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Maryland shooting leaves child injured

By Derrill Holly/Associated Press

BOWIE, Md. — A 13-year-old boy was shot and critically wounded as his aunt dropped him off at school Monday, bringing fresh terror to the Washington area where a sniper killed six people last week.

Anxious parents streamed in to retrieve their children from the school, and police in neighboring Montgomery County hunting for the serial sniper rushed to the scene. Officials stressed that no link to the Montgomery shootings had been established, but many school districts in the area canceled outdoor activities.

Another shooting Monday that left a man

critically wounded in the District of Columbia also was being investigated, but Washington police spokesman Kenny Bryson said there was "no link whatsoever" to the Maryland attacks. He said police believe the motive was robbery.

"Whether they're connected or not, the fear has ratcheted up quite a bit," Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan said.

The boy was shot shortly after 8 a.m. outside Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie.

He was shot once, in the chest, and was in critical but stable condition and breathing on a ventilator following two hours of surgery, said Dr. Martin Eichelberger, director of emergency trauma service at Children's Hospital.

Eichelberger said he was optimistic about the child's chances for survival, though the bullet damaged the boy's spleen, stomach, pancreas, lung and diaphragm, parts of which had to be removed.

The doctor said the surgery team made a special effort to find a portion of the bullet, which they gave to police.

Sharon Healy had just sent her 12-year-old son, Brandon, to school on his bicycle when she heard of the shooting. She said she ran to the school and pulled him out of class.

"You think you're safe, but you're only as safe as your next step," Healy said. Said her son: "I was scared."

The shooting happened well before classes

were scheduled to begin, so there were not a lot of witnesses, Prince George's County Police Chief Gerald Wilson said. A gunshot was heard, and the boy slumped over and told his aunt he thought he had been shot, Wilson said.

His aunt took him to a small hospital in this suburb northeast of Washington, and then he was transferred by helicopter to Children's Hospital.

Police cars surrounded the school and officers put up crime scene tape and searched the campus.

Othar Haskins, 13, standing outside the school with his mother, said he was a friend of the wounded boy.

"He's funny, he's always around friends,"

Othar said. "He helps you out when you need it. He's a good friend." Othar cried and put his head on his mother's shoulder as he spoke.

On Wednesday and Thursday, five people were shot to death by a sniper in a 16-hour span in Montgomery County. A sixth victim was killed Thursday in Washington, D.C. On Friday, a woman was shot and wounded in Virginia.

"All of our victims have been innocent and defenseless, but now we're stepping over the line," Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose. "Shooting a kid — it's getting to be really, really personal now." At one

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Magazine ranks Lubbock top of unsafe city list

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Self Magazine recently published the results of its annual survey about the happiest, healthiest and safest cities for women to live in. Lubbock ranked No. 3 on the "Least Safe" list, stating that Lubbock's violent crime rate was almost six times that of the safest rated city.

Meg D'Incecco, the public relations director for Self, said the magazine got a panel of experts and asked them what it should be looking for to determine the quality of life in the 200 largest metropolitan areas throughout the nation. They came up with 31 criteria, including body mass index, air and water quality, smoking rates, exercise frequency, access to doctors and hospitals, sexually transmitted disease rates, violent crime rates and unem-

ployment.

The magazine then looked at statistics from government sources such as the American Medical Association, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, marketing survey firms, the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the FBI, the National Cancer Institute, the National Center for Health Statistics and the U.S. Department of Health. The magazine did not do any polling, D'Incecco said.

"This isn't just cooked up out of someone's head," she said, adding that all of the information the magazine used came from legitimate government entities.

The magazine then compiled the

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Alumni, officials honor Tech deans

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech administrators and the Tech Alumni Association honored the university's deans at a reception Monday evening at the Market Alumni Center.

Executive Vice President and CEO of the Tech Alumni Association Bill Dean said the event was intended to honor and recognize the success of the deans and their role in Tech's academic progress.

"We have a new provost and several new deans this year," Dean said. "This was a good time to introduce

them and recognize their role at the university and introduce them as a group."

Tech President David Schmidly said he credits the accomplishments of the university to its deans and faculty.

"We're here today to celebrate academic success and the key people that provide the leadership of that success," Schmidly said.

Citing record enrollment numbers, increased student diversity and improved student-athlete graduation rates, Schmidly said faculty perfor-

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
PROVOST WILLIAM MARCY speaks to Dean Fontenot, the senior director for SBC Clear Program in the College of Engineering, at the reception for deans held at the Market Alumni Center on Monday.

RING BEARERS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
KACI SCHULTE, A senior nursing major from Dimmitt, looks at the official TTUHSC ring as Curt Langford from Millstone Traditions describes the variations available during senior day at the HSC on Monday afternoon.

SGA drafts plan to increase student voice

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Student Government Association representatives have submitted a structured plan to the Lubbock City Council and mayor to increase student representation in the city.

The plan is an effort by the SGA to get students involved in community issues that affect them. A committee of Tech students and community members, including the City Council will meet regularly to discuss issues facing the community.

SGA President Kelli Stumbo, Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown and External Vice President Leigh Mauer presented the idea before the Council.

