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Judge dismisses case against Tech officials

By Jenny Klein and Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporters

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings has thrown out a civil rights lawsuit against former Director of Texas Tech Health Science Center Alzheimer's DNA bank Dr. Shirley Poduslo.

Poduslo filed a civil rights suit against former TTUHSC Dean Joel Kupersmith and Dr. Randolph Schiffer, chairman of the neuropsychiatry department at TTUHSC, claiming they had violated her rights to due process and academic freedom when she was removed from her post, according to the Associated Press.

Cummings ruled Friday in favor of Kupersmith and Schiffer, saying the officials were immune to the suit because they are public

Tech officials relieved Poduslo of her position and suspended her research on Alzheimer's disease late last January, while Schiffer assumed leadership of the lab. The lab was closed and research ceased that same month.

At the time, Tech's DNA bank had about 10,000 blood samples from 2,200 families, and 150 brains, of which 137 had been affected by Alzheimer's. Researchers intended to use the samples to determine genetic links to the disease and develop a cure.

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

The Sigma Chi fraternity and

its members have been placed on

disciplinary suspension through

2005, according to a letter sent by

Ethan Logan, director of Student

altercation between the Sigma

Chi and Kappa Sigma fraternities

during Homecoming weekend at

the Kappa Sigma lodge in Greek

Circle. According to a previous ar-

ticle in The University Daily, the

altercation caused the police to be

called to the scene to disperse the

ternity on deferred disciplinary sus-

pension and not suspend entirely

was made because the whole fra-

ternity was not involved in the al-

tercation," Logan said. "Since

"The decision to place the fra-

The decision is a result of an

Judicial Programs.

crowd

Poduslo has since taken a position as professor of neurology at the Medical College of Georgia in the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Ge-

More than 800 people, mostly members of families who had relatives that donated blood samples or provided brain samples to the bank at TTUHSC, have filed a separate suit against Kupersmith and Schiffer. Action regarding the Alzheimer's DNA research project is pending in state District Judge Blair Cherry's court.

The families want Tech officials to release the DNA samples Poduslo was researching to the University of Georgia, where Poduslo is currently employed. However, according to the AP, testimony in a previous hearing indicated that many biological samples in the bank might be useless because the temperature of the storage tanks was not properly main-

Floyd Holder, defense attorney for Poduslo and the families, said they have a case.

His clients are afraid their loved ones' DNA samples will be destroyed or have already

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there were only a small portion

of members involved, there is

not a way to suspend the whole

According to the letter, the

fraternity has been placed on

deferred disciplinary suspen-

sion because of violations of

the Student Code of Conduct.

The sections the organization

may be in violation of deal with

"physical harm or threat of

harm to any persons; inten-

tional or reckless conduct

which endangers the health or

safety of any person; and dis-

incident was a direct violation

of the conditions a registered

student organization must meet

to be registered with the uni-

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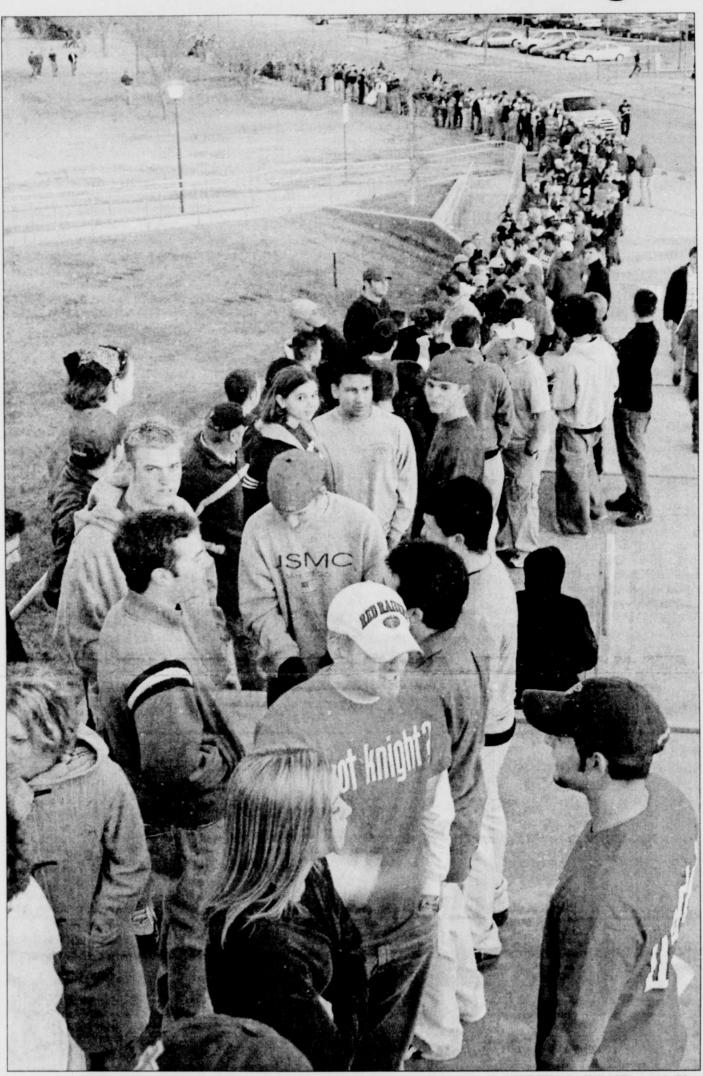
The letter also states the

ruptive behavior."

Sigma Chi placed on

deferred suspension

Students form Knightline



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor

STUDENTS LINE UP outside the United Spirit Arena Monday for entrance to the men's basketball game against Texas. At 7 p.m., 30 minutes after it opened, an estimated 3,000 students entered the arena. For game story, please see TEXAS, pg. 8.

SHOW OF SPIRIT:

Basketball, Knight fans waited outside the USA to witness Tech-Texas' game.

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Basketball fever officially arrived at Texas Tech Monday as students began lining up at the United Spirit Arena at noon.

Eric Thompson, a freshman marketing major from Albuquerque, was first in line.

"I missed a class and a discussion," he said. "It was worth it though. It's all about Bob Knight."

More than 15,000 people attended the contest. The response came as Knight's Red Raiders took on traditional rivals, the University of Texas Longhorns, for the first time since the legendary coach has been at the university.

There were two other fans in line with Thompson, and Knight rewarded the three for their pa-

"He (Coach Knight) sent down three T-shirts for us," Jordan Frank, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Plano, said. "The only way it could have been better is if he would have brought the shirts himself."

The student entry doors were located at the southeast corner of the arena, by 6 p.m., Tech students were lined up as far as the intersection at 18th Street and Flint

"When the gates open we plan to rush the place," Thompson said.

When officials began letting people in at 6:30 p.m., the 1,300 students waiting in line began to flood in and by 7 p.m., 2,152 students had managed to make it through the gates. Joe Griffith, a law student at Tech and graduate from the University of Texas, was amazed by the size of the line.

"I've never seen anything like this in Austin, not for basketball," he said. "This is very impressive."

Tech officials said they expected a big turnout Monday night. The game time was televised on ESPN and was the first conference game in Lubbock after the students returned from the Christmas break

Kristen Little, a junior business major from Pottsboro, was taking student passes at the gates.

"It's definitely more crowded today," Little said. "They (students) usually come in right before

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Tech to receive \$10,000 from Coke | Cornyn kicks off campaign



By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

Life will taste good for Texas Tech University student organizations that could be the recipients of up to \$10,000 the Coca-Cola Company has made available through the office of Campus Life.

While the terms and date of the contract between Tech and Coca-Cola are undisclosed, Greg Elkins, director of Campus life said that up to 25 student organizations can be eligible for a maximum of \$400 each. The funds will be available annually for an undisclosed amount of time.

