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Powell trying to negotiate peace in Middle East

By Barry Schweid/Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday embraced the idea of an international conference aimed at stopping Middle East violence and restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

Sidestepping a clash with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who wants to exclude Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Powell said the meeting might be held at the foreign minister level. But European and Arab leaders said any such conference needs Arafat's presence to be effec-

"It's a way to get the parties together and talk-

sion that has made little progress so far.

Pressing on, Powell will meet Tuesday with Sharon for a third time and is making arrangements to visit Arafat for a second time Wednesday in his battered Ramallah headquarters, U.S.

"We will maintain close contact with both sides in the coming days," the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Sharon suggested the international conference to Powell at their meeting in Tel Aviv on Sunday, though Sharon objected to including Arafat.

Powell said the United States would not necessarily be host for such a conference and that

ing," Powell said on the ninth day of a peace mis- Arafat could send high-level Palestinian officials to represent him if talks were held at the foreign minister level.

"We've got to move quickly to a political track, and there are many ways to do that, and one way is with a regional or international conference,"

Sharon "gave some endorsement to that kind of idea" when they talked on Sunday "and Chairman Arafat did as well," Powell said.

But Hassan Abdel Rahman, the top Palestinian official in the United States, said Sharon should first stop his incursion into the West Bank. "Nothing can happen before that," he said in an interview from Washington.

Sharon, in a CNN interview, said Israeli forces would be withdrawn within a week from all towns and villages except Ramallah, where they surround Arafat's headquarters, and Bethlehem.

He said they would stay in Ramallah indefinitely but quit Bethlehem if terrorists surrender for trial or exile.

Powell said he did not broach the idea of who would attend a conference except that representatives of both sides would be there. He said of Arafat, "It doesn't necessarily require his presence to get started."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi endorsed a conference, saying such a gathering must include the United States, the European Union and the Arab League as well as Israel and the Palestinians

French President Jacques Chirac expressed cautious optimism, saying a conference could be a "new road leading us in the right direction." But Prime Minister Lionel Jospin warned that the conference wouldn't make any sense if it excluded

British Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw, interviewed by Channel 4TV news, said, "We're quite clear that Yasser Arafat is the democratically elected leader of the Palestinian people and any idea of a conference that is going to have a

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School of Law remains ranked in bottom tier

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Despite efforts to improve its ranking in the U.S. News and World Report's law school rankings, the Texas Tech School of Law remains in the fourth tier on the list.

The school dropped from the third tier to the fourth in

Students and faculty members said they find the new rankings of the law school unjust.

Reagan Smith, a first-year law student from Beaumont, said the magazine's rankings do not affect his perception of the Tech School of Law.

"I think in large part the decrease in our ranking has to do with us being in a smaller market," he said. "They unfairly compare us to schools like University of Texas who has a larger market." Smith said Tech is one of the state's most reputable

schools, judging by bar exam scores and producing successful litigates. He said he sees no reason why the school has not moved up in rank. "Our administration is doing what they can in areas

that are important to students," he said. "The report is just numbers, and that won't tell you how successful you will be when you leave law school.

Smith said he knew what the Tech law school had to offer and was impressed.

"You can't put a value on how well a law school is at producing qualified students," he said. "A law school is only worth if it you can pass the bar exam, and Tech does that." Pat Grey, a first-year law student from Wink, said he

disagreed with the rankings. "The U.S. News and World Report did not come sit and

watch on one of our classes to see how we are being taught and the relationships between the students and faculty," he said.

Bryan Camp, an associate law professor, said the rankings could hurt the credibility of the school.

"It could hurt us with prospective students considering Tech's law school; it could hurt those applying for jobs after law school, as well as those in the field," he said. "It very well could hurt our credibility."

Camp said the public looks to U.S. News and World Report to provide information on law schools, even though some law schools have questioned the validity of the

"I call the report a beauty contest," he said. "The rankings are made up 25 percent of other schools' opin-

Camp said reports are sent to the dean and two faculty members of all the 184 law schools in the United States.

"Not every dean or faculty member responds," he said. "Only people that care about participating will participate; people tend to voice complaints more than compliments." Camp said the U.S. News and World Report admited to

being self-selective and understands their shortcomings. "A lot of stuff goes into a law school that isn't reflected

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CATCHIN' SOME SUN



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer JENNIFER ROY, A freshman undecided major from Houston, and Amanda Stevens, (right) a freshman social work major from Houston, read as they lay out and enjoy the warm weather Monday afternoon in Urbanovsky Park.



A BLACK-TAILED prarie dog eats a carrot in the grass between Meadowbrook Golf Course and the protected land of Prairie Dog Town in Mackenzie State Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Moving

Students work to relocate prairie dog colonies

By Jeremy Smith/Staff Reporter

Several Texas Tech students are conducting experiments to safely relocate prairie dog colonies at Melrose Bombing Range near Clovis, N.M.

Joel Merriman, a master's candidate in range, wildlife and fisheries management, said prairie dog colonies attract birds of prey, which interfere with the bombing and strafing runs made by fighter planes near the range. The Air Force is providing funds for the project.

The birds of prey, especially ferruginous hawks and golden eagles, can easily get sucked into an engine or damage the canopy of a jet if they collided, which turns out to be very costly," Merriman said. "Even at higher altitudes the birds can be a problem and a real danger to the pilots who fly the bombing runs."

Merriman said he has been working on a "visual barrier" method to safely "herd" prairie dog colonies away from the bombing range. The "visual barriers" that will be used consist of a fence made of galvanized roofing placed along



TEXAS TECH STUDENTS are attempting to relocate prairie dogs from Melrose Bombing Range near Clovis, N.M.

the edge of the colony.