Stumbo said the Council seemed enthusiastic about the idea. After the Council supported the initiation of the project, Mauer and other SGA officers began to determine the details.

Previously, Mauer had considered selecting the student representatives based on their experiences with Lubbock issues.

She said an application process

might be used to appoint the students who serve on the committee. With the application, Mauer said students will be required to submit a transcript, short essay and résumé.

"We need well-rounded students that are willing to participate and serve this committee well," she said. "We don't want a 4.0 student that has no extracurricular activities and can't represent the student population."

As reported earlier in *The University Daily*, City Councilman Tom Martin said the mayor will make the final decision on how to implement the

program. He said the plan seems like a no-risk, no-cost idea that can be easily implemented once the details are outlined.

Stumbo said this program is a continuation of "making Lubbock student friendly," a campaign that was started last year.

"Hopefully this will be an improvement on community relations that will foster better student representation," she said.

Although the focus group no

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Department stages fire prevention activities

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6 to 12, The Texas Tech Environmental Health and Safety department are staging a series of fire awareness demonstrations beginning today at 9 a.m.

All students are welcome to come to the northeast corner of the Student Union Building and learn how to fight live fires with fire extinguishers, said Walter James, Tech fire Marshal.

The department will burn a mock-up of a dorm room at the Tech bonfire site in Urbanoski Park, located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue on Wednesday. The first demonstration begins at 9:30 a.m. with an en-

core burning at 6 p.m.

James said the burning of the artificial dorm room will be presented in order to make students more aware of how quickly fire spreads through a dorm room.

Randy Nix, Tech occupational safety manager, said the dorm room mock-up has been built and is being housed in a garage in the Administration Support Center.

"We think this is a good demonstration," Nix said. "We did a test burn last Friday, and it gives a good example of the rolling of smoke and, the activation of smoke detectors and sprinkler systems in the dorms."

Sean Duggan, the director of Hospital-

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
THE DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Health and Safety constructed a mock dorm room to conduct fire tests.

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The Rundown



Gramm to leave Senate, become banker U.S. banks in good order despite recession Navy officers sent to investigate tanker fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm said Monday he will become an investment banker and vice chairman of UBS Warburg when he ends his 24-year career in the Senate at the end of this session.

Gramm, at a news conference, said he had reached a deal with UBS Warburg, one of the world's largest investment banks, at the end of last week. He said he will also be part of a board that sets policy.

"I'm excited about the prospect in my next career of actually being involved in job creation and economic growth. It will provide me with the opportunity to practice what I have always preached," said Gramm, an economics professor before he entered politics.

The Texas Republican, 60, said the full-time job would involve work in New York and around the world but that he would live in his home near San Antonio where he is building a barn and a guest house.

Gramm, formerly chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he believed UBS Warburg was "hiring me for what I know and not who I know. I hope both are valuable."

He said he had told President Bush that he planned to enter the private sector after his term ends on Jan. 3, and that the administration had not approached him about a government position. He also said he was not disappointed that earlier speculation that he would be considered as the next president at Texas A&M did not materialize, although he did hope to return to the academic community one day.

Asked about his compensation at UBS Warburg, he said, "it's a little better than I'm doing here." Senators receive a salary of \$150,000 a year.

John P. Costas, chairman and CEO of UBS Warburg, said in a statement that Gramm "has been at the center of every debate on financial matters for the past quarter century." He said the company was committed to becoming a top five player in investment banking in the United States and "having expertise such as that of Sen. Gramm will help us achieve our goal."

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. banks — hit by troubled loans over the past several years — have been able to weather the recession and stay in good health, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday.

That's because banks had solid balance sheets going into the slump and banks benefited from increased diversification, which allowed them to not only to better spread their risks across a wider range of customers but also to broaden their sources of funding, Greenspan said.

"Our banks have been able to retain their strength in this business cycle, in contrast to the early 1990s when so many either failed or had near-death experiences," Greenspan said in a speech delivered via satellite to the American Bankers Association, which was holding its annual convention in Phoenix.

A copy of Greenspan's remarks was distributed in Washington.

"That banks had impressive earnings and balance sheets going into the current period of stress is of key significance," Greenspan explained. "Some banks also benefited from the increased diversification and scale of their operations that had resulted from previous consolidations," he added.

Improved risk management techniques and technology also helped out, Greenspan said.

Another factor that played a role in banks' resilience during the slump was that the recession itself was mild and its main source of weakness came from cutbacks in spending and investment by businesses — not by consumers, the economy's main engine, Greenspan said.

Although the stock market slide made it much more difficult for some companies to repay bank loans and other debt and made companies wary of making big commitments to capital spending, the story was different for consumers, Greenspan said.

Low mortgage rates, a refinancing boom that left people with extra cash and rising home values have motivated consumers to keep spending, helping to offset other potentially negative factors, including the rollercoaster stock market, the lackluster jobs market and eroding consumer confidence.

ALMUKALLA, Yemen (AP) — U.S. Navy officers and French agents were being sent here to investigate whether a terrorist attack caused the explosion and fire that raged for hours aboard a French oil tanker, officials said Monday.

A State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it looks as though the blast occurred inside the tanker. The damage suggested that "things were blown out" from the tanker instead of the other way around, the official said.