"It's a great opportunity for student organizations to utilize funding through our office to support their programs," he said. "It can't be used for food or travel purposes. Organizations must show how the program they are doing benefits other students and the university as a whole.'

In order to receive funding, a student organization must be registered and be in good standing

with the university. The organization's event or program must take place on campus and the request must be received 30 days prior to the event or program.

The request must also include a description and date of the event, locations, amount requested, target audience, and marketing plan, among other specifics. Organizations must also include a description of how the event or program will benefit the university commu-

"You have to add some rational to it," Elkins said. "You can't use it for a social event, it has to be some type of educational programming.

Elkins said he does not know how the contract between Tech and Coca-Cola materialized. Bill Marks, vice president of public and media relations for Coca-Cola was unavailable for comment.

Although the Student Government Association is charged

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By Juan Lozano/Associated Press

HOUSTON — Pledging to run a campaign that's pro-family and pro-education, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn formally began his bid Monday to succeed retiring U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm with a series of campaign stops in the state's largest cities.

"Only one candidate can say he's represented all of Texas. And for more than 21 million Texans, I am proud to say I have delivered," Cornyn said during his stop in Houston, where he was born 49 years

Cornyn, joined by his wife and two daughters, kicked off his campaign in San Antonio, his hometown, then traveled to Houston. Other stops were set

for Dallas and Austin. Cornyn said high taxes stifle economic growth, preserving families is important to the American way of life and

the education of all children, regardless of where they come from,

In Houston, Cornyn made his 10-minute speech at the East Houston coffee processing plant of Cadeco Industries Inc., which was started 15 years ago by Mexican immigrants and is a successful example of the American system of free enterprise, campaign officials

Speaking in a warehouse filled with large bags containing coffee beans, Cornyn touted his experience as attorney general.

He said his efforts to improve the state's child support collection system, to stop health maintenance organizations from interfering in the doctor-patient relationship and to crack down on abusive nursing homes have shown his commitment to Texans. The race to replace Gramm, who served Texas in the U.S. Senate for nearly two decades, will be decided on three issues, Cornyn said.

"The first is which candidate

possesses the conservative core values that Texans cherish. The second is which candidate

has the experience and the dem-

onstrated leadership to get the job done. The third issue is whether we send to Washington a strong ally for President Bush," he said. Carlos Aldecoa, president of Cadeco Industries, said he opened his plant to Cornyn because his

family "believes in many of the ideas Cornyn supports.' Cornyn was elected attorney

general in 1998, the first Republican to win the office in more than a century. He was a Texas Supreme Court justice from 1991 to 1997 and before that a state district judge in San Antonio for six years. His Republican opponents in

the March 12 primary are Lawrence Cranberg, an 84-yearold Austin physicist; San Antonio businessman Douglas Deffenbaugh; Bruce Rusty Lang of Dallas, who lists his occupation as Christian physician; and Dudley Mooney of Santo.

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The Rundown



Testimony to begin of overprescription in Atkinson case

DALLAS (AP) - Jury selection started Monday in the trial of a woman accused of keeping her 8-year-old malnourished daughter locked in a filthy closet.

Testimony is expected to begin next week in the trial of Barbara Atkinson of Hutchins. Atkinson is charged with serious bodily injury to a child.

Her former husband, Kenneth Ray Atkinson, is also charged with serious bodily injury to a child. He will be tried separately.

Both were arrested in June after the starved girl was rescued from the family's Hutchins mobile home. Authorities said the child had also been sexually abused.

The girl now lives with a couple who had tried to adopt her when she was an infant, and experts say she is thriving.

Swiss bank, Enron will share profits

NEW YORK (AP) - The Swiss investment bank that is buying Enron Corp.'s power trading business will share a third of its profits with Enron and its creditors, a source familiar with the situation said Monday.

The plan to revive Enron's trading business in a bankruptcy proceeding calls for UBS Warburg to purchase the unit without paying any cash up front, said the source, who spoke on condition of

Enron and its creditors will get 33 percent of the new business' pretax profits for at least two years.



Fla. doctor accused

MILTON, Fla. (AP) - A doctor whose prescriptions of the potent painkiller OxyContin led to the overdose deaths of four patients went on trial on manslaugh-

ter charges Monday. James Graves, who also faces charges of racketeering for allegedly providing thousands of pills to known drug dealers, is one of the first doctors in the country to be tried on charges that his OxyContin prescriptions resulted in death.

Those who abuse OxyContin usually crush the medicine and then snort or inject it, producing a quick, heroin-like high.

Ground zero crews get free health exams

NEW YORK (AP) - A mobile health clinic started offering medical exams Monday for day laborers who cleaned buildings around the World Trade Center collapse site, and workers began lining up before the door opened.

In addition to free health screenings, the clinic will fit respirators for hundreds of workers, mainly immigrant day laborers without health insurance, who have been cleaning dust and debris from offices and apartments.

Many firefighters who raced to save victims of the terror attacks are facing health problems because of dust and contaminants at the

A few hundred are on medical leave or working light duty because of respiratory illness.

Strikes on terrorist

hide-out intensify KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. warplanes intensified bombing raids on terrorist hide-outs in eastern Afghanistan on Monday

in hopes of striking Osama bin Laden's die-hard supporters, and the United Nations called on donor nations to step up aid to rebuild the country.

The Zawar region along the border with Pakistan, where al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts are believed to have taken refuge in a complex of mountain caves, has been under air assault for nearly two weeks. The attacks are the heaviest since the campaign against the Tora Bora cave complex ended last month.

Fighting continues in Palestine, Israel

TULKAREM, West Bank (AP) — A Palestinian militia leader who boasted of shooting Israelis was killed when a bomb exploded as he emerged from his West Bank hide-out and walked along a quiet street Monday.

Hours later and close by, Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli and wounded another in a roadside ambush, security sources said.

No one claimed responsibility for either attack, which pointed to a renewed cycle of retaliatory violence that has marked the conflict in and around Tulkarem since the Palestinian uprising began nearly

Monday's violence further undermined U.S. truce efforts.

Quote of the Day

"I missed a class and a discussion. It was worth it, though. It's all about Bob Knight."

- ERIC THOMPSON, Texas Tech student, on waiting in line for the Tech-Texas basketball game. Please see STUDENTS, page 1.

Police Blotter

Sunday, January 13 -An nor in possession and for possesofficer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop in the 3100 block of 18th Street. The student was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

An officer investigated a burglary of a vehicle in the Z5-C parking lot. A gold necklace, hiking boots, a Texas Tech parking permit and 20 compact discs were taken.

An officer responded to a hit-and-run traffic accident with no injuries that occurred in the Z-2B parking lot.

sion of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, which occurred in the 1800 block of Flint. The student was issued county citations and released.

An officer arrested a non-student for possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle in the C-1 parking

The student was issued a county citation and released. An officer documented infor-

mation concerning the alarm system at the Chancellor's house. Friday, January 11- An officer

documented information con-Saturday, January 12 - A cerning a male seen in a women's student was arrested for a mi- restroom located on the eighth

floor of Chitwood Hall.

Further investigation revealed the person was a maintenance

Police responded to a theft that occurred at Lubbock Building Products, located at 214 Avenue M. A water brush, intralock and grout were taken.

Police responded to the theft of a parking control arm was stolen from the Z4 parking area during the Christmas holidays.

An officer investigated the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that occurred in the Z5-C parking lot on Jan. 9.

