

Bush: anthrax poisoning equals terrorism

AGGRESSIVE RESPONSE:

The president says tampering with U.S. mail is inexcusable.

By David Espo/Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration struggled Wednesday to make the nation's vast postal system and its employees safe from anthrax. Surgeon General David Satcher bluntly admitted "we were wrong" not to respond more aggressively to tainted mail in the nation's capital.

"Anybody who puts poison in mail is a terrorist," said President Bush, although he said he had no direct evidence of a link to the culprits behind the Sept. 11 airliner attacks that killed thousands in New York and Washington.

With the demand for anti-anthrax drugs growing, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson announced agreement with Bayer Corp. for the government to buy 100 million pills at the deeply reduced price of 95 cents each.

Three additional cases of suspected inhalation anthrax were announced in the Maryland suburbs outside Washington, all linked to a letter addressed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle that made its way through mail facilities from Trenton N.J., to Capitol Hill.

That brought the total number of cases to 13 nationwide in the nation's bioterrorism scare, including three deaths.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said roughly 200 employees were taking antibiotics as a precaution following Tuesday's discovery of anthrax at a remote mail handling facility.

Thus far, he said none has tested positive for exposure.

For the first time, senior officials emphasized how little they had known about anthrax when a white powdery substance spilled from Daschle's mail nine days ago.

"This is new for us. We've never been through a bioterrorist attack before," Satcher said on NBC. "I'm worried that we're being attacked and we don't fully understand the attack."

"We are learning as we go," said Postmaster General John Potter, who readily told interviewers in a round of network appearances that he couldn't fully guarantee the safety of the mail.

On the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Postal Service was distributing masks and gloves for its workers. New equipment was on order to irradiate the mail to make it safer.

Satcher said officials were considering whether

to vaccinate postal employees in high risk areas, and said it may be necessary to tap the inactive reserves of the public health service commissioned corps - doctors and other health care professionals in private life — if the attacks continue.

Thompson issued a statement saying the deal with Bayer, holder of the patent for Cipro, "means that a much larger supply of this important pharmaceutical product will be available if needed." He said the price represents a savings of \$95 million from Bayer's original price. The company's president, Helge H. Wehmeier, said, "Bayer is fully committed to supplying America in its war on bioterrorism.

A spokesman for the Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., disclosed the three newest cases of suspected inhalation anthrax. The spokesman, Mike Hall, said one man and two women had been admitted overnight, and had a connection to the central Washington, D.C., mail facility where others have become infected.

"They came in with flu-like symptoms, primarily respiratory, and the fact that they were in the 'hot zone' was the overriding factor in why we began treatment and testing," he said.

The overall totals included three people dead from inhalation anthrax and nine hospitalized with confirmed or suspected cases of the disease. All were in the Washington area or in New Jersey, where anthrax-spiked mail was processed on its way to Daschle, NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw and the New York Post.

In addition six people have been diagnosed around the country with the less dangerous skin form of the disease.

Thousands of postal workers in New York, New Jersey and the nation's capital were already taking medication as a precaution against a dis-

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Plan to harm U.S. relief could loom DAMAGING DELIVERIES: Penatagon officials say the group would then blame it on the United States.

By Matt Kelley/Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Taliban might be planning to poison food aid being distributed in Afghanistan and blame it on the United States, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

"We are going to make sure that that is as widely known as fast and as far as we can,"

Congress argues food import labels



Drug maker reaches deal with gov't AIDING AMERICA: The company sells the medicine that can help fight and protect from anthrax.

By Laura Meckler/Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal officials reached agreement Wednesday on a lower price for the antibiotic Cipro, the most popular anti-anthrax drug.

Bayer Corp., which makes the drug, agreed to sell the government 100-million pills at 95 cents each. That's a savings of \$95

said Rear Adm. John D. Stufflebeem.

He said the Pentagon has obtained information of such a possible plot and chose "to release that information now before it becomes a fact."

Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Stufflebeem gave no details on the kind of information he was referring to.

The United States has dropped more than 700,000 packets of food meant for the hungry and displaced population since it launched its bombing campaign over Afghanistan Oct. 7. Other relief organizations also are distributing food in the country and -the Taliban militia that controls most of the country has confiscated some of those foodstuffs

"If the food comes from America it will not be tainted," Stufflebeem said he wanted to tell people. "But if it comes from Taliban control, they must be careful.'

He also said troops Wednesday retrieved the Black Hawk helicopter that crashed Friday in Pakistan while supporting a covert raid into Afghanistan. A recovery crew had tried to retrieve it Saturday but aborted the mission when it came under small-arms fire from unknown gunmen.

Meanwhile, Pakistani officials said they think Taliban infiltrators were responsible for the weekend shooting attack on U.S. helicopters in Pakistan.

Stufflebeem also called the Taliban and al-Qaida network fighters "tough warriors" and said he has been "surprised at how doggedly they're hanging on to power."

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LIVING AND LEARNING: The

priorities of the nine students

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Most of them went because they thought they

would gain valuable experience. What nine Texas

Tech students didn't bargain for was to experi-

ence firsthand the tragedies and heroic responses

to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

changed after the attacks.

JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photograph

A LOCAL SHOPPER sorts through the bananas Wednesday afternoon in the produce section of the Market Street United Supermarket at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue. Fruits are one of the food items that could see import labels on their outer surfaces if a new bill is passed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Fruits, vegetables and meats would possess labels containing the product's specific country of origin

By Joseph Balderas/Staff Reporter

Every television, pair of shoes and T-shirt is clearly labeled where it was made. Consumers soon may see fruits, vegetables and meat products at the grocery store labeled in a similar fashion

The Tariff Act of 1930 states every imported item must be clearly and indelibly marked in English to indicate to the ultimate purchaser its country of origin. The ultimate purchaser is defined as the last American citizen who will receive the product in the form in which it was imported.