Others had suggested that a small boat laden with explosives may have struck the tanker and caused the blast in an attack similar to that on the USS Cole two years ago in the Yemeni port of Aden. The attack on the Cole killed 17 U.S. sailors and was blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

The United States was not ruling out terrorism as a cause of Sunday's blast. But if initial suspicions of an internal explosion are borne out, that would "lead to the conclusion that it probably was an accident," a senior official in Washington said.

The Yemeni government said the blaze was an accident caused by an oil leak, but the ship's owner disagreed, saying it was a "deliberate act." French officials said it was still too early to rule out terrorism.

"The fire has been extinguished. We believe the explosion happened from within the tanker, but investigations are still under way," a Yemeni official said Monday on condition of anonymity.

Strong winds during the night had pushed the tanker, the Limburg, further into the sea and away from its destination, Mina al-Dabah, a port close to the city of Al Mukalla, about 200 miles southeast of the capital, San'a. One of the ship's sides was badly burned and had a hole about three feet across.

Officials accompanying journalists on a small boat taken close to the Limburg said it was the only hole. The twisted metal around the hole pointed outward, perhaps an indication the explosion was inside the tanker.



Phi Theta Kappa alumni association will conduct a membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in 233 Holden Hall. Contact Richard Ashmore for more information at (806) 829-2837 or octcu@sptc.net.

The American Society of Interior Designers will host the "Design Showdown of the West." A lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the Matador Room of the SUB. The Main Event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Market Alumni Center. For more information contact Amber Thomas at (806) 239-0094 or amthomas@ttacs.ttu.edu.

The Texas Tech School of Music will showcase four of its performing groups at the annual Scholarship Concert. The concert will be at 8 p.m. Oct. 11 and Oct. 12 in Hemmle Recital Hall. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the student scholarship fund. The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir, University Singers and Lubbock Chorale will all perform. Musical pieces will be Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and William Walton's Belshazzar's Feast. Tickets will be \$15 for the public, \$10 for students and \$12.50 for senior citizens. Tickets are available at 201 School of Music Box Office or call 742-2270 ext. 233.

Attention Commuter Students

Parking in the C-1/Stadium lot and United Spirit Arena will be cut down Monday Oct. 14. University Day will be held in the USA, and parking will be reduced for perspective students and their family to use during the event. The Lubbock Auditorium is being used this day as well. Overflow parking will be in the unpaved areas west of KTXT-TV and the Town and Country convenience store across from Jones SBC Stadium. Buses will run through the Town and Country lot to pick students up for transit to classes. Students should allow for extra time to get to class because of the lesser amount of parking spaces available on this day.

BOOK BRIGADE



CHRIS MILLER, A junior finance major from Austin, looks at books with the help of Jonathan Arnett, a technical communications graduate student from Arizona, at the Society for Technical Communication fund raising book sale Monday afternoon in the Student Union Building. The money raised will finance a jobsite excursion for the STC to Austin to visit companies such as Dell and Apple.

Kappa Upsilon Chi's SOAR Basketball Tournament will be Oct. 11 and 12 in the parking lot south of the Music Building. Play will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Competition will end at 10 p.m. both days. For more information and to register a team contact Jason Hignight at (806) 549-3806 or JasonWHignight@aol.com.

Raiders Rojos and the Center for Campus Life will present "Juanita's Diary" in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Thursday and Friday in Allen Theatre. The play is about the life and struggles of an immigrant family set in the 1960s. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students with a Tech ID. For more information contact Raiders Rojos at info@raidersrojos.org or (806) 742-4475.

Movie at the Park "Men in Black II" will be shown in Urbanosky Park as an outdoor movie on Sunday. The movie will start at dusk.

Society for Technical Communication will continue its book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the SUB.

GPSSGA's 2nd Congressional Session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Senate Room in the SUB. All graduate students are invited to attend the Graduate & Professional Student Government Association meeting. Students are requested to RSVP online at www.orgs.ttu.edu/gpssga.

Ranging and Heritage Center will play host to the 32nd Annual Ranch Day at 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information contact Stephanie Gray at (806) 742-0498 or stephanie.gray@ttu.edu.

Texas Tech Theatre will begin performing "Damn Yankees" at 8 p.m. Friday on its mainstage. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday as well. The musical is based on a novel by Douglass Wallop titled "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant."

Texas Tech's Jazz Ensemble will be in concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Hemmle Recital Hall. For more information contact the School of Music Box Office at (806) 742-2270 ext. 233.

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TechExpress adds businesses to list of users

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

TechExpress has added more local businesses to its program, said TechExpress Manager Dolores Harper.

New locations include all United Supermarkets, McDonald's, Sonic Drive-in, Chicken Express on Fourth Street and 82nd Street, and the University Avenue Cingular location.

Locations accepting TechExpress are for local use only, Harper said.

"For example, the 'IN'-Zone Cingular location on University is the only Cingular location in Lubbock accepting TechExpress," Harper said. "And it's only the locations in Lubbock that take TechExpress."

For example, a TechExpress user cannot visit Amarillo and use the system at United Supermarket, Sonic Drive-in, etc.