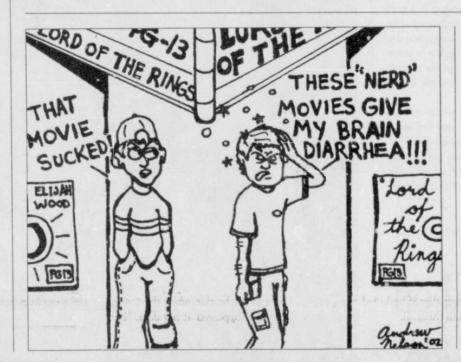
Thursday, January 10- An officer investigated an aggravated assault in Doak Hall.

An officer investigated criminal mischief, which occurred on the sidewalk north of Clement Hall. Unknown subjects damaged newly poured concrete.

Police responded to a request for medical assistance at Knapp Hall. A student had fainted, regained consciousness and wandered to the Arby's parking lot at 2300 19th Street. She refused treatment by EMS.

An officer requested a theft, which occurred at the Wiggins Athletics Academic Services building.

A Compaq laptop computer





Attention Phi Alpha Delta members: initiation for the fall pledges will be 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Law School Room 107.

Business dress is required. If you have any questions contact Virginia Miller at (806) 724-5116.

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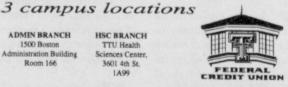
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Students talk cotton at conference

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Members of the Agricultural and Applied Economics department attended the Beltwide Cotton Conferences, which was coordinated by the National Cotton Council last week in Atlanta. The conference serves as an annual forum and receives recognition as the global champion in cotton technology transfer.

"Those of us in this department participate in different technical conferences and occasionally in the production conference," Don E. Ethridge, Chairman of Agriculture and Applied Economics, said. "Most of our actives deal with the cotton economics and marketing conference."

Faculty and graduate students attend these conferences, along with some undergraduate students who are involved in the research program.

This year, four graduate students who wrote research papers in conjunction with their major presented their findings at these meetings.

from Wellman, and Phil Peabody, a fourth year agriculture student from Wolfforth, the college's undergraduate research program, participated in the presentation of research and posters.

Ethridge said the undergraduate students who make the trip to the conference are selected because they have better grades and the inclination to want to get involved with the research process.

"When working on research, we have an obligation to disseminate the results of our research to the people who can use it," Jason Blackshear, an agricultural and applied economics graduate student

"It gives us an opportunity to present the research we've been working on," he

Ethridge said these conferences benefit participating students in a number

"They get to see the application of some of these things they study in courses," he said. "The course work at times, I'm sure seems abstract, but once Two undergraduate students, Josh they see research results generated using

types of things, then it means more to them."

Ethridge said by meeting people in the industry and different fields of research, students gain a better perspective of what research is going on, how to present research, and how to generally communicate better with people in dif-

In respect to the Cotton Economic Research Institute, members focus on all economic aspects of the cotton and textile industries.

"The people that go to these meetings represent the department and Texas Tech University, but they also represent the Cotton Economic Research Institute," he said.

In the past, Ethridge said this institute has been represented at the conference and throughout the world.

"The faculty and the Cotton Economic Research Institute have a very strong presence at these meetings," Ethridge said. "We are known for our cotton economic research internation-

Ethridge said the value of a degree is influenced very highly by the research institution. He said it also brings recognition nationally to the university as a

"When we gain exposure for our research program, many more people become aware of the work we are doing here and it's important," he said. "This helps with the recognition of Texas Tech as a premier research institution. It's heightening the stature of the univer-

This year, a variety of meetings were held at the conference concerning many different subjects.

Some of these included textile processing, cottonweed to science, cotton disease council, cotton engineering systems, cotton ginning conference, cotton improvement, and the cotton insect research and control.

Typical attendance at these conferences ranges from 3,500 to 4,500 people.

Next year the conference will be held in Nashville, Tenn. The Web site for the Beltwide Cotton Conference can be accessed at www.cotton.org/beltwide/.

Battery could help cell callers stay connected

By Dave Carpenter/Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The scenario is frustratingly familiar to cell phone users: a warning beep, "My battery's going," then silence.

Who hasn't gotten disconnected? Hold the phone — a new retro innovation by Motorola Inc. may put an end to those sudden-death calls.

In a throwback to the days of the gramophone and the hand-cranked telephone, Motorola is introducing a new windup charger that should make it easier to stay in touch — or harder to get away from it all, depending on your point of view.

Developed with London-based Freeplay Energy Group, maker of windup radios and flashlights, the FreeCharge is designed to keep dying phone batteries going when a power outlet is out of reach.

Cranking its handle for about 45 seconds provides four or five minutes of talk time and several hours of standby time.

The 11 1/2-ounce handheld device, roughly twice the weight of the average cell phone, consists of a small generator unit that can be connected to a a phone.

FreeCharge will go on the market

in March and cost about \$65. Ways to extend battery life have been

intensely sought after for years. Motorola product manager Gary Brandt said it is doubtful many cell-

phone users in the United States will lug

it around in their briefcases or hip pock-

Rather, he said, FreeCharge is aimed at boaters, campers, fishermen and those who want the device for emergencies and

He said demand could be stronger in Europe, where people are more accustomed to carrying wireless devices around and less willing to risk missing

After seeing the windup charger when it was introduced last week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, analyst Rob Enderle of the Giga Information Group said it should fare

"It took Motorola getting it small enough before anyone would even think about it," Enderle said. "And it's not like you've got a lot of choice."

For now, FreeCharge is compatible only with phones made by Schaumburgbased Motorola, the world's second-biggest cell-phone manufacturer. By April it will adapt to phones made by Nokia and Ericsson too, Brandt said.

Escapee confesses to shooting police officer

CAPITAL MURDER:

Newbury admits to firing deadly shots at Irving police officer.

By Susan Parrott/Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Prison escapee Donald Newbury confessed to firing three times at Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins during a barrage of gunfire, Dallas County prosecutor Toby Shook told jurors Monday during opening statements in the capital murder trial.

Newbury is the second of six convicts to be tried for the Christmas Eve 2000 slaying. Confessed gang ringleader George Rivas was convicted and sentenced to death in August.

Shook said more than 20 shots were fired from five different guns. The officer was struck 11 times.

"The gunfire is immediate. It is rapid," Shook said of the ambush behind the Oshman's Sporting Goods store.

"He will admit to taking part of the robbery," Shook said. "He will admit to being in the back area when the shooting of Aubrey Hawkins occurs. He will admit firing."

Newbury's written statement to police will be used as evidence in the trial, State District Judge Vickers Cunningham said before opening state-

The statement was made after Newbury's capture in Colorado six weeks after he and a gang of violent felons escaped a South Texas prison on Dec. 13, 2000 and went on a spree of armed robberies, killing the Irving police officer as they fled the sporting goods store.

But defense attorney Doug Parks said



that Newbury's words are not enough for jurors to convict Newbury of capital

"Just being present at the time and place Officer Hawkits was killed is not enough to convict Donald Newbury," he

Parks said Newbury never intended to participate in a shooting. "This was a carefully planned robbery in every detail just so something like this would not happen."

To prove Newbury guilty, prosecutors do not have to show that bullets fired by Newbury were the ones that killed Hawkins. Texas law allows holding Newbury liable for the conduct the other escapees are accused of if he promoted or assisted them during any crimes.

Several store employees testified that Newbury, posing first as a customer and later brandishing a handgun, was an active participant in the robbery. Sales clerk Sandra Rodriguez said

workers feared for their lives and were told by Rivas that if he killed one person, he'd kill them all. "They kept saying they weren't go-

Oshman's store manager Wesley Ferris said he heard shots being fired within 30 seconds after the escapees fled out the store's back door with \$70,000

ing to leave any witnesses behind," she

in cash and checks, 44 weapons and win-

Prosecutors are expected to present evidence that Newbury fired one of the guns stolen from the Connally Unit in South Texas in the escapees' breakout.