Wes Sims, Texas Farmers Union president, said the problem is big corporations blend imported meat with domestic meat, while not having to label the finished product to indicate it contains imported meat.

Meatpacking plants purchase imported bulk products, such as carcasses and carcass parts, which must be labeled with their country of origin. Once these products enter the country, meat and poultry inspection laws consider them to be domestic products. When the plants process the meat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture no longer requires origin labeling on the product.

"Most people think if it (meat or produce) is stamped 'USDA' it's U.S. meat," he said. "That's not true, it does not signify where it comes from."

Sims said many countries that export their food to the United States have lax standards and many consumers are not aware they are buying imported products.

"As a farmer and rancher, I have no problems producing safe, wholesome foods," he said.

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"Given the opportunity, they said they just

Taylor said, for him, the choice to stay in Wash-

"As tragic as everything was, I thought it would

probably be better for me to stay up here," he said.

if I just left, if I said it was too much for me, that if

everyone did that, nothing would ever get done.

There's not much I could do, but staying was some-

However, just after things began returning to

normal, Taylor said, the offices began facing the

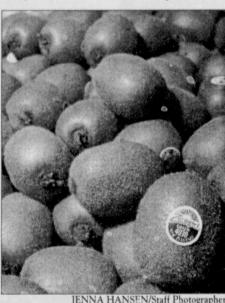
potentially fatal threat of handling the mail. Con-

gressional offices have been closed for nearly a

'It's right where everything is happening. I thought

couldn't pass up the experience."

ington, D.C., was an easy one.



A DISPLAY OF kiwi fruit at the Market Street United Supermarket, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue, sport import labeling from New Zealand.

week after growing incidents of anthrax have in-

really didn't think too much at first," he said.

"Once we heard it had been found in the (Senate

Majority Leader Tom) Daschle's office, we started

The interns work in and around the offices and

Taylor said officials are determining how long

"We're just watching the news, waiting to see

the offices will remain closed on a day-to-day basis.

what will happen, waiting to hear what they tell

"Once the anthrax scares began to happen, we

fected several more congressional workers.

mailrooms plagued by the anthrax attack.

thinking, 'what's going on?"

million from Bayer's original price, the Department of Health and Human Services said.

"This agreement means that a much larger supply of this important pharmaceutical product will be available if needed," Thompson said in a statement.

"Bayer is fully committed to supplying America in its war on bioterrorism," said Bayer president Helge H. Wehmeier.

Bayer holds the patent on Cipro, the antibiotic being prescribed to thousands of postal workers as a precaution to protect them from anthrax infection — as well as to many other people exposed to anthraxcontaining letters.

In the initial treatments for potential exposure to anthrax, Cipro has been the drug of choice because it is more likely to fight off an unknown strain of the bacterium ---if one should show up.

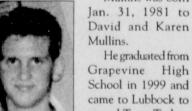
So far, the anthrax that has turned up in letters responds to all major antibiotics, and health officials have said that people taking preventive treatment may switch to another drug.

The money to buy the extra Cipro is pending before Congress now as part of a larger bioterrorism response bill.

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Car accident claims life of Tech student

Zachary Aaron Michael Mullins died Sunday from injuries he sustained in a car wreck near Snyder. He was 20. Mullins was born



He graduated from Grapevine High School in 1999 and came to Lubbock to

attend Texas Tech. Mullins, a sophomore from Colleyville,

Mullins was working toward a

major in computer science and was an Alpha Upsilon pledge class member of Delta Sigma Phi.

He is survived by his parents, David and Karen, of Colleyville, and a sister, Samantha Mullins, of San Diego.

The group of Tech students is finishing the EDITORIAL: 806-742-3393

changed, their priorities have, said Michael Taylor, a junior psychology major from Killeen. "Before, we were working on bills about ecol-

sional offices in Washington, D.C.

ogy, agriculture and the environment," he said. Now it's all antiterrorism, homeland security and national defense legislation."

last leg of its semester-long internship in congres-

Although the dedication to their job has not

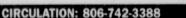
Ronald Phillips, special assistant to President David Schmidly, said after the attacks, he called to verify all the interns were safe. Although the office offered to bring them home, Phillips said, everyone wanted to stay.

"They were all excited about staying," he said.

thing."

Techsans gain ultimate experience during D.C. internships

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Education College boots up to boost technology

UP-TO-DATE: Two new positions in the college will aid in its quest for better computing.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's College of Education has created two new positions to aid in its quest for up-to-date technology.

Karen Jacobsen, director of external affairs, said since hiring the college's new dean, the college has been striving to provide the most current technology for the students and faculty.

"We are trying to be proactive in ad-

dressing technology needs as opposed nology to teach in their classrooms when to putting it off and getting behind," lacobsen said.

The college hired Wesley Fryer as director of distance learning and Jesse Trevino as manager of computing assistance and training to help achieve this, she said.

Fryer, the Web master for the college, said his job, which he began Aug. 1, is to provide instructional support for faculty.

"My goal is to make professors as comfortable as possible with the new technology that comes along and to make them models for their students," Fryer said.

It's important for teachers to model the use of technology because it increases the probability of students using tech-

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they graduate, Fryer said.

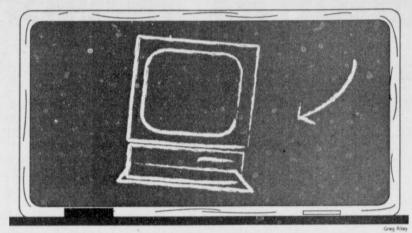
"One of our most important goals is to prepare students to be quality educators with technology skills, as well as traditional instructional skills required of classroom teachers," he said.

The college currently is in the process of creating a way for students to obtain endorsements, certification and eventually degrees from a distance.

Fryer said enabling a student to take classes on the Internet or through distance learning may make it feasible for them to obtain more credentials, allowing them better opportunities in the job market.

Jacobsen said students needed to have hands-on experience now so they know it when they get out in the field as teachers.