Harper said Domino's pizza will be

added to the list in about two weeks. She also corrected TechExpress' Web site, saying Buffalo Wings Over Texas, located on University, is no longer a part of the program accepting TechExpress.

Harper said the new businesses accepting the student service are doing well.

Service Manager Mickey Hutson from the United Supermarket on Slide Road said the TechExpress program is "pretty cool; we like it."

Hutson said several Texas Tech students come into the store, but more people need to know about the use of TechExpress so more people know to come in and use it.

Fourth Street McDonald's manager Melanie Dellinger said her location has had quite a few people using TechExpress and more people are coming in because of it.

"We probably have about an extra 15 transactions a day because of it," Dellinger said.

Cingular Wireless at the McMackin's "IN" Zone location on University Avenue accepts TechExpress because it is more convenient to students whose primary means of getting around is by foot, owner Shannon McMackin said.

"IN"-Zone is an agent of Cingular that offers gifts for students and cell phone accessories, McMackin said. Although the store opened on

Aug. 15, McMackin said she anticipates business to increase because of the number of Tech students that use Cingular.

"Our 19th street Cingular store ranks first in West Texas because of the amount of business we get from Tech students," McMackin said.

TechExpress functions as a debit system operated with a Texas Tech ID card.

Wells Fargo Bank solicits TechExpress business, Harper said.

Wells Fargo Service Manager Tom McGarvey said that a program simi-

lar to TechExpress at Baylor and A&M incited the use of it at Tech.

"Wells Fargo brought the program off campus at A&M, and it worked," McGarvey said. "So we decided to bring it here and bring it off campus."

McGarvey said a TechExpress committee solicits merchants locally, and it benefits Tech and Lubbock.

"Everyone has been pleased so far," he said.

Tech, Wells Fargo and participating businesses profit from transaction and deposit fees, McGarvey said. For example, beginning on Oct. 15, a 2.5 percent fee will be assessed, what Harper called a "convenience" charge.

According to the TechExpress Web site, money can be added to your TechExpress account via the Web site (using a credit card), the ID/TechExpress Office in 123 Doak Hall, or the Student Union location across

from the Information Booth.

TechExpress is necessary for students interested in using their cards rather than cash at dining facilities in the Student Union or at places popular for students living off-campus to eat and spend time during the day, as these locations do not accept meal plans.

TechExpress may be used at other locations useful to Tech students, such as at Double T bookstore, Varsity Bookstore, Student Union Ticket Booth, United Spirit Arena, Copy Tech and HighTECH computer store, according to the Web site's list of acceptable locations.

The Web site, www.hous.ttu.edu/OS/tech_express.asp, maintains the list of locations accepting TechExpress and features the link to depositing money to a TechExpress account via online. The TechExpress office can be reached at (806) 742-1457.

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— MELANIE DELLINGER
Fourth Street McDonald's
Manager

Heating costs expected to rise this winter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expected colder weather, higher oil prices and a stronger economy could force residential customers to pay \$100 to \$300 more to heat their homes this winter than during the unusually mild winter of a year ago, the Energy Department forecasts.

With fuel prices increasing and demand probably greater than last winter, the costs of keeping warm this year is expected to increase 19 percent to 45 percent depending on the type of fuel, said the Energy Information Administration.

The report also noted that last winter was unusually mild, and this winter's heating costs still are expected to be below those of two years ago when winter temperatures were more normal.

The EIA analysis did not attempt to take into account the possibility of supply disruptions if war should break

out against Iraq.

Even without a war, "our expectation is that (tight) crude oil inventory will keep upward pressure on prices," Guy Caruso, the EIA administrator, told reporters.

He predicted that oil prices could hover around \$30 a barrel into the first quarter of 2003.

The price of a barrel of benchmark West Texas Crude was \$29.63 Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It has reached \$30 a barrel several times in recent months, forced there by anticipation of fighting in Iraq.

The EIA assumed in its analysis a return to normal winter weather after an unusually warm winter last year depressed demand and prices. The EIA projects an average price of heating oil 25 cents higher this winter, or about \$1.35 a gallon. That's about what it cost during the 2000-2001

winter.

The agency said heating oil inventories had slipped to the lower range of normal seasonal levels, raising the possibility of "strong upward price risk near midwinter if weather turns colder than normal." On the other hand, warmer than normal weather could significantly reduce the heating costs, said the agency.

Supplies were plentiful of natural gas, the fuel used for heating in much of the country, especially in the Midwest, although prices were expected to edge up somewhat in the coming months, the EIA analysis said. Inventories of gas at the end of September were at an 11-year high for this time of year.

Propane, also used for heating in many rural areas, is in good supply as the winter season approaches, the agency said.

"Under normal weather circum-

stances, fuel supply conditions are expected to be sufficient to avoid any serious heating fuel price spikes this winter," Caruso said. He said high oil prices and expectations of somewhat stronger demand than last year's "are expected to generate higher winter fuel bills for most residential customers" compared to last winter.

Given a normal winter, the average price of heating oil in the Northeast is forecast as \$1.35 a gallon with an average household expected to spend \$934 for the heating season, compared with \$643 last winter. The average expenditures two winters ago was almost \$1,000.