Rivas testified that Newbury fired at the officer's squad car while the escapees fled in a stolen getaway vehicle.

Neither he nor any of the other escapees are expected to testify against Newbury. Unlike the Rivas' trial, which drew

intense public interest, the Dallas

County courtroom was relatively quiet for the Newbury proceeding, with about a dozen observers, including Hawkins' Hawkins' widow was the first prosecution witness to testify. Lori Hawkins told of having dinner on Christmas Eve

the officer was dispatched to investigate suspicious activity at the Oshman's store. Hawkins said she was preparing for a Christmas celebration when the Irving

with Hawkins, his mother and son, when

police chief appeared at her door. "He

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With his fellow passengers gathered in a semi-circle around her, all beaming, the young man walked up to his love, knelt on one knee, presented her with a beautiful diamond ring, and asked her to be his wife. Twenty Ways To Pop The Question

by David W. Richardson



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Six of the seven escapees were captured in January 2001 in Colorado. A seventh committed suicide rather than

was dead. I just knew," she said.

Court officials say Newbury's trial probably will last at least two weeks. If convicted, he faces life in prison or lethal injection.

Newbury, who has pleaded innocent to the charges, appeared in court wearing a dark suit and wire-rimmed glasses, his short dark hair slicked back. He stroked his goatee and shook his head as he listened to Shook.

Newbury was on parole for the aggravated robbery of another business when, on a July evening about three years ago, he walked into an Austin hotel with a sawed-off shotgun and demanded money from a clerk, according to court documents.

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- Receive room/board/stipend

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- · Monitors activity in residence halls
- · Completes nightly audit reports of guest
- · Clerical and office responsibilities
- · Competitive hourly wage

- · Provides customer service for university guests participating in camps and
- conferences Monitors activity in residence halls

- · Assists with preparation of residence hall for check-in and check-out of conference guests
- · Clerical and office responsibilities
- · Receive room/board/stipend

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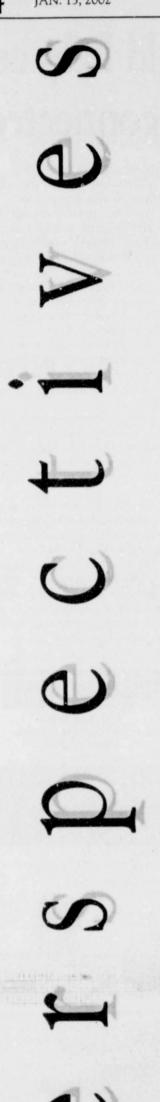
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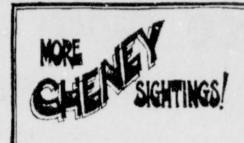


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"ACTUALLY, WE CAN'T GET HIM TO LEAVE -- " - JANITOR, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Cell phone laws worth another glance

Laws restricting use of

cell phones would be

quite similar to those

punishing intoxicated

drivers.

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JEFF STOUGHTON

energetic 2-yearold. Her parents had saved and worked seven years to begin their family and it seemed as though Morgan was the beginning of their American

dream. Patricia

Pena was

Pena, Morgan's mother, was driving her home from a relative's house one day when the vehicle was struck by a man talking on a cellular phone and not paying attention to the road. Patricia looked in the back seat to see her sweet daughter Morgan, who loved to sing, loved playing in her wagon and loved lying in the couch with her daddy, bleeding from wounds on her head. Morgan died in the hospital as a result of her injuries.

What would you expect the penalty for killing a 2-year-old would be? Would you believe two traffic tickets and a \$50 fine? The man received his two tickets in the mail. Patricia had to watch her daughter die, wondering the whole time if the experience was real or a horrible nightmare.

Cell phone use has grown exponentially recently, and more than 85 percent of users say they regularly talk on the phone while driving a car. Is this a big deal? Why should people have to pull over to the side of the road just to talk on the phone? Cell phone users have many arguments to defend their ability

Some argue that people have the right to drive and talk on a cell phone at the same time. The problem is, there is no law that guarantees people the right to drive, much less use a cell phone while driving. The truth is, operating a motor vehicle is a privilege, one that requires a license obtained from the state.

The laws were not set up this way to infringe on people's freedom or give Big Brother more power over the common person. People are required to have licenses to drive because it ensures (at least to a small degree) that the person knows how to operate a motor vehicle. In other words, the laws were created to

promote safety. How many people would be in favor of abolishing the laws that set a minimum age for drivers? Would these people like to see 7-year-olds behind the wheel of a Chevy Suburban?

Others fear that restrictions placed on cell phone use will lead to increased government interference in daily life. This "proverbial slippery slope" argument is quite possibly the most ludicrous defense ever proposed by cell phone users. An opinion published on the Amarillo Globe-News Web site expressed concern that the government would perhaps forbid people to light cigarettes in the car or change radio stations. If these activities created an unsafe environment for other drivers, it would certainly be an issue. However, these activities can be done in a matter of a few seconds, perhaps while the

driver is stopped at a red light. A typical telephone conversation lasts much longer, and is usually more distracting.

Another popular argument against cell phone restrictions states that talking while driving is no different than eating or changing the radio station. If talking on a cell phone is equivalent to eating, I must be missing out on some in-depth conversations with my cheeseburgers. In fact, drivers face many distractions while behind the wheel.

In a report to the Senate Transportation Committee in Pennsylvania, Fran Bents analyzed common distractions drivers face and outlined their severity: visual distractions, including looking

> away from the road, mechanical distractions including changing the radio station, and cognitive distractions events that cause drivers to be "lost in thought." Bents

found in her study that cell phone use involves all three types of distractions. Bents also found talking to a person on the phone differs from talking to a passenger in the car mainly because the passenger can serve as an extra set of eyes and ears. Also, telephone conversations have a sense of urgency and immediacy. They usually take priority over any other activities, including

Opponents of cell phone restrictions say such laws would not be enforceable. Laws restricting use of cell phones would be quite similar to those punishing intoxicated drivers.

Why is it that people support laws

against drunken driving while being vehemently opposed to laws restricting cell phone use while driving? Both behaviors contribute to unsafe driving. A law enforcement officer could spot a person driving erratically very easily. If the driver was found to have been talking on a cell phone, an additional penalty could be assessed. If this practice contributed to saving at least one life, the minor inconveniences suffered by cell phone users would be justified.

· I am by no means crusading against cell phones in general. I think they have a great deal to contribute to society if used properly. I own a cell phone, but I refuse to use it while driving, however. Lubbock roads are dangerous enough as it is.

The point is, it doesn't matter what you're talking about on your phone. Whether you're ordering a pizza, talking to your boyfriend or girlfriend about the evening's plans, or just chatting with a friend, your conversation cannot possibly be important enough to jeopardize the safety of the drivers around you.

For those of you who still think otherwise, I suggest you read Patricia Pena's open letter at cartalk.cars.com/ About/Morgan-Pena/letter.html. Because of another person's negligence and insistence that his conversation was more important than a 2-year-old's life, Patricia Pena is a young mother "with an empty lap and a dreadfully aching heart."

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Home takes on a new meaning once you're in college

COLUMN



ALISON WELLS

across Texas for the 14th time over the holidays, I collapsed at my mother's home shortly after the new year began. The familiarity of the house was comforting.

ired from

my trek

I do not want to admit it, but I was even glad to see those two ugly,

ankle-biting, sausage-shaped Chihuahuas that are treated more humanely than I.