The college has a distance-learning program that currently hosts 17 courses.



This allows students who live out of town or across the country to take classes at Tech, Fryer said.

The college is making a concerted effort to stay on the cutting edge of technology, which will benefit both undergraduate and graduate students as the

quality and quantity of education opportunities offered increases, he said.

Trevino's position is to oversee technical support throughout the college, Jacobsen said, which involves taking care of the network and all the computers.

William Lan, associate dean of the college, said Trevino's responsibility is to improve technological applications, which is something he thinks is very important.

'We need a person here that can see a future for technology purposes at the education college," Lan said.

Lan, Jacobsen and Fryer all agree the college has an advantage over other departments because they get to move into a new building.

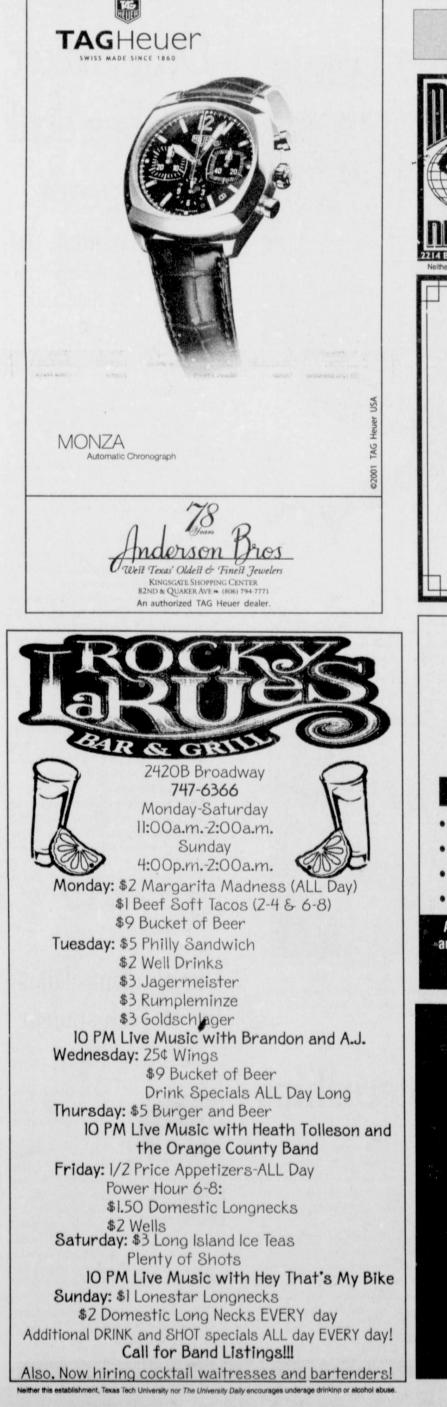
"The new building gave us a unique opportunity to design the type of technology we want to be used there," Jacobsen said.

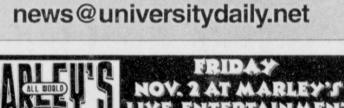
Fryer said the technology would be a lot better in the new building. There will be more distance-learning labs and all the classrooms will be equipped for multimedia productions.

The college is scheduled to move in Fall 2002.

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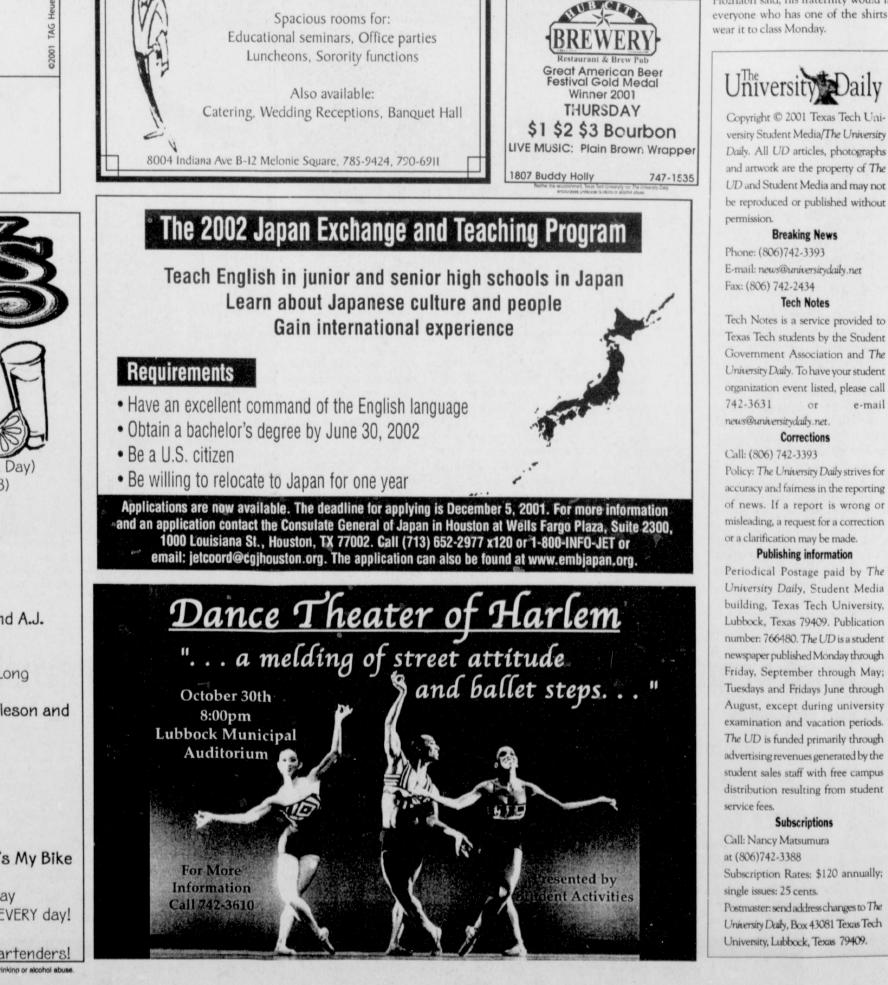
By Sarah Stiles/Contributing Writer

Members of the Texas Tech chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon contributed \$550 to the South Plains Red Cross on Tuesday.