"We want to see if we can get the colonies to expand in the opposite direction of the fence," Merriman said.

Merriman said the military traditionally has used lethal devices of control, such as poison, on the prairie dogs. The project also involves conducting surveys to determine if there is a connection between the presence of prairie dog colonies

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Candidates voice views on Tech, city relationship

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to vote early in the city elections starting Wednesday, in which seven Lubbock citizens have filed to run for mayor.

University Daily will

present a three-part

series exploring the

platforms, plans

and backgrounds of

Ysabel Luna has lived in Lub-FIRST IN A SERIES bock for 45 years. Luna, 48, said he This week, The wants to be the people's voice.

> "We as citizens have lost control of the local government and authority," Luna said. In order to help citizens regain

their control, Luna said there are

Lubbock's seven some major issues that need to be mayoral candidates. addressed and remedied. One of the major problems lies within the realms of the city officials, he said. The public offi-

their own interests rather than the interests of the public. "These politicians care less about the average citizen. They do what they want to do. We need to pull together and live up to what the Constitution says about the government. It's for

cials are more interested in money and doing things to suit

the people and by the people," he said. There has been a major breakdown in communication because of this separation between the government and the citizens, Luna said.

It is the city officials' obligation to address issues concerning the public, he said. When the public is not kept informed by the government, it leads to distrust. City officials are expected to take a stance on every issue that affects any part of

"Every elected official has the obligation to do the right thing or inform their constituency that they're not going to

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Tech turns techno with new marketing

IN THE MAIL: Prospective students will receive highlights this spring.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Prospective Texas Tech students will receive a compact disc in the mail highlighting Red Raider Camp and Texas Tech at the end of the semester.

Britta Tye, Red Raider Camp coordinator, said the new CD will include video clips of last year's Red Raider Camp, interviews with the directors and clips highlighting the Tech campus.

"This is the first year we have tried this type of marketing," she said. "The students will really get a taste of what is in store for them at the camp and at Tech.'

The CD will include a booklet of information for students who do not have access to a computer.

Tye said two different four-minute CDs will be sent. One CD highlights the Tech campus and the other highlights Red

Brody Price, graphics designer for Marketing and Promotions for Student Affairs, said 7,000 CDs will be sent to the students at the beginning of summer.

"The CDs are actually a little bit more inexpensive than you would expect because News and Publications burned the CDs with a CD burner," he said.

The cost for the CDs and booklet is \$7,400. Prospective students will receive these CDs at no cost through the mail. Price said the CDs are compatible with Macintoshes or

"It works better with faster computers," he said. "If the computer is slow, then the image will be slower and choppy." Tye said 206 incoming students signed up for Red Raider

Camp so far, even though the CDs will not be sent until the end of the semester. Last year, 341 students attended the camp.

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Police Blotter

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Officer investigated criminal mischief that occurred in Gates Hall April 9.

Officer investigated criminal mischief to parking control device 3A, the Hartford Avenue entrance, located in the Z-4R parking lot April 11.

Officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Z-4R parking lot. One of the side mirrors was broken off April 11. THEFT

Officer investigated theft that occurred in the C-2 parking lot. A hubcap was taken April 10.

Officer responded to a 911 medical emergency in the Preston Smith Library. An employee was suffering from apparent diabetic shock. The employee was transported to UMC ER by EMS

Officer investigated theft of a bicycle that occurred at the east bike racks of Weymouth Hall. A Marin Shoreline Trail bicycle was taken April 11.

Officer investigated theft of a Trek bicycle from the bike rack on the east side of Weymouth Hall April 11.

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TRAFFIC

Officer investigated duty upon striking an unattended vehicle that occurred in the C-4 parking lot April 8.

Officer investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident with no injuries that occurred in the Z-3K parking lot April 9.

Officer investigated duty upon striking an unattended vehicle that occurred in the Z-3K parking lot April 9.

Officer investigated a traffic accident without injuries that occurred at 19th Street and Flint Avenue April 10.

Officer investigated duty upon striking an unattended vehicle that occurred in the Z-1B parking lot April 11.

Officer investigated a hit-and-run accident without injuries that occurred in the Z-1B parking lot April 11.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Officer responded to a 911 medical call, which occurred in the Z-4M parking lot. A student was suffering from apparent low blood sugar and was transported to the University Medical Center ER by EMS April 9.

Officer responded to a 911 medical at

the Murdough dining facility located inside Stangel/Murdough Hall. An employee lost consciousness and was transported to UMC ER by EMS April 11. OTHER

Officer documented information concerning the termination of two Texas Tech employees April 9.

Officer documented information concerning the termination of a Texas Tech employee that occurred at Knapp Hall April 10.

Officer documented a verbal argument between a male and female visitor that occurred on the sidewalk on the north side of the Health Sciences Center April 10.

Officer documented a housing violation that occurred in Wall Hall. A student was burning incense in her room April 10.

Officer documented information concerning the loss of a checkbook belonging to a student organization that occurred on campus. Some of the checks were recovered at an off-campus location. LPD was notified and a report was made April 10.

Tech Notes

The Society of Engineering Tech-

nologists will host an end of the year meeting at 5 p.m. Friday in Industrial Engineering building, Room 205. The organization is open to any Texas Tech student who is interested in engineering and technology. For more information, contact Keith Rotan at (806) 797-9047 or by e-mail at bird98roach@hotmail.com.

The Texas Tech Alumni Association will host Red Raider Live 2002, an event featuring music from Mark David Manders, Ben Atkins, Hondo, Weeden, Wade Bowen & West 84, Mo Robson, Marshall Todd Barnes and Gringo, Texas. The event is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m. May 19 at the home of David Thomas in Southlake. For ticket information, maps and directions, call the Texas Tech Alumni Association in Dallas at (214) 630-8324 or visit www.redraiderlive.com.