So, there I was, curled up, watching "Legally Blonde" - again. At this point, I was beginning to wonder if I really should attend law school. Unfortunately, I may be even more "blonde" than Elle, Reese Witherspoon's character in the movie.

The life that I once knew at home no longer exists. My room has become the community storage unit - full everyone's old clothes and junk no one wants to look at anymore. My room also has become the cat's haven; my bed is his throne. Knowing that I am an avid supporter of the transportation of cats and dogs to China for Epicurean purposes, they still allow that damn cat to make my room his kingdom.

I had been driving since 6 a.m. Mountain Time, and I was ready to slip into my cozy bed and sleep off driving's form of jet lag. Serious exhaustion had finally set in. I undressed for bed and discovered just how unearthly cold it was in the house. On several occasions in the past, my parents have been extremely rigid with the thermostat. Therefore, I graciously, as a guest in my own home, decided to consult my mother before making myself comfortable.

She says, "Alison, it's already up to 47 degrees - get a quilt from the sofa."

Umm, OK. I proceeded to locate my winter weather gear and prepare to battle the cold. Finally, under the

blanket of Arctic ice, I was desperately trying not to move, as I would have to warm up yet another area of the bed with the quickly protruding mammothlike hairs that were springing up all

The cat fur was beginning to tickle my throat. Due to my severe allergic reaction to cats, my breathing was slowly being constricted. I know asthma is not contagious, but my brother and sister both have it. I was beginning to wonder if it had somehow been transmitted to me. This, of course, is where the Chihuahuas come in.

My mother has reason to believe that these particular breeds of dogs miraculously cure asthma. However, after testing all eleven inhalers in the house, not one of them contained any

I then drew a scalding bath to No. 1 get warm, and No. 2 use steam to open up my breathing passages. After drying off before icicles formed, I began to rub Mentholatum all over my body. I realize how sexy and erotic that sounds, but it

Obviously, my little method worked. I did not wake until 5:30 a.m. when, surprisingly, I couldn't breathe. The coughing was so bad, my mom came in to the kitchen, where I was making "medicinal" tea, to make sure I didn't need an inhaler. Ha.

By 9 a.m. I was awakened from my slumber (during which I crunched up my rather long frame to fit on a chair and ottoman for three and a half hours) to the sound of bacon grease popping and the smell of pancake batter on the griddle.

"No, I do not want any pancakes," I crankily replied to this pleasant offer.

You know, it sure is good to be home. Despite mistreatment and unconcern for my well-being by my family, I wouldn't trade it for

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Italian tale parallels our own potential

COLUMN



SHERWELL

columnist and humorist for Reforma (one of the largest newspapers in Mexico) whose full name seems to be a mystery, told in one of his editorials a brief story of three violin producers.

The story takes place in the Italian town of Cremona, unique for being the home of the finest violins in the world.

Caton tells us that there were three violin producers located on the same street, competing with each other. The first of them had a sign outside of his workshop that said, "Here, we make the best violins in Italy."

Only a few steps away from him, there was the second producer, with a more ambitious marketing ploy, "Here, we make the best violins in the world." The third one, on the same street, had a more moderate, humble but no less intelligent sign: "Here, we make the best violins on this street."

The third one was Antonio Stradivari, producer of the best violins the world has ever heard and seen: the Stradivarius.

A new year has just started and with it, most of us have promised to carry out several resolutions, resolutions that perhaps, at least in my case, we have promised before. I usually don't make a big deal about New Year's (I did this year though!). I believe that making wishes on New Year's, eating twelve grapes in front of the chimney, or doing any of the other traditions is not what it will take to make our wishes come true. But, if a new year means a refill of strength, an improvement of attitude, a massage for our hearts and a workout for souls, then let's celebrate it every

Every day is a new chance for us to go out and do what we want to do. We are born once, something out of our reach, but every morning that we wake up, we are given the opportunity to go out and live our lives. The outcome of it will depend only on us, and that is within our reach.

Let me go back to the resolutions. Some of us, at least I, have promised to spend more time in the gym this year, working out, improving our looks. However, in 20 years, we will hardly be remembered for our "great" bodies. Instead, we will be remembered for the things we have done. Our hearts, contrary to our bodies, will never wrinkle. Indeed, they can get stronger for as long as we want them to.

I feel guilty when I take a look at my selfish resolutions and at the same time there are millions of people in our world that survive with less than a dollar a day, and sadly, some of them die everyday of starvation and illnesses. What can we do about it? I do not know. But as Stradivari did, we can start at our street.

There are many things around us

that everyday we are given the chance to do. They might seem to be little things for us (perhaps because they are mostly costless), but they can be very meaningful for others: a smile to those who need it, a hug to a friend, an advice to a kid who is entering the world we have built (or destroyed), helping a charity, volunteering, reading one more book this year than last year. I am sure we all have the power to do whatever we want to, all we have to do is develop our willingness to do it.

I don't know much about violins, but I am sure that the great sound of a Stradivarius doesn't have much to do with the beauty of it. I believe that Antonio paid attention to every little detail inside the violin, something which is hard to see, but a pleasure when played and heard. After 300 years, they remain being the best ones. How we look or how was ound depends on us. In the meantime, today let's be the best violin on our screet.

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Bush says trade cure for recession

NO NEW TAXES:

President says he still opposes the repeal of last year's tax cuts.

By Scott Lindlaw/Associated Press

EAST MOLINE, Ill. (AP) - President Bush renewed his push Monday for expanded trade as a cure for recession, undeterred by a fainting incident that left him with a scraped cheek and bruised

He vowed anew to oppose repeal or delay of the tax cuts enacted last year.

Bush opened the two-day, three-state push with a series of jokes about the fainting spell he suffered Sunday after a pretzel went down the wrong way while he was watching television in the White House. He told 1,500 workers and supporters at a John Deere plant that he expected to receive a pretzel from union workers — "those kind that are easy to

The president, who seeks broader powers to negotiate trade pacts, said, "I'm confident we need to open up markets, not close them down."

'What this nation needs is to level the playing field and have trade that'll create jobs all across America," he said.

In Springfield, Mo., Bush told a crowd in an airplane hangar that expanded trade is essential. "Let us compete and when we can compete in a fair way, we whip anybody when it comes to selling food.'

He renewed his call for lower taxes to create jobs. "It's economics 101, except sometimes people in Washington haven't taken the course," Bush said.

Congress last year passed Bush's longterm tax cut but some Democrats now say that in the face of budget deficits, some of those cuts should be deferred.

Monday, Bush pledged to fight any such effort. "If you have more money in your pocket, you buy more things, which encourages more production," he said. 'I've made up my mind — the tax relief plan we passed, which you're now beginning to feel the effects of, is going to

Bush left the White House with a bruised lip and a half-dollar-sized abrasion on his cheek after his fainting spell.

During the flight from Washington, Bush made light of his fainting spell by sending a large bag of pretzels to the press cabin with a scribbled warning to "chew slowly."

Later, touring a John Deere plant here, Bush said of a welder's mask, "I need this all the time around the press corps."

"I feel great," Bush told reporters as he left the White House. Spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president, fighting a head cold, reported having a runny nose but was otherwise

During the flight, Bush called Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and President Bashar Assad of Syria to talk about peace efforts in the Middle East and the anti-terrorism campaign.

The president's itinerary had him tracing the flow of farm goods south through the Midwest en route to overseas markets.

On Tuesday, he will visit the port of New Orleans, the last stop for many agricultural goods destined for export markets.

The president badly wants author-

ity to negotiate "fast-track" trade agreements, which Congress could reject but not change.