The fraternity members raised the money through the sale of flag T-shirts, and the money will go toward the New York Disaster Relief Fund.

Rosalyn Martinez, director of Emergency Services at the Red Cross, said the South Plains Regional Chapter has received about \$340,000 in donations from the Lubbock area for the disaster relief fund.

"We have received donations from the Tech community," she said. "I know that fund-raisers are hard, and we want



to thank everyone for their support. This is a very caring community.'

Jeremy Rodriguez, a junior exercise and sports science major from Crowley, designed the T-shirts. He said it is humbling to see his shirt design being worn all over campus.

Rodriguez said he hopes the Tech campus will continue to show its support by purchasing the remaining shirts.

The shirts will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Friday in the University Center.

Siavash Hozhabri, a senior merchandising major from Arlington, said the fraternity will give a final check to the Red Cross once all the shirts are sold.

As a demonstration of Tech unity, Hozhabri said, his fraternity would like everyone who has one of the shirts to wear it to class Monday.

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"We're very proud of producing safe and healthy food products in the U.S." TFU is part of the National Farmers Union, which is organized in 24 states. The union is the state's oldest general farm organization representing family farmers.

"We are asking Congress to pass a country-of-origin measure that will allow consumers to make informed choices about their purchases of fruits, vegetables and meats," Sims said. "By overwhelming margins, consumers have expressed their desire to know where their food comes from. This measure will give America's farmers an important marketing tool in meeting the needs of this content-conscious consumer."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a similar country-of-origin measure for fresh produce as part of its farm bill. TFU is urging the U.S. Senate to provide a mandatory country-of-origin labeling for fresh produce and meat in its version of the farm bill.

Sims said while the House only included produce in its farm bill, H.R. 2646, it still was a step forward.

"That's a win. We certainly support that," he said. "Now we want meat included too."

Opponents of the mandatory labeling say those additional regulations would impose a costly burden to retailers, which would be passed on to consumers. They also say the regulation would be difficult to enforce and could complicate U.S. efforts to reduce import trade barriers and expand international , markets for American products.

Interns

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us," Taylor said. "For now, we're just playing it by ear."

Officials routed mail from congressional offices to an offsite location to be checked by authorities before reaching anyone at Capitol Hill, Taylor said. In addition, officials had given interns and office workers gloves and prevented couriers and others carrying packages or mail from reaching any offices, he said.

"They took a lot of precautionary measures to make sure it was screened 'more thoroughly," Taylor said."

When terrorist attacks shook New York and Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, Taylor said, he, like most Americans. 'could not believe what had happened.

"I just thought it was some sort of random accident, like a prop plane had gone

be a need for additional measures since all imported meat and produce are inspected at the port of entry upon arrival in the United States.

Teresa Frey, director of technical support for the National Meat Association, said the association does not believe imported meat is a food safety issue. She said only countries whose meat and poultry plants are certified by the USDA are allowed to export products to the United States.

"Once the product arrives, it is inspected and passed at a U.S. port of entry," she said. "It is deemed at that point wholesome and equal to our own American products."

The Food Industry Trade Coalition, of which NMA is a member, recently sent a letter to Senator Bob Smith, R-N.H., urging him to oppose any attempts to add mandatory country-of-origin labeling to the Agriculture Appropriations bill. Proponents of the labeling requirements, the letter said, have failed to produce any evidence of the value of country-of-origin information to the consumers

The letter states, "To the extent that consumers attach a premium value to the products from a particular country, the marketplace provides an economic incentive for such voluntary marketing ... To shift the burden of labeling to retailers is unfair, costly to consumers and will encourage our trading partners to retaliate."

Frey said the NMA is in support of volunteer labeling of U.S.-raised products.

Mark Miller, animal science and food technology professor, said he agrees with concepts from both sides of the issue. He said it's a good idea to label where meat comes from, but imported meat products Opponents say there doesn't seem to should not present any food safety issues.

> Despite all that has happened, Taylor said he would encourage students to participate in an internship program.

"It's something you really can't experience unless you're out there," he said. "You see it on TV, but when you're here you realize it's an actual living, breathing place where people get a whole lot of business done in absolutely extraordinary circumstances."

Former Tech President Donald Haragan started the internship program in 1999. Students interested in the President's Congressional Intern scholarships can pick up an application from Schmidly's office. Applications are due Oct. 31.

"It's a great learning experience and a great personal growth experience," Taylor said. "It's something you can't experience sitting back in Lubbock in your dorm room."

Must have a checking account for deposit.

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Inmate shoots deputy in Orange County courtroom

ORANGE (AP) - An inmate wrestled a gun from an Orange County sheriff's deputy and then used it to shoot another in the leg as he was being escorted from a court hearing Wednesday, authorities said.

Keith Wayne Gonzales, 41, held Deputy Carla Spell at gunpoint after shooting Deputy Faye Kirk in the leg in a second floor hallway at the Orange County Courthouse.

Cipro

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Under the new agreement, Bayer agreed to sell a second order of 100 million tablets at 85 cents each, and a third order at 75 cents, if it is determined that further orders are needed. Sen. Charles Schumer, who has

down the hallway when she heard the struggie between Gonzales and Spell. "Kirk pulled her weapon and ordered

Kirk was escorting another inmate

Gonzales to drop his," the Orange County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. The deputy's leg was then grazed by a

bullet. She took cover and called for backup as Gonzales took Spell and another inmate hostage in a nearby courtroom.

argued that Congress should remove

Bayer's exclusive rights to make Cipro,

"I hope that Bayer will consider ex-

Federal health officials are looking to

increase a government stockpile of the

antibiotic in case wider treatment is

tending the same kind of civic

mindedness to the private consumer," he

praised Wednesday's deal.

added.