The average household heating bill for those using natural gas was put at \$710, compared to \$596 last winter. That also was substantially lower than the average of \$945 two winters ago.

Borrowing increases by smallest amount in eight months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans, anxious about the economy's direction and a possible war with Iraq, increased their borrowing in August by the smallest amount in eight months.

Consumer credit rose by a seasonally adjusted \$4.2 billion in August from the previous month, or at a 2.9 percent annual rate, the slowest pace since December, the Federal Reserve reported Monday.

The increase — much smaller than the \$12 billion advance many analysts were forecasting — left consumer debt totaling \$1.73 trillion.

"Consumers slowed it down a bit in August, which is understandable because that seemed to be the peak of uncertainties with the stock market, a possible war and corporate impropriety," said economist Richard Yamarone of Argus Research Corp.

Even though consumers were more cautious about adding debt in August, they still continued to buy, giving sales

at the nation's retailers a solid boost during the month.

Low interest rates, rising home values and extra cash from a refinancing boom have supported consumer spending this year, helping to offset potentially negative factors such as the turbulent stock market, a lackluster jobs market and eroding consumer confidence.

"Uncertainties plaguing the economy didn't stop consumers from ringing up the cash register in August," Yamarone said. He said he was optimistic consumers would continue to spend, helping the economic recovery.

In August, demand for nonrevolving credit, which includes new cars and vacations, grew by just \$243.4 million, or at an annual rate of 0.3 percent. That was the smallest increase since June 1999 and marked a considerable slowdown from a \$3.7 billion increase, or a 4.5 percent growth rate, in July.

Revolving credit, such as credit cards, went up by \$3.9 billion, or at a 6.5 percent annual rate. That followed a brisk \$6.3 billion increase and a growth rate of 10.6 percent in July.

The Fed's report on consumers includes credit card debt and loans for cars, boats and mobile homes. It does not include real estate loans such as home mortgages or increasingly popular home equity loans.

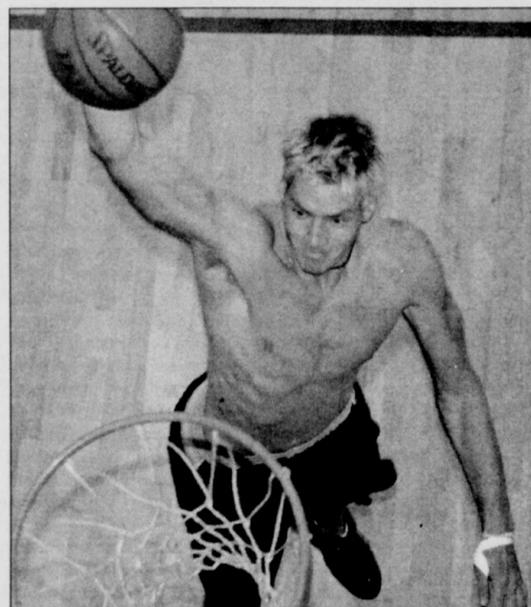
In July, consumers increased their borrowing by \$10.1 billion, a rate of

10 percent, according to revised figures. That was slightly less brisk than the Fed previously reported.

Over the objections of two members, the Federal Reserve last month decided to hold short-term interest rates steady at 4 1/2-year lows.

The two dissenters favored a rate cut, the first of the year. Some economists believe the Fed will move rates lower at its next meeting on Nov. 6, but others predict policy-makers will continue to stay on the sidelines.

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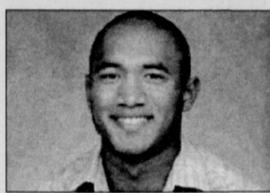
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PERSPECTIVES

There are more issues than war

We have all been bombarded with scribbling upon scribbling about this crusade-esque undertaking we've termed the "war against evil." But before we flex our divinely granted international muscle in the Middle East, I think there's more pressing issues we must address and destroy in order to better continue this campaign of global Americanization.



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Muscle shirts. What the hell is going through these dudes' heads? Did these guys miss the memo? You do not, I repeat, DO NOT look cool when you wear sleeveless shirts to class. There are only two reasons anyone on the Tech grounds should be wearing a sleeveless shirt: if you're going to the rec and if you're wearing a hardhat.

Thinking this was just my opinion, I voiced this view to my friend Erin the other day, and her response was "Guys who wear muscle shirts make me think that they're (another word for rooster) smokers." I don't think I could have put it better myself. Maybe the cold weather looming around the corner will wake these tough guys up to the fact that there are sleeves for a purpose. The purpose of not looking like a jackass.

They say cleanliness is next to godliness, but even if you don't believe in god, being germ-free is a nice way to be. So when did washing your hands go out of style? Personal sanitation isn't a privilege my fellow bathroom patrons; it's a duty. I'm under the impression that we are in college, an institution of higher learning, and within this learning was the lesson mom and dad tried to teach us during that oh-so-crucial transition from portable potties to big-boy pants. Maybe all this education has forced this idea into the recesses of the brain reserved for memories of your grandparents bumpin' uglies, but reach back for a minute and wash.

