activity.

All driver licenses for minors and adults under the age of 21 will now have a vertical format with the picture on the bottom right-hand corner. Currently, drivers under 21 have their picture on the left side of the license while adults over 21 have their picture on the right side.

"We're really not attacking underage drinking, just providing a tool to help recognize underage consumers," said Tom Vinger, Department of Public Safety spokesman. "We're responding to merchants who say it is hard to

spot people who are underage."

Vinger said it is the responsibility of the merchants to enforce the law in their establishment, or otherwise pay the consequences.

"We just want to give them a tool to help them do their job," he said.

DPS Lt. Tomas Valdez said fraudulent identification cards have always been a problem. The new enhancements will discourage the behavior.

Valdez said children under the age of 18 will now face straightforward in their pictures, as opposed to turning their head to the side.

Tim Ross, a local bar and grill general manager said his staff members are trained by the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission and check all patrons' identification cards.

"I don't really know if the new cards

will make that big of a difference," Ross said. "Normally, they (underage offenders) use someone else's ID."

Ross said his bar has a reputation of checking ID cards and enforcing the law.

According to the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, all driver licenses and ID cards will have a picture of the state capitol in the background and other security features to deter the manufacturing of false IDs.

The new licenses and IDs will begin this month for DPS walk-in customers and people who renew their license online, by telephone and mail. Current licenses are valid and will be phased out within the next six years.

Vinger said this is the first redesign of the Texas driver's license since 1995.

Blast kills two in Big Spring

BIG SPRING (AP) — A woman was killed, two homes were destroyed and as many as 20 others were damaged during an early morning explosion that rocked a sleeping West Texas neighborhood on Monday.

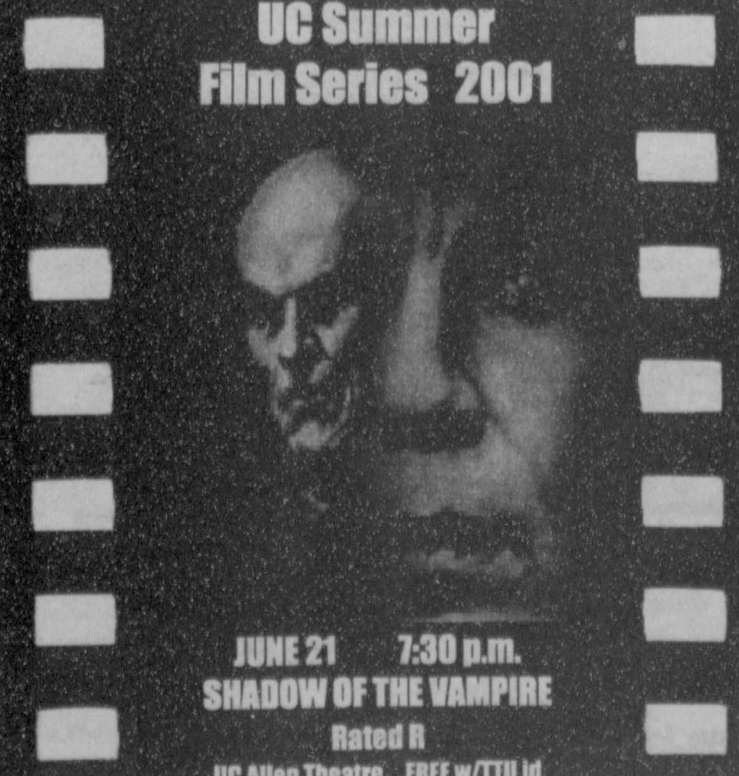
June Carothers, 75, was killed.

Investigation into the cause of the blast was being conducted by officials with the city fire and police departments, Energas employees and the Texas Railroad Commission.

"Any time there is a fire-related death, there is a whole lot more detail that has to be done to get to the conclusion of what happened," said Fire Chief Brian Jensen. "You literally have to sift through it piece by piece. We don't know what happened yet."

The explosion, which could be heard as far as eight miles away, forced the evacuation of residents in the neighborhood, police said.

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Perry vetoes execution bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry knew the spotlight was on the Texas criminal justice system when he vetoed a bill to prohibit the state from executing mentally retarded killers.

But, he says, Texas does not execute mentally retarded inmates, despite what others say.