Gonzales surrendered to hostage negotiators after holding Spell and the other inmate for 45 minutes.

Kirk was taken to Memorial Baptist Herman Hospital in Orange, where she was treated and released, the sheriff's department said. Spell had some teeth knocked loose during her struggle with Gonzales, authorities said.

Both deputies were at home Wednesday afternoon as investigators retraced

needed. Thompson said Bayer says it can

make 200 million pills within 60 days,

government to deliver emergency sup-

plies of Cipro, in the event of a

bioterrorism attack there, for \$1.30 a pill.

That agreement apparently ends

Canada's threat to suspend Bayer's Cipro

patent and buy the medication from a

Bayer just promised the Canadian

enough to treat 12 million people.

the courthouse events.

Gonzales had entered a plea agreement on an aggravated robbery charge before state District Judge Patrick Clark and then struggled with Spell as she led him from the courtroom. Clark was in his chambers when the struggle began.

Gonzales fired two shots after getting Spell's gun at about 10:30 a.m, the sheriff's department said.

generic producer instead.

Before reaching the deal, Thompson had said he would consider going to Congress to seek a waiver of the patent to allow production of a generic medication.

In a full-page ad in The Washington Post, Bayer said it was substantially increasing production of Cipro. "We will meet this threat head on," the ad said.

Taliban

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He repeated Bush administration cautions that "this is going to be a long, long campaign" against terrorism.

Earlier Wednesday, President Bush told employees of a Maryland business that America was winning the war on both fronts - in Afghanistan and in the efforts to protect America's shores.

"We're patient. We're firm. We have got a strategy that is going to

Anthrax

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ease so rare that the last occurrence in the United States was more than two decades ago.

One Florida victim, Ernesto Blanco, was released late Tuesday after a 23-day stay in the hospital. "He looks good, he's mobile, he's talking," said his stepdaughter, Maria Orth. "He seems to have some energy."

The comments by Satcher and Potter, coupled with comments made by Thompson on Tuesday, indicated that officials recognized they were acting on faulty assumptions when they responded to the letter opened in Daschle's office.

With anthrax known to be in the letter, investigators traced the mail

work. And make no mistake about it, justice will be done," the president said. And Secretary of State Colin Powell said he hoped the anti-terrorism war can be concluded quickly but the administration is prepared to keep up the fight during the Muslim holy period if neces-

Powell, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the Bush administration is sensitive to the onset of the Ramadan holy days in mid-November and the beginning of winter. "The important point to remember,"

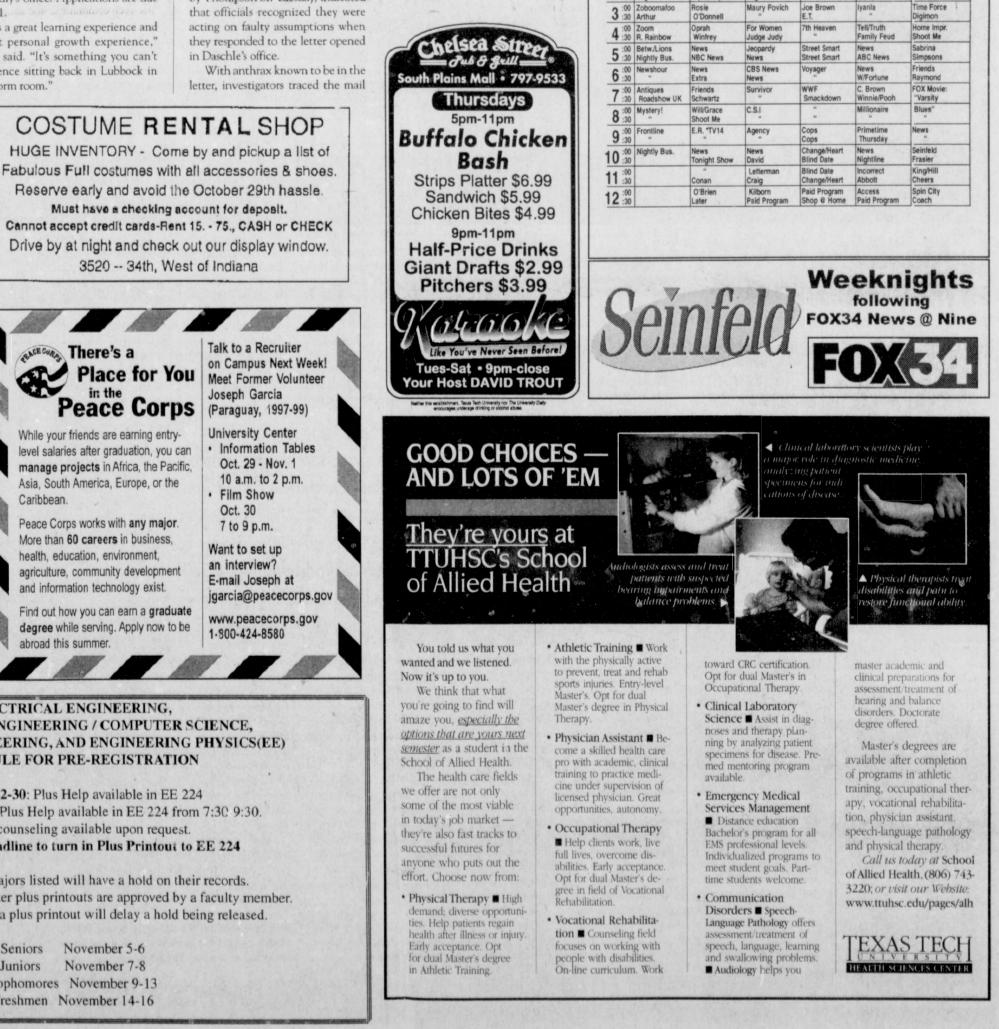
he said at a State Department news conference, "is we have military objectives

backward, then stopped when they found no evidence of the bacteria at a congressional mail intake facility.