Black Students in Mass Commu nications will have an informal meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Mass Communications building, Room 223. All students in the School of Mass Communications are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jannibah Coleman at (806) 792-5418 or email bsmcomm@hotmail.com.

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"We're too busy looking at the money they bring in. We need to respect the fact that they're here."

— YSABEL LUNA, Lubbock mayoral candidate, on Texas Tech students. Please see CANDIDATES, page 1.

The Rundown



Texas may begin to cover AIDS testing

HOUSTON (AP) - As the AIDS virus grows more resistant to medicines that once helped hold off symptoms, Texas is considering changing its Medicaid program to pay for tests that determine which prescriptions work best.

Medicaid programs in 44 states pay for two tests that determine which drugs will work and which won't, and Vermont covers one test.

Texas covers neither, but state Medicaid officials will consider a revision of that policy at meetings this month and next.

Medicaid is the government-funded health care program for the poor and

disabled. AIDS and HIV patients whose viruses dropped to undetectable levels in the mid- and late-1990s because of powerful drug combinations now find the virus on the rebound, resistant to at least one of the drugs in the combination pre-

viously so good at controlling them. As a result, physicians are forced to experiment with prescribing different combinations of around-the-clock pills and injections, said Dr. Dave Wright, who has a private family practice in anid the important anisuA

"Sometimes it seems like you might as well be flipping a coin," Wright told the Houston Chronicle for its Monday editions. "Perhaps we were setting patients up for failure. There is certainly lots of demands on them and lots of expectations on the drugs."

Dr. Shannon Schrader, whose Houston practice focuses mostly on AIDS patients, said she believes it's important for Texas' Medicaid to pay for the drug tests.

"Without them, doctors are forced to treat patients by trial and error, wasting thousands of dollars on medications that don't work and contributing to the virus' evolving ability to resist treatment," she said.

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Herbicide found to cause frog mutations

WASHINGTON (AP) - Male frogs exposed to even very low doses of a common weed killer can develop multiple sex organs — sometimes both male and female — researchers in California have discovered.

"I was very much surprised," at the impact of atrazine on developing frogs, said Tyrone B. Haves of the University of California at Berkeley.

Atrazine is the most commonly used weed killer in North America, he said, and can be found in rainwater, snow runoff and ground water.

"There is virtually no atrazine-free environment," Hayes said. The Environmental Protection

Agency permits up to 3 parts per billion of atrazine in drinking water.

But Hayes' team found it affected frogs at doses as small as 0.1 part per billion. As the amount of atrazine increased, as many as 20 percent of frogs exposed during the early development produced multiple 1 x organs or had both male and female on ans. Many had small, feminized larvnxes.

Hayes' research warm concluded the effect on the frogs results from atrazine causing cells to produce the enzyme aromatase, which is present in vertebrates and converts the male hormone testosterone to the female hormone estrogen.

The effects on frogs in Hayes' study occurred at exposure levels more than 600 times lower than the dose that has tion in human cells.

Their research is reported in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

Asked if atrazine might also be a threat to people at low levels, Hayes said he did not know, adding that, unlike frogs, "we're not in the water all the time.'

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Four U.S. soldiers killed in accident

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - At least four U.S. soldiers were killed Monday and a fifth was injured when rockets they were trying to destroy accidentally blew up. The casualty toll could rise because some soldiers were missing after the noontime explosion, U.S. officials said.

The accident, coming at a time of increased combat activity as the winter snows melt in the rugged Afghan mountains, highlights the dangers troops face even when not under hostile fire, Pentagon officials said.

The blast occurred at a demolition range next to the compound that once housed former Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, according to local government spokesman Yusuf Pashtun. Several U.S. special forces troops live in the compound.

An Afghan guard, who gave his name only as Ramatullah, said U.S. troops had been collecting confiscated weapons and ammunition and storing them at the compound for disposal. He said he heard a series of six explosions about noon Monday.

"We certainly want to express our sorrow and grief to the families of those that have been killed and injured," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a Pentagon briefing. "And we salute the brave men and women in uniform who do, in fact, put their lives on the line every day to defend their country."

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the accident shows "our servicemen and women remain at risk."

At Bagram air base north of Kabul, the Afghan capital, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Bryan Hilferty said about 10 soldiers were disposing of the rockets when the accident happened. He said the injured soldier was flown to the U.S. military base just south of Kandahar, where American authorities said his injuries were not life-threatening.

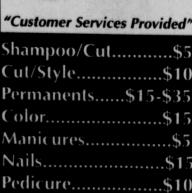
On March 28, a Navy SEAL, Chief Petty Officer Matthew J. Bourgeois, 35, of Tallahassee, Fla., was killed when he stepped on a land mine during a training mission near Kandahar. Another serviceman was wounded.

The enemy fired two rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S.-controlled airfield in the southeastern city of Khost, near the Pakistan border, on Sunday night, officials at Bagram said. Two other rocket-propelled grenades exploded in the same area the night before.

Also Saturday, U.S. and Afghan troops came under fire during a night patrol, Hilferty said. The troops called in support from an AC-130 airborne gunship, which killed five of the attackers, he said.

There were no U.S. or coalition fatalities in the weekend attacks, but Afghan authorities said three Afghans were wounded in the incident Saturday near the Khost airstrip.





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Sept. 11 hijacker 'farewell' video found

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A man identified as a Sept. 11 hijacker in a video excerpt broadcast Monday delivered what appeared to be a farewell message, saying "it's time to kill Americans in their

The tape also includes clips showing Osama bin Laden and his top deputy.