The Republican-controlled House passed such trade promotion authority by a deeply partisan 215-214 vote last month after the White House and Republican leaders persuaded GOP holdouts to change sides. The Democraticcontrolled Senate is due to vote early this

On agricultural business, the Senate was unable to agree on a Democratic plan to reauthorize farm programs through

Most of the money in that bill would continue to go to grain, cotton and soybean farms but also offer new subsidies for a variety of additional commodities, including milk, honey and lentils.

It also would double spending on conservation.

The administration criticized both that bill and one passed by the House in October and urged Congress to delay finishing work on them until this year.

It said both measures risk exceeding levels set in an international trade agreement and provide too much money to big farms that least need the assistance.

Prime Minister wants Prague U.S. Radio Free

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP)-The Czech prime minister demanded Monday that the U.S. broadcaster Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty move its headquarters out of down-

Prague because of the risk of terrorist attacks.

"On the side of the Czech Cabinet, the decision has been unequivocally made," Prime Minister Milos Zeman said in an interview with Frekvence 1 radio. "I think it is stupid to offer the terrorist a target in the center of Prague."

Zeman said the U.S. and Czech governments had been negotiating a move for three months and that the station will have to respect any agreement reached by the two govern-

"Our partner (in talks) is the United States, not Radio Free Europe," Zeman said.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Last week, Radio Free Europe President Tom Dine said moving the station from its current headquarters would mean giving in to terrorists.

"In the face of a threat, in the face of fear, you stand and face it," Dine said in an interview with the English-language weekly The Prague Post. "You don't run."

Following the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, the Czech government repeatedly has expressed concern about the broadcaster's location on a busy street in

The appeals to move became more insistent after Zeman said that one of the hijackers involved in the terrorist attacks, Mohammed Atta, had met with an Iraqi diplomat in Prague to discuss an attack on the Radio Free Europe head-

Dine suggested, however, that parliamentary elections this year were causing authorities to make more of a fuss than was warranted.

Lines

Coke

contract.

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the game starts. Today they have been here for hours."

Texas Tech Police officers said the line moved moderately quickly and no problems were reported as 4,600 students filled up the allotted seats reserved for

This past summer the Student Government Association, a panel of student leaders and Coach Knight met to try and find a solution for the student seating shortage at the arena.

The group, lead by SGA President

with the responsibility of distributing

money to student organizations each

year, applications for Coca -Cola funds

must be acquired and processed through

of the SGA, said she is pleased with the

Kelli Stumbo, internal vice president

"Any extra money is a good thing,"

Stumbo said even though the SGA

receives a large sum of money from stu-

the office of Campus Life.

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John Steinmetz, came up with a system similar to Duke University's, which enabled them to add an additional 1,000 seats for the student body.

"We are now in the top 10 percent in the nation for the number of student seating given," said Steinmetz. "This is the first time I believe the amendment is going to take place. There are going to be some glitches, but we hope by the end of the season students will know how

Any students who experienced any problems getting into the game are encouraged to contact the SGA office at the Student Union.

(806) 742-3631 or go by Room 230 in

dent service fees, it isn't always enough.

"Sometimes an organization will request some money and the funds just are not available, she said. "This will help us out. If an organization wants to bring a guest speaker to a conference, lecture or something similar, then that is the kind of thing the funds will be used for."

Stumbo said the SGA would be able to answer any questions regarding the acquisition of Coca-Cola funds at the student organization budget workshop on Jan. 16.

For information or an application contact Campus Life at (806) 742-2984.

Sigma

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versity. The Code of Conduct states the organization shall show initiative in effectively meeting the organization's stated goal, and be lawful and peaceful in activities.

At the time of the incident, Sigma Chi had not completed their application to become a registered student organization, according to previous articles in The UD.

Bonner Bennett, president of the alumni chapter of Sigma Chi, said they would do whatever it takes to abide by the decision made by the university. "I think they made the best deci-

sion with the information they had," he said. "I don't think everything was brought out, but will make every effort to do everything the university has asked us to do." Along with the deferred suspen-

sion, Logan recommended that the

two organizations attend mediation sessions to resolve the conflict. "Since these two organizations both have lodges on Greek Circle, it is important that they try to work

through any conflict they may still

have toward each other," Logan said.

At press time, Logan was unaware if the fraternity was actually involved in mediation, but said he did not think that

Members of Kappa Sigma were unavailable for comment at press time.

Another condition of the suspension was that the fraternity's lodge on Greek Circle remain alcohol-free for one year. Logan said there was alcohol involved

"Most organizations have stipulations whether or not they can have alcoholic beverages in their lodges for the purpose of social events," said Logan. "I am not sure that Sigma Chi had this stipulation but since there was alcohol involved I felt this was necessary."

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been destroyed, he said.

Holder said he is trying to determine which participants out of those 800 who are involved in the pending lawsuit have deceased family members who donated. He has found 77 thus far. "There is emotional attachment

here," Holder said.

Victor Mellinger, a member of the Tech's associate general counsel, spoke on behalf of the TTUHSC. He said the TTUHSC never had any intentions of destroying the samples, and they always intended on continuing the research.

"DNA samples are very sensitive, you don't want just anyone to get ahold of them," he said. "We have always intended on doing the research, we just wanted to wait until we had the entities

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to get it done more effectively. When you have that many sets of records, making sure all the information is correct takes

Mellinger said he hopes the TTUHSC would be able to have everything work out to where they will be able to continue with the research.

Schiffer said he has exciting plans for a variety of Alzheimer's disease research in the future

"It's never been true that the medical school was stopping or reducing our commitment to researching this disease," Schiffer said. "As soon as we settle out this lawsuit, it will make it easier for us to move our plans forward."

Schiffer could not comment on the pending lawsuit involving the families of DNA donors.





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Two interns share their memories of Sept. 11

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

The Sept. 11 events hit close to home for two Texas Tech students who were interning in Washington, D.C. last semester. They learned about politics, and a lesson about life as well, they said.

Jamie McElyea, a senior political science and English major from idea of terrorists popped into her Favetteville, Ark., had begun her internship at the White House with Clay Johnson, a special assistant to President George W. Bush, one week before the Sept. 11 events.

"(Sept. 11) was my week anniversary (of working as an intern,)" she said. Little did she know, it would be an anniversary she will never forget,

That Tuesday morning, McElyea said she was performing her first duty of the day, checking her boss'st voicemail and e-mailing him the messages, when someone told her to turn on the televi-

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"We had no idea of what was happening," she said.

After hearing about the two airplanes' crashes into the World Trade Center towers, she said she saw CNN cover the attacks on the Pen-

"This has got to be connected," she said she thought to herself, as the

McElyea said her computer turned off as she was e-mailing her boss his phone messages. Luckily, she saved the e-mail she was typing.

"(The e-mail) is saved with the date and time," she said. "That is something neat to always have."

McElyea said she and her co-workers had no idea the White House was being evacuated because the building's security system was not working that

On her way out of the building, she said the Secret Service officers were pushing them and screaming at them

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"We were scared to death," she said. After McElyea was safely outside the White House she said she saw the recently-attacked Pentagon for the first

"We saw the smoke from the Pentagon," she said. "We could even smell the smoke coming up."

What she saw for the next couple of hours, she said, she will never for-

"It was complete pandemonium," she said. "I wish I had a camera with me to take pictures. I've never seen anything like it before."

Women were walking barefoot, carrying their high heels, she said. Men had their pants rolled up, and were carrying their shoes and brief cases. She said women were walking home as they pushed their children in strollers.

McElyea said her normal 15-minute journey home took her four hours on that September day.

"Traffic was awful," she said. "So many streets were closed."