"That has been a fallacy that has been promoted by many inside this state and many outside of this state," Perry said Sunday when he vetoed the bill as prosecutors and crime victims who opposed the legislation stood by his side.

Bill sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, says Texas has executed six mentally retarded killers.

He said the veto is embarrassing for Texas.

"It gives us the appearance of being barbaric," Ellis said. "Governor Perry had an historic opportunity to show the world that we are not only tough on crime, but fair and compassionate as well. He missed that opportunity."

Perry's veto came on the last day he could sign or veto bills before they became law without his

signature.

In vetoing it, he said the bill was not about whether the state executed mentally retarded capital murderers, but it was about allowing the juries to continue to make the determination of whether a person is mentally retarded.

The bill, he said, would give judges the power to overturn a jury's determination of whether an inmate is mentally retarded.

"It basically tells the citizens of this state 'we do not trust you to get it right,'" Perry said.

Under the bill, if the jury did not determine a person was mentally retarded, a defense attorney could petition the judge to consider the issue. Two experts would be assigned to make a determination.

If the evidence shows the person is mentally retarded, the judge would be required to issue a sentence of life in prison.

"It sends inconsistent messages," Perry said. "It says to juries 'we trust your judgment if you determine that a defendant does not have the mental capacity to understand what that means.'"

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Police investigate man in two family murders

WACO (AP) — A man charged with gunning down his elderly parents on their Kaufman County farm is now being investigated concerning the death of his wife 23 years ago.

Waco police Sgt. J.R. Price reopened the investigation in the wake of Andrew Gordon's arrest last month for killing his parents.

Former Waco police officer Clark McMurtray, who investigated the 1978 shooting death of Gordon's wife, says he has been troubled for years by the way the incident was handled.

"The case is going to stay open until we get those answers," Price said. "There are definitely some things there that concern me."

Sabrina Gordon's death in 1978 was ruled a suicide by Judge Joe N. Johnson, who was a justice of the peace at the time.

However, the judge did not order an autopsy in the case, and the woman's family and police investigators have suspected that Gor-

don was involved in her death, police said.

"As a matter of fact, that case has bothered me for the last 20 years," McMurtray said. "We pretty much knew it was a murder, not a suicide, but we couldn't get anything done on that case."

After Gordon's arrest in the May 8 shooting deaths of his parents Harrell and Dorothy Gordon at their family farm east of Terrell, Sabrina Gordon's family members contacted Price with renewed suspicions about her death. Gordon, 46, lived with his parents at the time of their death.

Waco police interviews with Sabrina Gordon's friends after her death showed that her husband was "very distrustful" of his wife and treated her badly, McMurtray said.

"The girl apparently was having an affair because we found her bra and panties in her purse along with a matchbook from a hotel," McMurtray said.

Federal energy commission plans to lower utility prices

Group will broaden focus of price limits to 10 western states, not just California

WASHINGTON (AP)— With two new members appointed by President Bush on board, a federal energy commission is taking up proposals to try to ease Western electricity prices — and blunt a Democratic offensive on high energy costs.

At a meeting Monday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, was expected to expand electricity price limits in California to include 10 other Western states and to cover sales outside of periods of power emergencies.

Republicans hoped the action would stem growing pressure in Congress for the federal government to impose broader cost-based price controls on Western electricity sales.

Democrats, newly in control of the Senate, made clear last week that they intend to make energy costs a key issue in the coming weeks. They already have launched a series of hearings on the California power problems and called for price caps on Western electricity sales.

Western power markets "are out of whack" and the federal government is obligated under the law to assure prices are just and reasonable, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said on "Fox News Sunday."

Bush has strongly opposed price controls in energy markets, including California's electricity sales, which for much of the year have been 10 times

what they were in 1999 before dropping in recent weeks.

However, The Washington Post quoted unidentified administration officials as saying the president would endorse less stringent price limits imposed by FERC.

GOP congressional leaders, meanwhile, stayed firm in their opposition to price controls.

"When Democrats say price caps, I believe that's the problem, not the solution," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. He promised to fight price cap legislation and urged Bush to veto any such bill should it pass.

But a growing number of GOP lawmakers also have become worried that if Republicans are viewed as obstructionist in the face of soaring Western electricity costs and high gasoline prices nationwide, they could lose control of the House in the 2002 midterm elections.