It wasn't clear when the tape, broadcast on the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera, was made. But the appearance of an apparent hijacker in one segment indicates that at least some parts of the video were filmed before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the material on the tape appears to be outdated.

"It comments on things post-Sept. 11 but the (bin Laden) pieces appeared to be from last year as opposed to this year," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon briefing, qualifying his remarks as "very preliminary."

"I was advised that what I was watching very likely was using a patchwork of clips from previous periods along with some dialogue of more recent periods," Rumsfeld said.

Al-Jazeera's editor in chief, Ibrahim name used by three of the Sept. 11 Hilal, said the hourlong video, complete with narration and graphics, was delivered by hand to the station's Qatar of-

"I can't tell you about when the material was made exactly, but it seems very recent," Hilal said, noting the narrator at one point refers to the March 27-28 Arab League summit as coming up shortly. Al-Jazeera, which has aired previous bin Laden statements, said it would broadcast the entire tape Thursday during a monthly documentary program called "Under the Microscope.'

On Monday, the station previewed several segments including one in which bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, kneel side-by-side. Only al-Zawahri is shown speaking; he calls the terrorist attacks on America a "great victory."

Al-Jazeera also aired a segment of a man, identified on the video as a Sept. 11 hijacker, speaking to the camera in a style similar to videotapes made by Palestinian suicide bombers before attacks.

An Al-Jazeera subtitle identified the man only as Alghamdi, the surhijackers. But Hilal said the man in the video was Ahmed Ibrahim A. Alhaznawi, a hijacker who was also a member of the Alghamdi clan in Saudi Arabia

U.S. officials say Alhaznawi was one of four attackers on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in rural Pennsylvania.

"Those 19 brothers who went out and worked and sacrificed their lives for God, God granted this conquest that we enjoy today," Zawahri said in another segment on the tape. "The great victory that was

and not because of our efficiency or power," Zawahri said. The man identified as the suicide attacker said: "The time of humiliation and subjugation is over. It's time

achieved was because of God's help

to kill Americans in their heartland." He bragged of killing Americans outside their homeland, an apparent reference to earlier attacks on U.S. targets overseas blamed on bin Laden's network, and added, "but today, we are killing them in the midst of their homes."

Candidates

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do the right thing so they can take the issue to the table," he said. "The citizens have the final say."

Because of the city's failure to communicate with the public, Luna said, the city is divided, not just among Lubbock citizens but also among the students and Texas Tech.

Luna said the city needs to recognize the students and give them a voice in the government.

We don't take the time to hear what they have to say. We're too busy looking at the money they bring in," Luna said. "We need to respect the fact that they're here."

In order to remedy this issue, Luna said the city should adopt an open-door policy. Any person who has a concern should be welcome to express it and be taken seriously, regardless of whether they are rich, poor, elderly, a student, etc., he said. Getting Tech students involved in the government process will also help remedy the situation. Students are the best guidance the city can get, he said.

Luna said he sees the relationship between the police department and the citizens as a major problem to work on as well.

"There's no trust between law en-

forcement and the citizens. I don't think the police department does enough on their part to inform and create relationships between the citizens and officers,"

Police officers should get to know the people they protect and serve, he said.

Another prominent issue is economic development, particularly in East Lubbock, Luna said. The city should concentrate on developing local businesses to boost the economy. These businesses could offer jobs to students and enhance the work force.

Luna said the mayor is responsible for bringing out the issues that affect the community and guide resolutions to

If elected, Luna said these would all be top-priority issues he would address. "I will be open-minded and openhearted in the best interest of the com-

munity," Luna said. Another candidate for this year's mayoral seat is Larry Rogers.

Rogers, 32, is a business owner and has lived in Lubbock for nearly 15 years. Rogers said running for mayor is a way to give back to the community.

The most important issue within the city is the lack of clear communication between the public and the city's officials, he said. The public doesn't feel like they're being heard, Rogers said.

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hope of solving this terrible crisis that

So far, Powell has been stymied

on his trip by both sides. Sharon re-

fused to promise a timetable to with-

draw Israeli troops from the West

Bank, and Powell could not win an

unconditional pledge from Arafat to

Powell said his top priority now is

"to see if we can get security dis-

In Washington, a senior U.S. of-

ficial said a ministerial conference

could be an important development

but the White House was more in-

Looking to secure a cease-fire,

excluded him is ludicrous."

bring violence down.

Talks

"Keeping City Hall open to the public and keeping clear lines of communication between the two is essential," he said.

It is also vital to restore the trust and communication between the local law enforcement and the community, Rogers said.

To solve these problems, Rogers said ore community insight is needed. Beneath the major issues are some underlying problems that are causing them, he said. With the citizens' assistance, the city can discover what is causing the problem, such as communication

citizens, and resolve them. Rogers, unlike Luna, said he thinks Tech and the city have a good relationship as it is, but more student involvement is needed.

breakdowns between city officials and

Rogers said holding meetings on campus is one way to encourage student input.

The role of mayor is to project the city's image, Rogers said. He or she is the ambassador to the rest of the world.

"The mayor's duties include being involved in the day-to-day process of operating the city," he said.

Having served on the Community Development Service board, Rogers said he has gained valuable insight to the problems and needs of the city, making him a likely candidate for Mayor.

The city elections are May 4. Early voting is from April 17 to April 20.

Camp

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"We tried to be more realistic this year rather than being optimistic," Tye said. "We are extremely impressed with the impact so far."

Price said News and Publications, the Marketing Department and Computer Sports Services helped make the CDs.