McElyea said she reacted the same way any average college student did, and, at the same time, reacted as the average parent would have. Because the phone lines were down, she said she could not reach the school of her 5-year-old son,

Collin's elementary school in Alexandria, Va., cancelled classes immediately and took appropriate precautions,

Food reserves and bedding were brought into the school and the afterschool care program began immedi-

McElyea said Collin's teachers explained the day's attacks in simple words.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/University Daily

JAMIE MCLYEA, A senior political science and English major from Fayetteville, Ark., was working as an intern at in the White House Sept. 11. She is reading to her 5 year-old

"They told him that there are bad people in the world," she said. "I was very impressed with how they handled

Even though her son is young, McElyea said he is smart enough to understand what happened.

says prayers for the people."

"He realizes Sept. 11," she said. "He

McElyea said she returned to work two days later to only be evacuated from the White House again.

"It was horrible," she said. "It was

For the next couple of weeks, she said she was scared every time she got on a subway, she would see funerals as she drove to work, and while at work,

the constant anthrax scare was inescap-

"I knew every fact and figure about anthrax," she said. "I researched it and went to meetings about it."

Lindsay Lineweaver, a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech, said she had an unforgettable internship experience as well.

Lineweaver, staff assistant to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, was working as an intern for Hutchison at the Capitol at the time of the Sept. 11

"It was frantic," she said. "People were hysteric."

Police were standing on the roof of the Capitol and the Supreme Court with weapons, she said. No one in the area was allowed to drive or leave their homes and the phone lines were down.

"People started to panic," she said. "It was dramatic because you could not get a hold of your parents."

However, Lineweaver said she returned to work the next day as if nothing happened.

"I haven't looked back," she said. "I have never felt scared."

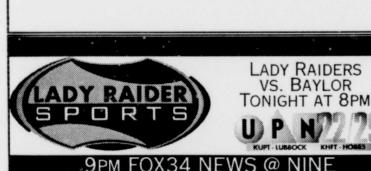
While security is tighter, Lineweaver said people are more cautious in gen-

"It puts everything in perspective," she said.

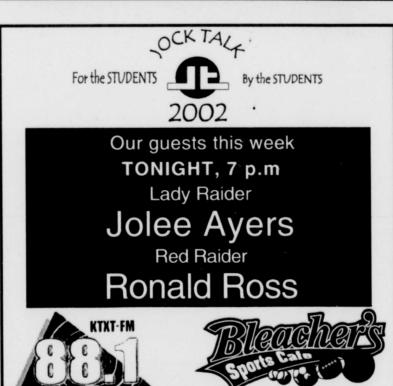
Liveweaver said the acts of patriotism after the events of Sept. 11 are always going to stand out in her

"The nation's finest moments came about from the Sept. 11 events," Lineweaver said. "It makes you proud of our country to see the nation come together."

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Spears is awe-inspiring to Cosmopolitan NEW YORK (AP) - She's not a girl,

not yet a woman, but Britney Spears is definitely a Fun Fearless Female.

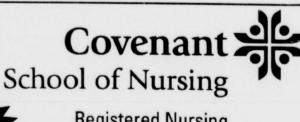
Cosmopolitan magazine selected the 20-year-old singer to top its annual list of awe-inspiring women. Spears will appear

on Cosmo's February cover. "Britney Spears exemplifies that a woman can be sexy, smart and powerful all at once," Editor in Chief Kate White said in a statement released Monday. "The accomplishments of Britney on the music scene, as well as the successes of this year's other Fun Fearless Females, make us proud to honor these women as representatives of what Cosmopolitan stands for."



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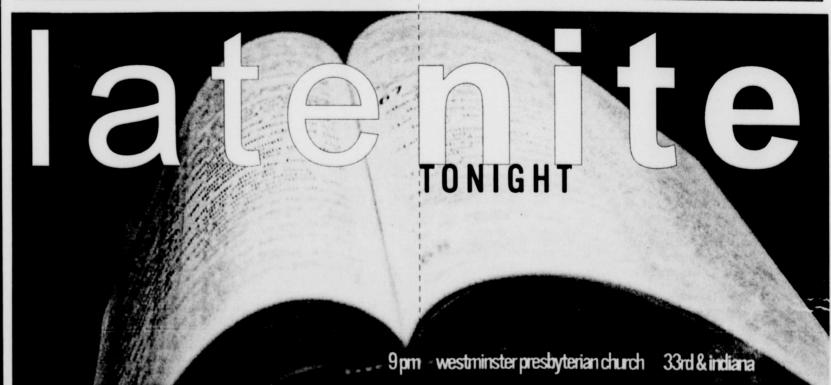
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MOVIE REVIEW

hree films, "American Pie 2," "Glitter" and "Bubble Boy," have all been released on video this week. Renter beware.

American Pie

Fans of the original "American Pie" will find this sequel to be every bit as hilarious as the original.

Jim and the gang are back for more racy adventures, although no pastries are assaulted in this installment. It's the guiltiest of pleasures watching some of the antics and situations that these characters wind up in.

But not everything works.



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son Biggs be mistaken as a mentally challenged trombone player goes on for way too long, and some of the likeable characters from the original have been toned down, almost to the point of nonexistence.

Watching Ja-

The writers have taken the characters that earned the most laughs in the original, Jim, Stifler, Finch and Michelle, and expounded on them to ensure the maximum amount of laughs.

Most noticeable is Seann William Scott as Stifler who steals enearly very scene.

It's another slice of raunchy comedy, which these days seems to be a running contest. Also reprising his role is Eugene Levy as Jim's dad, who never fails to support his son, even when his son has super-glued himself to...uh, himself.

RATING: ★★ 1/2

Glitter

Most of the time one will see a soundtrack based on a motion picture. What we have here is a movie based on a soundtrack

This is nothing more than a marketing tool to sell the music of Mariah Carey. Only die-hard Cary fans will find any rea-

The movie is obviously Carey's tribute to herself and her music. Her acting is so bad that Carey can't even make herself believable. Co-starring is Max Beesley as Carey's manager and love interest, played with the personality of a manila envelope.

This film gives a new meaning to scraping the bottom of the barrel. If this is Carey's film debut, she shouldn't quit her day job.

Bubble Boy

The cynic in me can't help but think that the concept of making a movie about

son to sit through this bland and boring a bubble boy was inspired by an episode of "Seinfeld."

I could be wrong, but not likely.

This entirely unfunny so-called comedy stars Jake Gyllenhaal ("October Sky") as a boy born without any physical immunities. He spends his childhood and teen-age years in his room, which has been made into a gigantic bubble.

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He makes friends with his next-door neighbor and falls in love with her. In college, she starts dating a scumbag and for reasons beyond understanding announces that she will be marrying him at Niagra Falls.

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bubble and treks across the country to stop

That's the plot.

It's a film that thrives on sight gags of the bubble boy being hit by busses and other nuances.

The script isn't funny and backhanded jokes about ethnic groups, Jews in particular, are just mean-spirited. RATING: ★

**** - Flawless

*** - Excellent

*** - Good

** - Mediocre

* - Awful

Tom Hanks a double winner for favorite actor category Sunday at 28th People's Choice Awards

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Tom Hanks was a double winner Sunday, as he snagged favorite actor in both the motion picture and dramatic motion picture categories during the 28th annual People's Choice Awards.

Hanks beat out fellow double nominee Denzel Washington for the honors, as well as Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins, each a single nominee in one of the categories.

Julia Roberts took home the favorite motion picture actress award - her eighth in the category.