In a letter last week, more than a dozen House Republicans urged the commission to broaden the electricity "price mitigation plan" it approved in April and extend price limits to all sales and to 10 other Western states.

Currently, the order is confined to whenever California's energy reserve drop below 7.5 percent, triggering an emergency.

California Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, claims FERC's earlier ac-

tion has done little to ease his state's power problems because it sets limits too high and includes loopholes that allow power providers to easily avoid them altogether.

"If they plug some of the loopholes ... then they will have begun to do their job," Davis said.

The commissioners have refused to discuss their plans, but FERC Chairman Curtis Hebert is said to view an expansion of the April order favorably. The April plan passed 2-1 with Commissioner William Massey, one of two Democrats, opposing it on grounds it did not go far enough to stop price gouging.

Since then, the commission has gained two more members: Pat Wood, a Bush confidant and former head of the Texas utility commission; and Nora Mead Brownell, a former Pennsylvania utility regulator. Although both are Bush appointees, they are viewed as more receptive to price intervention than is Hebert, a staunch defender of the free-market system.

Whatever action the five-member FERC may take, it is viewed pivotal by lawmakers of both parties.


Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., the new chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, warned that unless the commission takes more steps to curtail profiteering, he will push legislation within the next two weeks requiring further federal measures. In the House, Democrats also believe they have a politically potent issue.

Last week, when a House committee rejected by a party-line vote a spending bill rider on price caps, an angry Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the measure's sponsor, snapped: "I think Republicans don't know how much damage they did to themselves today. They voted in favor of the gougers."

It's the kind of rhetoric that is making GOP members nervous.

"We hope FERC will do its job," said Rep. Randy Cunningham, R-Calif., who has had to explain the high power costs and blackouts to his constituents. "If they find unreasonable charges they should act."

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getting worse for more than a year. The UMC blood bank is on the phone daily with local blood services trying to find more blood.

Bivens said the shortage is largely because of stricter federal regulations and the younger generation's fascination with tattoos and body piercing.

Regulations automatically defer donors for a year if they have had a tattoo or piercing within 12 months.

A more recent regulation is the deferral of donors who have recently traveled overseas, mostly to Great Britain, because of the risk of Crutchfield Jacob Disease, also referred to as mad-cow disease.

Bivens said the regulations provide hospitals with safer blood, all units are tested and prepared for hospital use and the risk of contaminated blood is less than before.

"In the meantime, all we can do is hope we do not receive any serious trauma cases," Bivens said.

In some severe emergencies, she said, blood has been solicited from previous donors with a safe history; unfortunately, there is usually not enough time to fully test the blood.

Bivens said in her experience an emergency unit of blood has never tested positive for any disease, but nonetheless it is an additional safety risk brought on to the patient be-

cause of the shortage.

King sends word of an emergency appeal once the blood service's shelves are empty, but hospitals still have a few units. Unfortunately, he said, the community receives little notification and often pays little attention to the appeal until hospital officials make a public plea for the blood and their shelves are empty.

"You never know when you or a family member is going to need an emergency (blood) transfusion," Bivens said.

She said it takes three-to-four days before the blood is sent to the hospitals after it has been drawn. But the blood is needed at the time of an emergency and not three days after.

"We need the blood on our shelves beforehand," Bivens said.

King said of the 190,000 Lubbock residents, only about 17,000 donate regularly. A regular donor, on average, only donates once a year. The biggest challenge is creating a repeat donor, he said. A healthy donor is allowed to donate six times a year.

"I'd be happy to get people twice a year," Bivens said.

In order to be eligible to give blood, a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health, according to Federal Drug Administration guidelines. All donors must present some type of identification prior to donating blood. United Blood Services can be reached at (806) 77-6804 or 1-800-333-6920.

NEWS DIGEST

STATE

AUSTIN WOMAN ADMITS SENDING GORE CAMP TAPES ABOUT BUSH

AUSTIN (AP) — A former aide to George W. Bush's media adviser has admitted she shipped to the Al Gore campaign a videotape of Bush and his advisers preparing for presidential debates last September.

Juanita Yvette Lozano, 31, pleaded guilty Thursday to mail fraud and perjury. She told a judge that she stole and mailed the videotape, then lied about it to a grand jury.