Tye said 27 students will direct the camp; 15 of these students were either campers or counselors in last year's camp.

"They really have been saying what worked and what did not work in relation to last year," she said. "The camp is really student-focused, and the CD proves that."

Tiffany Enderson, director of Marketing and Promotions for Student Affairs, said she is impressed by the quality of the CD.

"We wanted to use a non-traditional marketing medium to promote this CD, and I think we did that," she said. "The whole point of the CD is to get students fired up for Red Raider Camp and Texas Tech."

According to the Student Survey comprised by the Tech Marketing department, students who attended Red Raider Camp have a higher grade point average than students who did not attend.

Tye said the students who did attend the camp will be tracked throughout school until they graduate.

"We want to compare graduation rates between students who attended camp and students who did not," she said. "We will find out their GPA, school involvement and campus involvement."

Red Raider Camp is held in Junction, Texas.

Relocate

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and birds of prey.

Julie Boatright, a junior intern of general and environmental studies from Lubbock, is in charge of the surveys in Lubbock.

Boatright said she studies prairie dog colonies using binoculars and a scope, and counts the hawks, burrowing owls and other birds of prey in the sky at different times of the day.

"The project is very interesting because it has never been done before," she said.

Similar studies have shown that hawks can be tied to prairie dog towns during the winter months.

Even if the study determines the birds are not a factor, the research will

"Regardless of whether or not the prairie dogs attract the birds, we will still try to manipulate the colony expansion," Merriman said.

Merriman said the research will be helpful to the military, farmers and landowners.

"This method could prove useful for people with prairie dog problems by providing a non-lethal way of moving the prairie dogs in only a matter of weeks,"

Merriman hired students to help set up the experiment and said he is looking forward to getting started with the

"It has been an uphill battle so far, but hopefully, we will come back with useful results," he said.

terested in the cease-fire. Powell took soundings in Syria and Lebanon Monday on the proa big difference in the ranking," he said. What is important, however, is the stuposed conference and warned leaders of the two nations that guerrilla

cussions going."

The Lebanese government said

Arafat must be invited to a conference.

After failing to draw concessions from Sharon and Arafat, Powell said in Damascus that he wanted Syrian President Bashar Assad's assessment on "a way forward to negotiations" to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He also took up with the Syrian leader, as he had with Lebanese leaders in Beirut, "some of the danger with respect to firing over the Blue Line," the U.N.-drawn border between Lebanon and Israel.

Hezbollah guerrillas have fired rockets almost daily into Israel. Syria, which holds effective political and military control over Lebanon and is considered the militia group's patron, helping to funnel weapons from Iran to southern Lebanon.

In Beirut, Powell met with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammoud and then President Emile Lahoud and Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, warning that violence along the border between Lebanon and Israel could spread.

Hammoud, in a strongly worded anti-Israeli statement, suggested there was a need for some "objectivity" about the attacks, which he described as resistance to Israeli occupation.

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Ranking

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in the U.S.," he said. "What hurts our standings are our low resources."

Camp said the report considers national names and schools with a large alumni base. LSAT scores also are considered.

"If students see Tech as low on the totem pole, we will have a smaller amount of applicants and our requirements of student grade point averages will be affected," he said.

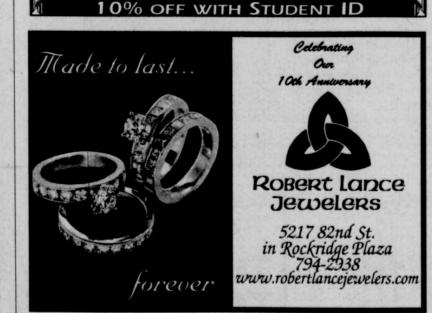
Camp said the important thing to consider about the rankings is the "evils of the curve.

"There are 180 out of 184 law schools worth attending," he said. "Someone has

Camp said the difference between the top and the bottom of the list is small, and the report does not identify the degrees on the differences of the rankings.

"If certain factors are altered, it makes





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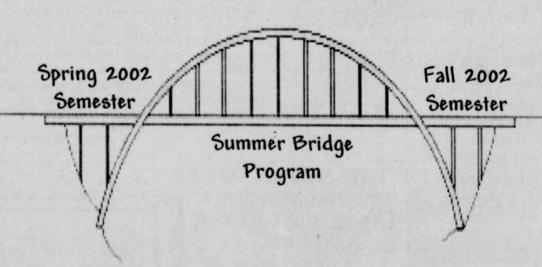
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Women can have it all — if they want

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Monday's
issue of Time
magazine
featured a cuddly
bundle of joy
smiling while
resting on top of
a comfy stack of
paperwork. The
headline reads
"Babies vs.

Career -

Which should come first for women who want both?"

The feature article centers on economist Sylvia Ann Hewlett's new book, "Creating a Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children." The author writes, "Many ambitious young women who also hope to have kids are heading down a bad piece of road if they think they can spend a decade establishing their careers and wait until 35 or beyond to establish their families."

Hewlett revealed that nine out of 10 young women were confident of their ability to get pregnant well into their 40s. But, only .01 percent of babies born in the United States are to women age 45 or older because 27 is the age at which a woman's chance of getting pregnant begins to gradually decline.

According to the Center for Disease Control, once a woman celebrates her 42nd birthday, the chances of her having a baby using her own eggs are less than 10 percent. And all the in vitro fertilization and born one therapy in the world has a low chance of performing any baby magic.

So where does that leave all the women on this campus? Hopefully, we aren't running around pressuring meninto marriage trying to force on them our fantasy life plan. The script goes like this: Be married by 25 (hopefully before that). Have kid A at 27 (a few years alone with our man, yet quick enough to chime in on the biological clock) and then have kid B at close to 29 (because we want "brother and sister" to be close in age).