In case you were still confused, let me enlighten you. Zip, approach sink (its that bowl thing below the mirror you fix your hair in), lift or turn silver handle thingy, submerge hands (if this is too much, you could try just washing one at a time) in running water. It's that simple. Once you get this down, you can try to step up to paper towels and eventually soap.

"But what if I'm in a hurry?" I don't care how late you are for class, that's no excuse. What I do care about is that feeling in my stomach when I look at the tainted door handle the guy in front of me just grabbed after grabbing his junk. Remember, you're not as clean as you think.

I know Texans think they're gods gift to existence, but the level of xenophobia (fear of foreigners, not an instrument) out here borders on insanity. I've read many an article bashing Europeans, particularly the French, which left me wondering what is the real problem?

First of all, it is true that those on the other side of the pond don't shower as often as us civilized Americans. But I promise that the five smelliest people I've ever met flew the stars and stripes at home.

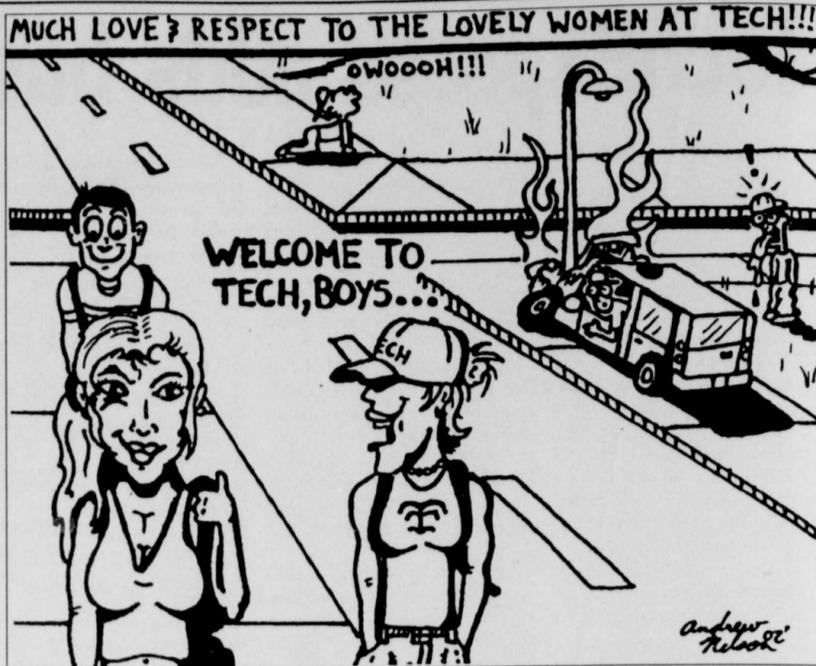
The reason euros seem to disregard this invention we call bathing more often is they don't find it necessary to slather their bodies with chemicals meant to make them smell like a bowl of fruit. Don't get me wrong; one of the things I love about girls is that they smell oh-so pretty. But when you constantly apply lotions and perfumes and deodorant, the body likes to react with quite ungainly odors for some reason. Covering it up doesn't work as well as you think. In Europe people know sometimes you sweat, but I'd rather smell a little B.O. by itself instead of sweaty funk mixed with Drakar Noir.

Secondly, Europeans have this stereotype of being snooty American-bashers. A vast majority of Europeans I've met were friendlier, if not just as friendly as people here in the states. Saying Europe is occupied by a bunch of greasy, unshaven, protesting isolationists is simply ignorant. That's exactly like saying Tech is just a bunch of corn-fed, monster-truck driving, Coors Light guzzling white-bread eating farm kids. Stereotyping is a nice way of saying prejudice. If someone in Europe treated you like an American asshole, maybe you are.

So who's to blame for these travesties within our fair land? I think that it has something to do with Oprah and the Blue Bird Bus Company. How does this unholy alliance hold such a powerful influence on our everyday lives? I'm not sure. But that's the genius of their plan. All we can do is try to fix it from our end.

I say that before we start trying to play Mr. Fix-it thousands of miles away we get our act together. Open your heart to foreigners, wash those grubby hands, and please, someone get our lost young men some sleeves.

Remember, it's a wonderful week to be alive.



Bar needs to be open on campus

When you think about alcohol at Texas Tech a torrent of negative thoughts come to mind. Drunken driving, underage drinking and fighting are rarely far from the headlines. Drunken driving is a horrible crime that should be properly punished, but the city of Lubbock and Tech have both placed unrealistic restrictions on the sale of alcohol to students over the age of 21.



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The argument that an on-campus bar would lead to increased drinking by students is simply not valid.

These restrictions may have been imposed with the best of intentions but the "side effects" create other problems. What is needed is a common-sense look at how the present system can be modified to separate drinking from driving. Sure, some idiots will drink and drive and will face the steep costs of their actions, but the overall problem can be lessened.

Let's be honest. There are people and organizations that benefit from Lubbock's laws limiting alcohol sales to bars. Bar owners are able to keep prices artificially high, the owners of the stores at "The Strip" almost have licenses to print money with the huge sales they enjoy, and the legal industry built because of drunken driving and other alcohol-related offenses is bigger than you think. Defense lawyers, traffic classes and the fines paid to the city and state make up a lucrative windfall for many people.