Saturday with the illness of a postal worker from a processing center that had sent the letter to the congressional mail

somehow escaped taped mail and spread through the air.

attacked."



to accomplish and I would like to see all of those objectives accomplished in the next few days as we approach this period of Ramadan and winter."

have to make an assessment at that time on where we are. If it is necessary to continue military action I am sure that's a judgment the president will support."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon is vowing to flush out any Afghan fighters who hide

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in residential areas to escape aerial attacks even as it acknowledges a few of its bombs accidentally struck civilian

And a Pakistani militant group confirmed Wednesday that 22 of its fighters, including several senior commanders, were killed Tuesday in the bombing of a house, the deadliest strike known so far against a group linked to Osama bin Laden.

U.S. jets kept up heavy night-andday bombardments around the Afghan capital, Kabul, with huge explosions Wednesday in the direction of Taliban military sites on the outskirts.

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station That signaled that the anthrax had

"We did what we thought was the right thing at the time," said Satcher. We are learning together and we are being And yet, Powell said, "We will just

Despite the administration's sensitivity to Ramadan, Powell said, "We can't let that be the sole determinant whether or not to continue our military effort."

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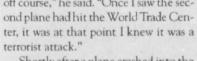
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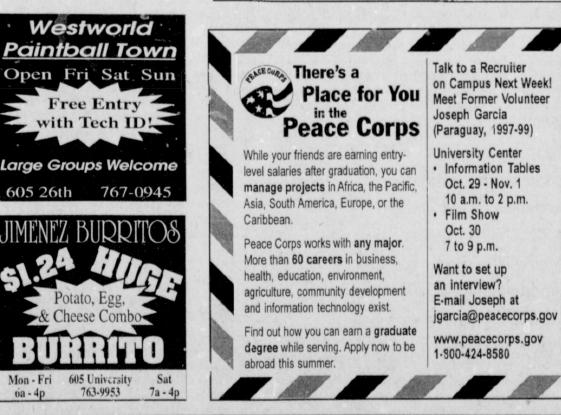
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Their confidence was shattered on



Shortly after a plane crashed into the Pentagon, Taylor said, he and other Tech students moved to safer ground. They went to the apartment they live in, a converted office building owned by the university, roughly three blocks from Capitol Hill.



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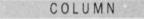
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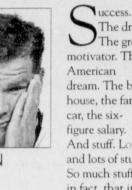
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compels one to

build trophy homes in previously uninhabited wild places to stick it away for the occasional conjugal visit.

We Americans consume. That is what we do. We are programmed to want more, need more, not be able to survive without more, more, more!

Our economy and thus our society is dependent upon this drive. So much so that in a time of crisis, we are guided by our political shepherds to give in and become assimilated by the marketing megalomaniacs as part of our patriotic duty. Yes grieve, but not for too long, for it is time to get out and buy stuff! No, it doesn't particularly matter what — this country requires your unbridled, indiscriminate devouring of crap to retain peace, stability and security. It is the call of consummate consumption.

Now, Americans have an excuse to give in to their compulsive desire to hoard anything manufactured. A desire ingrained by a useless system places so much emphasis on the dollar that those with the highest net worth gain positions of power from which they further our sick dependency on wealth. Someone owns everything.

Corporations devour each other like mongrel dogs gnawing on the rancid bone of opportunity, hiding behind logos and brand names so far removed from their true agendas as to render them incognito as they dupe the consumer into sponsoring their corrupt deeds.

You cannot escape it. Look around you right this moment, and see how many brand names, product names or other forms of blatant advertising you see in your immediate surroundings. Amazing, is it not? We are so accustomed to seeing a corporate logo on everything that we turke it out, letting our subconscious devour the chum smeared throughout our daily lives baiting our indiscriminating dollar.

Spend a little time researching who owns the company that made something, and whose exorbitant prices you have paid in order to advertise on their behalf, and you may be surprised to find other rackets into which they are sticking their greedy little fingers. For example, with no effort at all, you can pull up the internal document from Nike detailing the brutal exploitation of Vietnamese workers.

Through a little Internet research, (God bless the anarchy of the electronic age) you will discover that household favorites such as Jell-O, Kool-Aid, Cheez Whiz, Tombstone

Pizza, Fruity Pebbles, Oreos, Maxwell House Coffee and Cool Whip are all brought to you by Philip Morris, the very same conglomerate that brings you 51 percent of America's cancerinducing emphysema sticks.

Yet still we consume habitually with little thought to who our dollars are supporting, because we have been told that spending is good, regardless of what you are buying or why --- don't think; spend!

It does not have to be like this. The action is simple, the message is

simply buy nothing for however long

the global movement in Buy-Nothing Day and purchase absolutely nothing for 24 hours following Thanksgiving ----traditionally the day-of least restraint in America. Our country's economy be damned do not give in and consume for profound. Set a goal for yourself, and

capitalism. A system that requires we fund some businessman's private empire in order for the nation to survive can

hiatus until you can go months or more

without adding a dime to the coffers of

seek support and safety in numbers, join

blood-sucking fat cats. For those who

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never serve the interests of the common person. In fact, it is this devotion to the Ameri-corporate imperialism that is largely responsible for much of the turmoil we are witnessing in the world today. Now is the time to break the cycle.

Buy local, and only when necessary, or buy not at all.

Taking a stand is that easy, and it costs you nothing.

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Frank Vaculin you think you can manage - gradually increasing that period of purchasing



Terrorists not only ones with closed minds



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COLUMN

Thile at a local coffeehouse sipping a latte and reading "The Never Ending Jihad" by Jeffery Goldberg, a writer for New York Times Magazine, I began to comprehend the magnitude of foolishness. In March 2000

Goldberg was accepted into a madrasa, a Muslim religious seminary, in Pakistan. The insights he

brought back were chilling.