Singer Reba McEntire, who previously has won eight awards for musical performer, won her ninth overall award, this one for her acting role in "Reba," the new

"ER" won favorite TV drama for the ninth consecutive year. Garth Brooks garnered his 12th win as favorite male musi-

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Motion picture star: Tom Hanks. Motion picture actress: Julia Roberts. Male television performer: (tie) Kelsey Grammer, "Frasier;" Ray Romano, "Ev-

erybody Loves Raymond." Female television performer: Jennifer

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series: Reba McEntire, "Reba."

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New television comedy series: "My Wife and Kids."

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Texas outlasts Tech in thriller

CLOSE CALL: Raiders fall to Longhorns, 74-71, in overtime.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight made sure he didn't single anyone out.

Although his Red Raiders made key mistakes Monday night, he was pleased with the effort and energy his squad gave during Tech's 74-71 overtime loss to Texas at the United Sprit Arena in front of 15,098 fans, the largest home crowd for Tech this year.

"Nobody can be singled out," Knight said. "I was pleased with effort and I think we had a lot of energy out there."

Knight admitted his team made mistakes, but additionally said he realizes miscues are going to happen.

Monday night at the spirit arena, it was all about the simple free throw.

The difference was Tech (13-3 overall, 2-2 Big 12) missed them and Texas (12-4, 3-0) hit them when it counted.

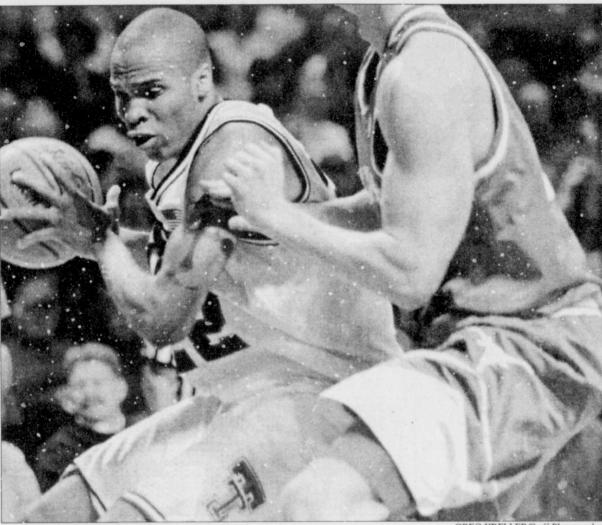
Tech guard Marcus Shropshire missed a desperation three-point attempt as time expired in the extra period just after Longhorn center James Thomas sunk two free throws to quiet the crowd of more than 15,000 fans.

But Knight doesn't wasn't to look at the shots Tech missed. He was more worried about the way his team played

"You always look at the shot you missed," Knight said. "We had defensive mistakes that cost us the game."

The Raiders finished the game missing 11 of 23 free throws, which includes a Kasib Powell charity shot that rolled off the rim with eight seconds left in overtime, which would have tied the

Tech never lost control during the



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kasib Powell makes a move toward the basket during the Red Raiders' loss against the Longhorns Monday at the United Spirit Arena. The game went into overtime before the Longhorns came out on top, 74-71.

Tech followed suit with a turnover of

its own followed by another Texas turn-

over and ending with an Andre Emmett

20-footer that bounced off the rim as

time expired to send the game to over-

contest, but could never seem to pull a five-minute 10-0 run when Tech made

The Raiders squandered leads of five and seven numerous times in the first frame and also had a six-point lead diminished five minutes into the second half.

However, Tech wasn't the only team on the floor that had to come from be-

The Longhorns led 59-52 following

The Raiders inched their way back to tie the game at 64 with 46 seconds remaining in regulation. That is when the fun and chaos began.

After Valdez missed his free throw attempt, Longhorn Brandon Mouton threw the ball away with 26.8 seconds remaining.

"We just have to go see what we can do

the next game."

The Raiders return to action to face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. "The season is not over," Knight said.

Ramey: We are the hardest working team in the Big 12

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech senior tennis player Royce Ramey said the Red Raiders are going to be the hardest-working squad in the Big 12 Conference.

His coach, Tim Siegel, said there is no question about that.

The question is, will the hard work pay off?

The quest for the answer began Monday afternoon when the Raider men's tennis team officially began practice for the 2002 spring season.

Practice began at the McLeod Tennis Center that opened last

Ramey said because of the team's plan to work hard in practice, he thinks the team can be a contender for the top of the Big 12.

"We have to work together as one," Ramey said. "We are going to be the hardest-working team in the Big 12, and with that in mind, we just have to let things fall where they may.'

After recently discovering two transfer students will not be joining the team this season because of low SAT scores, the players are not letting themselves get down and still have a positive outlook for the sea-

Ramey said despite the loss of the two players, Tech still has the best tennis team it has had since he arrived at Tech in 1998.

Richard Crabtree said this is the best team Tech has had because of its depth, work ethic and chemistry.

"We have a much deeper team this year," Crabtree said. "We're stronger at the bottom so there should be no excuses for a bad performance." Siegel gave his outlook for the season by saying Tech will not be outdone on the court by any team.

"Nobody will compete harder than us," Siegel said. "We are going to play hard every match and give ourselves a

chance to compete." Siegel said the team has the best mixture of talent and chemistry during his tenure at Tech. Siegel also said this team is deeper than any other he has coached at Tech, and said one major key is how well the players get along with each

"As far as chemistry goes, this is the best group I've had with how hard they work and get along," Siegel said. "And when you put those two things together anything is possible."

Siegel said the motto for this season is, "We will play hard every match."

Ramey agrees with the motto, but said it does not have to be stated.

"I think that (motto) is sort of an unsaid motto, because failure is something this team hates, and no one will not give 110 percent every time they're on the court," Ramey said.

Siegel said the team will be tested early in the season with three tournaments in February.

We have a strong February road schedule with three important tournaments," he said.

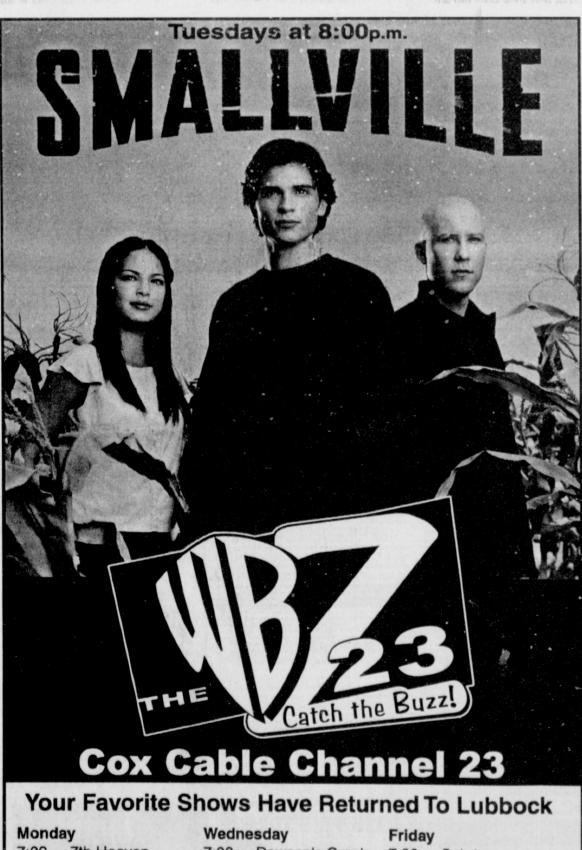
Tech will not have to travel far for its

biggest tournament of the season this year, a short drive across U.S. Highway 82 to the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech will host the Big 12 Championship this year and have the opportunity to show off its new facility.

"As a senior you love it to happen to play conference championship at home." Ramey said. "It also is a chance to showcase the new facility."

The team opens its spring schedule at the Rice Invitational Jan. 18-20.

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