It seems that the system is set up to empty the wallets of students who want to legally drink. Is Lubbock's leadership that clever? The residents of Lubbock are very nice, but the city government cannot set up a drainage system to handle even a light sprinkling of rain, and the city leaders must love the

selling alcohol. The bigger questions are where to place a bar and how it should be run to ensure maximum profits with minimum underage drinking. The answers lie under Tech's nose.

The Lubbock Cotton Kings are Lubbock's professional minor league hockey team and beer is sold at their home games. If you choose to drink at these hockey games you must enter a "beer garden" where you must show proper identification to get in. The sales bring in a lot of money.

If Tech opened a "beer garden" at the United Spirit Arena, then Tech could realize a financial windfall. The facility could sell alcohol during Tech home games, concerts and other events and could also be open regular hours when school is in session. Underage drinking would be stopped by requiring identification to enter the bar and by not allowing any alcohol to be taken out of the bar.

The argument that an on-campus bar would lead to increased drinking by students is simply not valid. This is not an argument about whether drinking takes place (because it already happens) but over where it takes place and who will profit from the sale of alcohol. Tech should try this to make money, and an on-campus bar means that students who want to legally drink would not have to drive all over town. There would be big profits and safer streets. Plus a well-run operation also would probably register large sales with Tech staff, faculty and Lubbock residents.

The Athletics Department and the United Spirit Arena are always looking for new income sources. Why not try a proven moneymaker that also would mean students over 21 years old who live on campus would not have to drive to drink?



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FDA cracks down on promotion of ephedra

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health regulators have stopped imports of an herbal product promoted as an alternative to illegal street drugs, and have informed operators of an Internet site selling "Yellow Jackets" that they were breaking the law.

Yellow Jackets contain the herb ephedra and other stimulants, such as caffeinated kola nut extract.

The Food and Drug Administration has shut down previous ephedra sellers who marketed the herb as a legal alternative to cocaine and other illegal drugs, saying dietary supplements cannot be marketed as street-drug alternatives.

"There does not appear to be any legitimate use for this product," the FDA said in a warning letter e-

mailed to the Dutch operator of the Yellow Jackets Web site.

"Consumers should not purchase or use these or similar products available through the Internet or elsewhere," said FDA Acting Commissioner Lester Crawford.

While the FDA can't shut down foreign Web sites that violate U.S. health regulations, it can stop imports of their products — and has ordered inspectors at U.S. borders to do just that, said FDA spokesman Brad Stone.

Ephedra is an herb that is legal to sell as a dietary supplement — popular for weight loss and bodybuilding — as long as that street-drug claim isn't made.

But even legal ephedra is highly controversial, linked to dozens of deaths.

Plan

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longer meets, Mauer said she wants to continue to use and implement the ideas the group came up with and attempt to make them a reality.

She said the group had a variety of ideas for the students, ranging from student discounts at local businesses, including movie theatres, to zoning and residential concerns. The committee would like to establish, and how Tech can help aid that process, she said.

Mauer said the outline the SGA submitted to the mayor does not include finite details. She said the mayor and City Council will consider the plan and add or change aspects as they see fit. She said there is no definite time frame for the committee, but she said she would hope the selection process will begin within the next month.

"We don't just want to have groups that discuss student and community issues and generate ideas," she said. "We want a committee that will actually put those ideas into effect."

Shooting

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point, tears streamed down his face.

But he stressed that it was too early to know whether the shooting of the boy was related to the sniper slayings.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said federal authorities — the attorney general, Treasury Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — have been "very involved on the ground and have lent support and equipment."

Asked if there was any evidence of terrorism, Fleischer replied: "I've not heard anything like that, but the fact of the matter is that people are trying to determine who the shooter is, or shooters are, and we continue to help local officials in that endeavor."

Montgomery schools had planned a normal schedule with extra security, but after the Prince George's shooting, officials initiated a "code blue" alert, keeping students inside during recess and lunchtime,

Moose said. Prince George's schools and some other schools in the region took similar steps.

In Lanham, Dana Buckner picked up her two children at Seabrook Elementary School as the school day came to a close. They normally ride the bus.

"I felt better having them with me," Buckner said. When asked how she felt, she responded: "I'm worried. I'm going to have to send my kids to school tomorrow."

Meanwhile, police and FBI agents pored over maps and put together a psychological profile to hunt down the sniper killer. They also stepped up patrols Monday.

Irene Kelly, 60, who was visiting her daughter in Rockville from Pennsylvania, spent part of Monday morning running errands. She said she had "big concerns, very big concerns."

As investigators struggled, families and friends gathered together at funeral services, trying to find some good in the midst of such seemingly random violence.

"There's one bad man, but there's so many good people who are showing their blessings and prayer," Saroj

Isaac said at the funeral of her brother-in-law, Prem Kumar Walekar, described by relatives as a quiet, hard-working cabbie.

Sarah Ramos, a 34-year-old woman slain while sitting on a Post Office bench, was being laid to rest after a private service. Lori Ann Lewis-Rivera, a 25-year-old nanny shot while vacuuming her van at a service station, was to have a wake Monday before her body was flown back to her native Idaho.