KRISTEN

GILBRETH

The Jewish American journalist interacted with young boys who despised everything he was. They spent most of their days sitting cross-legged on hard wood floors memorizing the Holy Koran. Most of the students knew the words by the age of nine and could quote them with perfection. Their teachers indoctrinated them on how to interpret what they read. And that's the scary part.

To arm a child with words is meaningless, but to turn those words into a mission is murderous. There are more than one-million students studying in these Islamic radical schools. Taliban leaders were once young boys among the graduates and now we've all seen the harsh interpretation of Islamic law they practice as men.

They don't learn history. They don't learn math. They learn a sheltered worldview. They learn to hate Americans.

We are the infidels. We are those who seek to pollute holy lands and tarnish Islam. We are the enemy of Allah. They call us Satan.

Their perception is their reality. These impoverished young men, many of them orphans, sit barefoot with a turban on their head as they are educated from one book.

I was trying to imagine what it would be like to grow up in a place filled with such brainwashing, when two young Texas Tech students interrupted my imaginary picture of myself in a burka with their quoting of the Bible. The most outspoken boy was quite impressed with his vast knowledge of scripture. As I eavesdropped, I realized that his entire life revolved around this book. I wondered if he really knew what he was saying. Had he ever really thought about it? Either way, he was armed

with a mission.

My thoughts quickly flashed back to my philosophy class at the private Christian university from where I transferred. While the textbook would question religion, at the end of a debate the professor would always interject, "BUT...Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life." The students at my school were simply a different breed of sheep than those in the madrasas. They were brainwashed by choice.

And my, were they armed with a mission. A mission to convert. A mission called the Great Commision. Their "mission trips" took them as far as China to go from village to village to bring souls to God.

I once sat passively silent as my Christian friends harshly told exchange students who barely understood English that they would go to Hell if they refused to accept Christ.

My friends thought they were doing a favor to these foreigners by arming them with the truth. But, something in me knew it wasn't right.

I also dated a

percent of the world that are non-believers in the gospel were simply damned to hell.

"It is Biblical," he said.

When I questioned this, he told me we could not be together because I was so arrogant to think I could pick and choose what I wanted to believe in God's word.

He scorned me for questioning God's wisdom. The truth is he was the arrogant one. And I wasn't questioning the wisdom of God. I was questioning the wisdom of man.

One day we were talking about WWII and the atrocities of Hitler and I asked him if he believed all of the Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust were now in Hell because they had not accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.

He said only God knew.

But, if you really get down to the core of belief if you call yourself a Christian, you define yourself

You define yourself by your mission to save others. You define yourself by the afterlife and the glory of your eternity in Heaven, while you define the fate of others as separation from God forever in a place the Bible calls Hell.

When I listened to Billy Graham preach on the National Day of Mourning, I heard something that most American's didn't. He said "some" of the people who died on Sept. 11 are now in Heaven and would not want to come back to this earth. It was a beautiful sentiment until I realized where he clearly thought the other people were.

And this is exactly why we have difficulty having "diversity without division."

In our contemptuous confidence we condemn. In his controversial book, "Why Christianity

Should Change or There are more than one million Die," Bishop John Sprong said, "We must students studying in these Islamic lay down the primitive claims we have made radical schools. Taliban leaders for our religious traditions. None of were once young boys among the them represents the only way to God. None graduates and now we've all of them can be used legitimately to coerce seen the harsh interpretation of or compel another to belief. All evangelical Islamic law they practice as men. and missionary

activities designed to fundamentalist Christian man who told me the 70 convert the heathen are base born. They are the expressions of our sense of superiority and our hostility toward those who are different.'

> Blood on the hands of the fanatically religious did not end with the Crusades, the Inquisition, or WWII. And it won't end with ridding the world of current terrorist groups. As Goldberg pointed out, millions are being raised to carry the torch.

Bernard Russell once said, "The problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people are full of doubts."

We have freedom of choice in America. We can choose to be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. We can choose to have a worldview that is neither foolish nor fanatical. We can choose to be wise.

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A new kind of protest

To the editor: Across the world there have been many protests against American bombings in Afghanistan, but I have yet to hear of any mass protests against the vile attacks with biological weapons being perpetrated daily against innocent Americans.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Friday, beginning at high noon, one lone, long-haired, middle-aged American student will walk in protest against these malicious and insidious attacks upon our people.

I will walk 10 times around Memorial Circle on the campus at Texas Tech. I will carry no banners. I will shout no slogans. I will not raise my fist or rage against our enemies. I will simply, and quietly, walk. After the last circuit, I will turn to face our American flag flying bravely in the center of the circle, place my right hand over my heart, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Join me. Bring with you quiet defiance, solidarity of purpose, and faith in our country. Patrick Donnelly

graduate student theatre arts

Richmond's points juvenile

To the editor: Kudos, Rachel Richmond, for your insightful column. Your rousing treatise rivaled the best opinion pieces from any junior high in the nation. I watched as several of my tearful friends pointed out your eloquent use of the word "sucks," and your minimalist, fluid prose. We stood in a circle, held hands and thanked God for UD staffers like you who so selflessly bring important issues to the forefront on our campus.

Countless are the nights I have lain in bed, tossing and turning, fretting about Singles Awareness Day (SAD). It is high time, Richmond, something be said about SAD and journalistic integrity at Texas Tech. My hope is Tech students will be able to turn their thoughts toward these issues, ignore minor things like bio-terrorism and an ongoing war in the Middle East, and learn from your high moral standards. People like you make me proud to attend Tech. We can be sure that writing of this quality would never appear in the pages of any other major university's paper. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Reed Underwood senior English

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by the moment you accepted Jesus as your savior.

'War of the Worlds' strikes Tech's Allen Theatre on Tuesday

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

In autumn of 1938, the United performance. States was attacked by Martians.

Orson Welles led the charge with a battalion of seven. After the attack, the ting ready for him and gives you a look world would never be the same.