Surely, a few of us are obsessed with marriage and babies, but hopefully, the majority have progressed in egalitarian fashion to realize that while biology is a reality, we are liberated women who know we can have our cake and eat it too. We are not taking on the Bridget Jones mentality of "I have to have a man now," and "I want to have a baby soon." The flashing red warnings that feed our fears of becoming an infertile lonely wretched old maid who everyone thinks is either pathetic, worthless or gay will not hinder us in our goal of reaching self-fulfillment.

We know that our self-worth is not defined by how often we are bare foot and pregnant. And hopefully we are in college not for the popular Mrs. degree but because we are aware that we don't need a man to support us. We are capable of supporting ourselves. Even if we get married, we choose it not out of fear of being alone but out of the desire to be in equal partnership with the person we have found

person we have found
Recently, I was issued a challenge.
Since this is a couple's world, as I get
older, people think I should get serious
about a "relationship." So, a friend of
mine gave me a month to commit to a
boyfriend (She thinks I need to "settle
down.") Well, even though my
competitive nature usually pushes me
to meet any challenge just for the sake
of proving I am capable, I failed. While
I have to admit I put in more effort
than usual, April 14 was my deadline
and I went through the day as single as
ever.

And I am glad. I like being single. I like the freedom. I like figuring out who I am apart from someone else. And no matter who directly or indirectly tells me its time to pair up, I know that no one should settle just where they can "settle down".

Many of us do it because we feel

inadequate when we are alone. We want the "Jerry Maguire" of "You complete me." But, that doesn't exist because completeness has to begin within oneself.

The bottom line is the facts about

fertility are true. We can't ignore them, and right now we can't defy them. We shouldn't burst out in tears over another negative pregnancy test when we are 40 because we were ignorant to the laws of Mother Nature. We must be educated.

And perhaps that is the point. Male

or female, education is most important. Know what you have to work with on everything. Have a plan. But make it flexible. Don't try to force your life to conform to that plan because it just doesn't work that way.

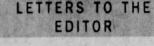
Conservative Pat Buchanan's ramblings about the "death of the west" because there is not enough "focus on the family" are erroneous. We are not June and Ward Clever anymore. We can make our own path.

The 20s are a time for personal growth. So grow up first. Know yourself and where you want to go before you enter into any serious relationship. Don't think about marriage until you are emotionally mature (research shows this occurs at about 26 to 30 for women and 30 to 35 for men). Above all, be able to take care of yourself before you decide it's time to take care of a little one.

Hewlett is right; we should not ignore the constant ticking of that annoying biological clock. But, for God's sake, can't we just tuck it in a drawer or push the snooze button and let everything fall into place at its proper time? There is no rush to wake up next to a mate or a screaming baby.

In the meantime, be in charge of your sexuality or it will control you. Be responsible and be safe. Unlike past generations, we have access to "family planning," birth control and condoms. Use them or lose your freedom.

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Wording wrong

To the editor: I wish to correct a serious error, which appeared in the Thursday edition of *The University Daily*. I was quoted as saying the search committee did not give me recommendations for the dean candidates for the College of Architecture.

This is incorrect. Certainly, I was given recommendations. I told Mr. Files that the search committee did not rank the candidates. Obviously the difference between "recommend" and "rank" is substantial.

John M. Burns Provost

Pay raise bad idea

To the editor: I am writing in regard to the pay raise the Student Government Association executive officers are set to receive. I am an arts and sciences senator for the SGA, and I am not in support of this pay increase.

The arguments behind this raise in salary were the price in housing in Lubbock has increased as well as a rise in student fees.

It is my firm belief that these officers should be elected for how they are going to voice the opinion of the student body not for how much they are going to get paid. All students have to suffer these increases (that the SGA voted to pass, by the way). Why don't we increase the pay of all students who work on campus, go to school and are involved in other campus organizations?

Now, I am in no way saying the SGA officers don't work hard for the student body because they do, and granted, they do spend many hours in the office working for the student body. However, considering the perks of the office and the fact that they ran for their position not looking for the pay, the \$750 they were already receiving should be quite sufficient.

My main purpose in writing this is to inform the students that not all the senators are in favor of this issue. We are your voice, and I encourage you to contact your senators and express your opinions. When we have to vote on an issue and have received no input from our constituents, we have nothing to go on but our own opinions. You can go to www.sga.ttu.edu to find out who your senator s are, or contact me at

megttu 2000 hotmail.com. If we can take your e-mails and opinions to our meetings, the senators have no choice but to listen. I encourage you as students to get involved and help us to voice your opinions. You are also welcome to sit in on meetings allowing you to see first hand how your senators are voting.

Please get involved and help us help you.

Megan Brock sophomore advertising

T&P talks back

To the editor: A couple of issues have surfaced in *The UD* over the past week on the operation of the new parking pay stations (to be installed for the Fall) that should be clarified.