Her plea comes after she reached a plea bargain in May with prosecutors, who in return dropped one count of her three-count indictment, the accusation that Lozano lied to the FBI during the investigation.

DALLAS HORSE OWNERS FEAR THEIR ANIMALS COULD BE STOLEN

DALLAS (AP) — The recent threat of diseased cattle in Europe has prompted Texas horse owners to increase security, fearful their horses will be stolen to provide meat overseas.

Gabrielle Gordon said she had her 19-month-old horse Wilful freeze-branded, concerned that she would never see the horse again if it were stolen. It had no identifying marks.

A slaughterhouse is often the final destination for unmarked stolen horses.

NATION

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN CASHES IN ON LOTTERY IN THE NICK OF TIME

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A 40-year-old computer technician came forward Friday to claim a \$46 million lottery payout, saying he fished the nearly year-old ticket out of a drawer after hearing news reports that it was about to expire.

Melvin B. Milligan of Passaic claimed the jackpot the day after astonished lottery officials announced that the winner had entrusted his lucky ticket to the U.S. Postal Service.

"I was in shock for a while, and just drove around," Milligan said at a news conference with his wife.

NISSAN RECALLING SENTRAS DUE TO POSSIBLE SUSPENSION PROBLEMS

DETROIT (AP) — Nissan announced a recall Monday of about 130,000 2001-model Sentra cars because bolts in the front suspension might break.

The Japanese automaker said there have been no reports of any accidents or injuries.

If the bolts for the front suspension lower control arms break, the problem could cause noise or vibration and affect steering, Nissan said in a statement.

Owners will be contacted by mail and their cars will be repaired at no cost.

WORLD

ITALIAN LANDMARK STRAIGHTENED

PISA, Italy (AP) — Engineers toasted the end of a bold project to straighten the Leaning Tower of Pisa and declared the renovated monument safe for at least a few more centuries.

"It will take 300 years for the lean to get back to where it was in 1990," John Burland, an engineering professor at London's Imperial College, predicted Saturday during a ceremony commemorating the project.

This Tuscan town began a week-end of celebration coinciding with the feast day of their patron saint, Ranieri, to mark the end of the bulk of the work.

Experts are still studying how many visitors the tower can handle at once.

FREED HOSTAGE CLAIMS CALIFORNIA MAN WAS BEHEADED BY CAPTORS

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — A hostage freed by Muslim guerrillas recalled on Saturday the last time he saw California resident Guillermo Sobero: hogtied by the rebels in the Philippine jungle and separated from the rest of the captives.

Later, the rebel leader told his captives Sobero had been beheaded, said Francis Ganzon, one of three Filipino hostages freed by the rebels and reunited with their families Saturday.

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Open playoff proves golden for Goosen

■ South African puts final-round disaster behind him and wins U.S. golf title.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Relief Goosen can laugh now about one of the greatest gaffes in golf history. He is the U.S. Open champion.

The soft-spoken South African redeemed himself with rock-solid play to take a lead so commanding that he could afford another three-putt on the 18th green to win the 18-hole playoff against Mark Brooks.

But Goosen eliminated any suspense by rolling in a 6-footer for bogey that gave him an even-par 70 and a two-stroke victory at Southern Hills.

"I kept my nerves together, and I've finally done it," Goosen said.

Haunted by a three-putt from 12 feet that cost him the championship in regulation, a determined Goosen was golden to the end.

The fiction-like finish Sunday gave way to a rout in the playoff, with two-shot swings on Nos. 9 and 10 that gave Goosen a five-stroke lead throughout much of the back nine.

Of all things, it was his putting — where was that on the 18th hole Sunday? — that made him the U.S. Open champion.

"I made everything I looked at," he said.

He took only 12 putts on his first 10 holes, and faced with a tough chip on the slope to the 18th green, Goosen removed any risk by blasting his putter about 100 feet up the hill and onto the green, about 25 feet away.

The par putt was well short. Still,

he needed only two putts from 6 feet to win.

Sound familiar?

Goosen wanted to avoid a repeat of Sunday's performance. His bogey putt was pure and dropped in the heart of the cup. Brooks then made his 4-footer for par.

"I wasn't going to run it by again," Goosen said. "I knew Mark was going to make 4 from where he was. I just wanted to make 5 and get out of here."

He leaves as the U.S. Open champion no one could have expected. This was supposed to be about Tiger Woods going for a fifth straight major.