Tuesday, in the University Center's begun," she said. Allen Theatre, the SITI Company presented the radio play "War of the Worlds.'

The show started in an unusual way. Rather than dimming house lights as wide. the actors came on stage, as is done traditionally, the lights stayed on. This caused some uneasiness for some show watchers.

Josh Nelson, a graduate student in math from Lubbock, said it seemed right broadcast and I think it would have been the show started that way.

"The beginning was too long. There was too much silence and I did not enjoy that whatsoever," he said.

Susan Hightower, a member of the

is way for the audience to look at the look at the actors on stage, but to look actors as they prepare to start the radio into your mind and see the bigger pic-

"We are waiting on Orson Welles to come into the studio. This shows us getinto how the actors actually may have

Orson Welles adapted it and played it as a radio broadcast Oct. 30,1938. The show caused panic and chaos nation-

Steven Guess, a mass communication major from Fort Worth, said it would have been interesting to have been living at the time this debuted.

"I have listened to the old radio wild to be around in that time," he said.

The show centers on a supposed attack that began in New Jersey. Martians were supposedly invading the nation. Darron West, co-director and sound

cast originally from New York, said this designer, said this show asked you to not dent Affairs at (806) 742-3621.

ture.

"The things that we see in our minds are always scarier than what we could see with our eyes," he said.

The show used lights to impart the feel of a spaceship and the emotion Originally written by H.G. Wells, people were feeling at the time of the original broadcast.

> Shannon Morris, a senior psychology and philosophy major from Lubbock, said she enjoyed the show.

"It was very innovative. I was very impressed to see the story and hear how the world reacted and thought that what was happening was true," she said. The cast will continue on tour until

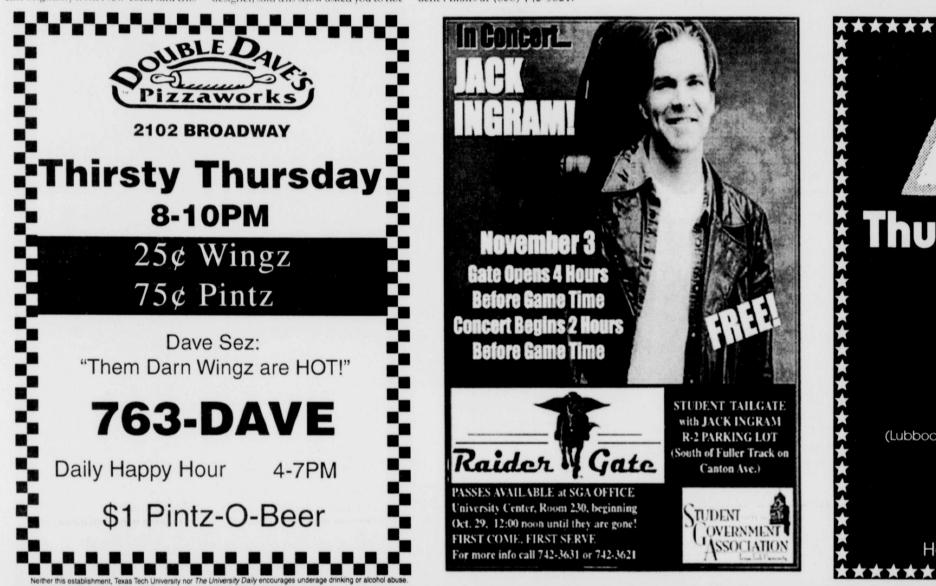
Dec. 5.

For more information regarding the SITI Company or its tour, access the Web site at www.siti.org. For information regarding any up-

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Sports

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Francis not worried about opponents focusing on him

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

Carlos Francis was the "go-to guy" in last week's near-upset of Nebraska by Texas Tech.

Francis snagged 11 passes for 169 yards and bedeviled the 'Huskers and highly touted safety Dion Booker all day. While happy with the attention and

the statistical success, Francis is modest about his role in the Raider scheme.

"It's just the coverage," he said. "Nebraska is mainly a man-to-man team. We figured we could go over the top and 1 Francis means to was just the man this week."

Was it a breakout game in his collegiate career?

"I don't know," he said. "Hopefully it is. I'm going to take it if it is. But I'll block for someone else to get 160 yards if that's of speed and an what it takes to win.'

Francis is a 5-foot-9-inch, 191-pound sophomore speedster from Fort Worth Francis gives him better chances to make feel like he's a mismatch on any DB and Southwest High School.

Besides earning All-District 9-4A

he was a regional

qualifier in the 100

and 200 meters.

He has turned in

personal bests of

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a lot to us," he said.

"He gives us a lot

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fense Tech runs.

Senior running

honors as a prep wideout and cornerback, said, "the more opportunities I get to this season, he has 26 receptions for a

just get the ball in the end zone."

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The game plan at Nebraska didn't call specifically for Francis to be the main tact. target in Kingsbury's 353-yard passing barrage.

"The more catches he gets," Williams game against Utah State. In six games make a long run or team-high 390 yards.

> Kingsbury expects Francis to draw some extra attention this week at Baylor Quarterback after he torched of No. 2 ranked Cornhuskers defense a week past. Kliff Kingsbury

> "I'm sure he will," he said. "They'll likes having Francis to throw to, try to do some things to avoid getting especially in a some deep balls thrown on them. He might see a little more zone coverage. man-to-man situa-We have to adjust, make the throws and "All our restill make the plays."

> Kingsbury said in this offense, you ceivers can make must take advantage of the opponent's the plays," Kingsbury said. "Cardefense.

> "That's how this offense works," Kingsbury said. "We have to take advantage of what they give you. If they try to take him away, we have about eight other great job using his guys that can also make the plays." body and beating

When asked if he feels like the Bears will offer special coverage packages after his performance last week, Francis is quick to offer reasoning against that

"If they do they'll be in a lot of trouble," he said, listing the other mem-