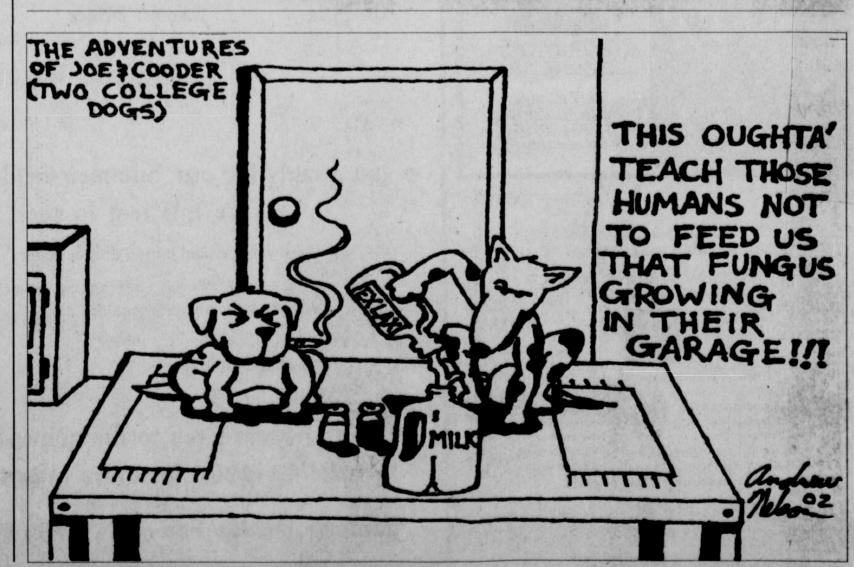
First, if you already have a valid permit, you will not be affected; your permit will be honored during the evening hours in the lots with the pay stations. The purpose of the pay stations is to try to spread the cost of the parking system to all users, not just those who purchase permits.

Secondly, the hours of operation of the pay stations will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturdays and Sundays will not be monitored.

When this project was first considered and approved two years ago, the majority of the campus community believed that everyone who used the parking system, including visitors, should contribute to the maintenance and future construction of parking facilities. The project is being implemented to try to hold down the future cost of parking permits for members of the campus community.

Eric S. Crouch Manager of Operations Traffic and Parking Services

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MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

The wildly imaginative Joel and Ethan Coen have done it

These brothers, who have written and directed nine films, including "Fargo," "O Brother, Where art Thou?" and "The

Lebowski," have proven to have a unique sense of style. Their films are full of colorful characters and eccentric story lines.

"The Man Who Wasn't There" is both different and the same as their previous films. It's the story of a barber named Ed Craine (Billy Bob Thornton) who is trapped in a mundane existence. He narrates the film and explains he doesn't talk much. He becomes so desperate for change that he turns to extortion, blackmail, murder and even show business to get away from it all.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Ed is a sad case to look at. His wife Doris (Frances McDormand) married

him out of convenience, and he suspects that she may be cheating on him with her department store boss Big Dave (James Gandolfini). Ed calmly stares blankly at his wife, chain-smokes and we suspect that he may be wondering how he got to this point in his

Ed works for his talkative brotherinlaw played by Michael Badalucco. One day Ed gets a customer named Creighton Tolliver (Jon Polito), who tells him about something called "dry cleaning." Ed can get in on the action for \$10,000. He sees this as a new opportunity—a way out, perhaps.

The plot is too juicy to give away major points or twists, but I will say that blackmail ensues, someone ends up dead and Doris winds up in jail. Ed hires a sleazy lawyer named Freddy Reidenschnieder (Tony Shalhoub) who never loses, to get her out.

"I litigate; I don't capitulate," he says. He stays at the nicest hotel and eats big meals all on Ed's dollar. Ed even has to mortgage his house to pay the fees. Freddy says he usually doesn't work this cheap, but he'll make an exception.

Ed also makes the acquaintance of Ann, (Katharine Borowitz) who plays Beethoven gorgeously on the piano. She's young, beautiful and talented.

She's probably the kind of girl Ed has always dreamed of.

The movie is shot in black and white by the wonderful Roger Deakins. It adds to the film's noir sensation and is so beautifully sharp it makes cigarette smoke look elegant.

Too many moviegoers have forgotten how dynamic the use of black and white can be. It's similar to movies like "Citizen Kane" in that it would not be the same film had it been in color. It manages to look both old and new at the same

Thornton is perfect as Ed Craine. He has a Bogart/Cagney presence. He shows us a man with seemingly no emotions but hints at a soft center that he refuses to release. I can't explain what it is about Ed that makes us warm up to him, but

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McDormand is always good, and she plays Doris with a certain haughtiness that could only be broken by helplessness.

Gandolfini sometimes hints at a Tony Soprano-like behavior as Big Dave and Tony Shalhoub steal every scene he's in as the slimy Reidenschnieder. This is a big step forward from Shalhoub's role in the loathsome "13 Ghosts."

The Coen brothers are not easily understood. When one thinks that the Coens may be straying from the plot with seemingly needless tangents, they tie it together nicely. They keep this film at a somewhat slow pace and take the time to develop characters and plot devices. The ending is both realistic and satisfy-

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Red Raider baseball faces New Mexico

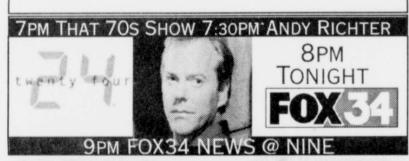
The Texas Tech baseball team will begin a 13-game homestand to conclude the season when it faces New Mexico at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

It will be the fourth meeting between the two schools this year. Tech won two

out of three against the Lobos in early February in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Red Raiders (27-16) enter the contest coming off of a 2-1 series win against Kansas. New Mexico (17-22) has lost two of its last three games.

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7:00	Morning Bus. Body	Today Show	News	Sabrina Lightyear	Good Morning	K. Copeland Magic Bus
8:00	Caillou Barney	"	Early Show	Tarzan Recess	America "	Caroline Paid Program
9:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Cross/Over Cross/Over
10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	People's Court	View "	Ananda Lewis
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Tech softball back on bumpy road REELING RAIDERS:

After snapping an early losing streak, the Red Raiders have found the loss column again.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Coming off its fourth shutout loss in a row, the Texas Tech softball team will play host to non-conference opponent Oklahoma City today in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. at Rocky Johnson Field. Game two is at 4 p.m.