"At the beginning of the week, I thought, 'It suits Tiger ... He's going to win it easy,'" Goosen said.

Instead, Woods finished seven strokes from the lead for his worst showing in the last 10 majors.

Goosen, whose career almost

ended 15 years ago when he was struck by lightning, went from a journeyman to a champion over five days that felt much longer.

"I had to work hard for this one," he said. "It's been a long week. It seems like a year. I was very solid all week, except yesterday afternoon. It's just amazing."

Goosen earned \$900,000, nearly as much as his best season on the European tour, and became only the second international player in the past 20 years to win the U.S. Open. The other was fellow South African and good friend Ernie Els, who won in 1994 and 1997.

It was the second playoff in a major for Brooks.

He won the PGA Championship five years ago when Kenny Perry butchered the 18th hole so badly in a sudden-death playoff that Perry

never finished the hole.

Brooks got another gift Sunday in a shocking finish.

While packing his bags after a three-putt bogey from 40 feet, Brooks watched as Goosen three-putted from 12 feet for a collapse that ranks among the most spectacular. Adding to the circus was Stewart Cink, who missed an 18-inch bogey putt that would have put him in the playoff.

There was no such charity on Monday. Brooks made too many mistakes, and Southern Hills made him pay dearly. In the five times he missed the fairway, he had no chance of reaching the green.

His only consolation? He shouldn't have been in a playoff in the first place.

"He hit two great shots yesterday on 18 and should have won," Brooks said.

Dallas Cowboy transfer possibility has host city wondering

IRVING (AP) — As Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones searches for a place to build a new stadium, officials in Irving are vying to keep the team but are bracing for the possibility of life after the Cowboys.

Beacons of Irving's pride in the Cowboys are evident throughout the community — the team's home since Texas Stadium opened in 1971.

Streets are tagged with names such as Dorsett Court, Touchdown Drive and Avenue of Champions. Children attend classes at Tom Landry Elementary School. At Cow-

boys Sports Cafe, diners can opt for Emmitt's cheese quesadillas.

The official patch worn by Irving police officers features the likeness of a Dallas Cowboys football helmet.

But, Jones wants to use taxpayer money to create a new complex that would include a hall of fame, a theme park and a hotel. Irving leaders are preparing a package of incentives to keep the Cowboys, but Arlington, Grand Prairie, Grapevine and Denton County also are in the running.

"I'm 100 percent confident we will be able to do this," said Irving City

"I believe if Irving loses the Dallas Cowboys, they're going to lose a ton of corporate dollars."

Anthony Bond
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Council member Herbert Gears, the mayor pro tem.

Others, however, say they may be content to watch from the sidelines if the price becomes too steep.

That possibility disappoints some

residents.

"Irving and the Dallas Cowboys are interchangeable all over the world," community activist Anthony Bond said. "America is a country built on symbolism. A tremendous amount of worth is assigned to the mantra of America's Team."

"I believe if the city of Irving loses the Dallas Cowboys, they're going to lose a ton of corporate dollars," Bond said. "We ought to do what we can to keep them."

Jim Clark, executive director of Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau, said he is optimistic that an agreement can be worked out.

But not everyone in Irving is shedding tears over the possible loss of the Cowboys.

"People who live out here and work out here and spend money out

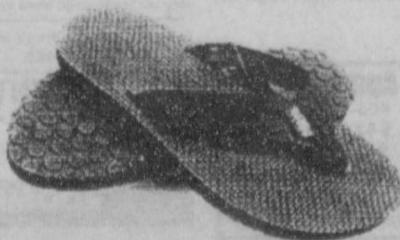
here are not out here just to see the Cowboys," said Jerome Perry, manager of Cowboys Sports Cafe in the Valley Ranch neighborhood near Cowboys headquarters. "They set up base here and live here. That's what they're doing out here."

"I think that as far as Valley Ranch goes, the thing that's going to keep our property values high is if we maintain the community," said Councilman Rick Stopfer, an Irving resident since 1988. "By the location, we're certainly guaranteed a high level of visibility and occupancy."

Meanwhile, the concrete continues to crack at Texas Stadium, known for its trademark hole in the roof.

"We've had a good relationship with Irving, and it's important to show Irving respect at every opportunity," Jones said.

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