The Red Raiders are approaching the games with a positive attitude and not getting down on themselves because of their slump.

First baseman Carmen Grindell said the team is staying motivated, and two wins would serve as a catalyst.

"We've been competing with all these teams, but every game we play is different," Grindell said. "We need to stay up and try to get a couple of wins so we can get something going.'

Shortstop Kristi Robles said the team's busy schedule leaves no excuses for the Raiders not to be ready.

"We've played lots of games lately," Robles said. "I think we're game ready, and I think Oklahoma City will play us tough.

Tech's most recent loss was a 1-0 nail biter in Kansas that came down to the last at bat. The game was tied until the bottom half of the seventh inning when Kansas scored the only run of the contest.

Grindell said this loss was hard to take because it was hard-fought and well played.

"We played a really good game in Kansas, but we lost 1-0," Grindell said. "Those losses are harder than anything because you've given everything you can, and it doesn't turn out."

Grindell said the team has put forth its maximum effort in every game. The



DAVID JOHNSON/ Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH'S RIGHT fielder attempts to put down the drag bunt during the Red Raiders' loss against Oklahoma State last week at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech has lost four consecutive games and returns to the diamond to face Oklahoma City in a twin bill at The Rock.

ferred result of their work.

"We're doing everything we can; we're just not getting any breaks," We're doing Grindell said. "That's the way everything we can; the whole year has we're just not getting gone. You just can't let it get to any breaks.

Robles said no matter how hard CARMEN GRINDELL the team tries the Texas Tech First Baseman team still ends up

"Things don't seem to go our way," Robles said. "We hit the ball hard; we just hit it right at people, or they made

Raiders have not been given the pre- diving catches to stop it. We've struggled a lot this year. I guess some luck is in-

volved, and it certainly has been an unlucky year for Because the

team has hit the ball well in the wrong places, Robles said the team can enter the games with Oklahoma City confi-

"It's important to feel comfortable

at the plate," Robles said. "Because a lot of people are hitting well, I think that will bring

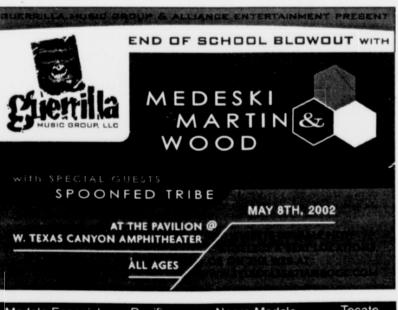
some added confidence into the game."

The tight loss to Kansas on Sunday may provide the motivation the Raiders need to come out on the winning end for the first time in more than a week.

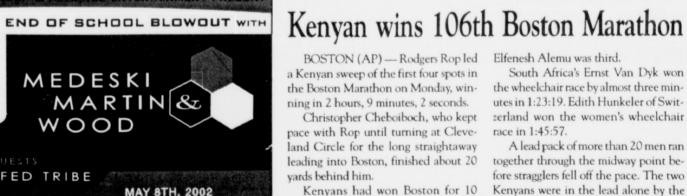
"Because of the way we left Kansas, I think we'll want it even more," Grindell said. "We know we have it somewhere in us; it's just not coming out. It gets old after a while, but we can't do anything about it. We just have to try and stay in it and be positive."

Robles said one thing the Raiders will have to bring with them is their mental game because luck seems to be fickle.

"You either get (luck) or you don't," Robles said. "We need to put everything together, and 90 percent of softball is mental, and that's something you can't teach. That's something we need to work on right now."







pack by the 19-mile mark.

Margaret Okayo, also of Kenya, won the women's race in 2:20:43, taking 62 seconds off the course record. She pulled away from two-time defending champion and world record-holder Catherine Ndereba in the final mile. Ethiopia's



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22-mile mark, and Rop slowly pulled

away before Cheboiboch made a desper-

Fred Kiprop outsprinted Mbarak

Hussein of Kenya, the brother of three-

time Boston champion Ibrahim Hussein.

to finish third, 43 seconds behind the

winner. Lee was another 45 seconds back.

ished 15th and was the top American

men's finisher. Jill Gaitenby, of Northampton, Mass., was the top U.S. woman for the second consecutive year,

finishing 13th.

Khalid Khannouchi.

Keith Dowling, of Reston, Va., fin-

The winners on the hilly Boston

course were almost 3 1/2 minutes behind the world record of 2:05:38 set on a flat-

ter and faster London course Sunday by

A forecast of 80-degree weather did

not materialize, as the temperatures were

53 degrees at the start, 54 at the mid-

point and 56 at the finish. But a low ceil-

ing of clouds grounded helicopters and

kept the first 45 minutes of the men's race and almost all of the women's race

ate sprint down Boylston Street.

Kenyans had won Boston for 10 straight years before Lee Bong-ju of South Korea ended the streak last year. Lee was the top non-Kenyan again, but he was fifth after falling out of the lead

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off television. The annual Patriots Day race — the first since the Sept. 11 attacks - had an American flair, with nearly 17,000 runners serenaded by national songs before crossing a red, white and blue starting line for the 26.2-mile run to Boston's Back Bay. A fighter jet flyover was canceled because of the weather.

At the finish, four 45-by-90-foot U.S. flags were unfurled on Boylston Street.

The aftermath of the attacks was also visible in an unprecedented security force, including about 600 police officers who ran in the race. There were no specific threats directed at the marathon, but race organizers followed the trend of other big sporting events by beefing up security.

Bomb-sniffing dogs, hazardous materials teams and radiation detectors were added or increased this year, and the whole crew was in contact with the state's emergency bunker in Framingham. Runners submitted information for background checks.