Investigators said they had thousands of tips, but they conceded it would take time to track down a suspect.

Police began to use a geographic profile submitted by investigators that uses crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and may live. Moose said police also were awaiting an FBI psychological profile of the shooter.

The victims last week were all gunned down in public places: two at gas stations, one outside a grocery, another outside a post office, another as he mowed the grass at an auto dealership, and the sixth, a 72-year-old man, killed on a Washington street corner.

Deans

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mance plays a major role in continued development.

"We've had a great year in research," Schmidly said. "We've had a great year athletically, but what was even better was the academic performance of our student athletes. From an academic point of view everything has worked well."

Schmidly said continued success will depend on the performance of the university's academic leaders.

"I get to stand up and give a lot of speeches and brag about a lot of things," Schmidly said. "But the quality of the faculty, as we say in West Texas, is where the rubber meets the road."

Tech's accomplishments are the result of the administrations vision of the future, Schmidly said.

"That's happened because we've prepared for that to happen," Schmidly said. "We've had a strategic plan that's been pointed in the direction of excellence, diversity and partnership."

Tech Provost William Marcy compared the success of Tech's faculty leaders to Tech football's recent win against Texas A&M University.

"A really strong team has a strong bench," Marcy said. "And at times,

special-teams need to come in to handle things like space allocation, parking and student transportation. A lot of those strong people are on the bench here today."

One of the deans being honored, Interim Dean of Human Sciences Linda Hoover, said the recognition by the university's administrators is a welcome gesture.

"I think its the upper administration's way of showing the academic function is the core function of the university," Hoover said. "It's a recognition that the university's deans are a very integral part of the strategic plan."

Walter Huffman, academic dean of Tech's Law School, said he appreciates the university's recognition of its deans.

"I'm appreciative of the university for having an event to honor the deans," Huffman said.

The responsibilities of the university's deans are growing as the states fiscal situation worsens, Huffman said.

The State Comptrollers Office has predicted a budget deficit of more than \$5 billion. State officials expect the shortfall to negatively impact state institutions, making the dispersal of state-funded monies a challenging process.

"I've talked to people that have been deans in the past," Huffman said. "They almost all say being a dean now is a different task now then it was in the past. The state's budget situation

is making deans take on a lot of responsibility in allocating those funds."

Huffman, who is in his inaugural year of being the Law School's dean, said he enjoys working with Tech's administrators.

"Our relationship with the president and the chancellor is very supportive," Huffman said. "I like working for President Schmidly and Chancellor Smith. They're very knowledgeable and helpful in helping us be facilitators for the university."

Dean of Education Gerald Skoog, also in his inaugural year of dean, said the reception served as a good way to meet with members of the university and Lubbock.

"I was pleased with the opportunity to meet with representatives of the community," Skoog said. "Being a long-time Tech faculty member and a first-year dean, I've worked with Provost Marcy and President Schmidly before and look forward to continuing our relationship."

Other deans being honored included John Abernathy, agricultural sciences and natural resources; Ronald Anderson, Graduate School; Gary Bell, Honors College; Donald Dyal, Libraries; Robert Hickerson, Junction Campus; Allen McInnes, Business; Garry Owens, visual and performing arts; James Smith, Engineering; Andrew Vernooy, Architecture; and Jane Winer, Arts and Sciences.

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data and gave it to a company that interprets statistics.

Then, they came up with the results published. A metropolitan area is not necessarily a city, she said.

Lubbock's results may include the numbers for outlying areas and small surrounding towns.

The violent crime statistics came from the FBI, she said.

Rape was not included in this category; the FBI separated the different crimes before the magazine received the information, she said.

According to statistics compiled by the Lubbock Police Department, Lubbock had 10 reported murders in 2001.

The murder rate dropped 16.7 percent from 2000, while the rape rate decreased by almost 30 percent.

Aggravated assaults decreased by about 3 percent.

Traffic fatalities were up 20 percent from 2000 to 2001, while reported automobile accidents rose almost 15 percent.

Crime statistics through August of this year showed five reported murders, 97 reported rapes and 1,386 reported aggravated assaults.

Bill Morgan of the Lubbock Police Department said comparing cities is difficult because every city has a different character.

"We don't worry about how we compare to other places," he said.

Morgan said it is necessary to be wary when comparing city's numbers, because too many of the factors are different to make the results viable.

On-campus violent crimes are low, according to statistics compiled by the Texas Tech Police Department.

There were no murders, homicides or manslaughter of any type committed on university property in 2001. Four forcible sex offenses were reported in 2001, all in the residence halls. One sex offense was reported in 2000.

Aggravated assaults increased from 2000, when there were two reported cases, to 2001, when 10 reported cases of aggravated assault were reported. Half of the assaults were in the residence halls.

There were no reported hate

crimes on campus in the last three years.

Jana Jacobs, a senior English major from Houston, said she has never been a victim of a crime of any kind.

She said during her three years in Lubbock she feels safe for the most part.

"I felt safe until this year, when all the shootings and stuff and fights started breaking out," she said.

Jacobs said her older brother also goes to Tech and takes care of her.

Sheila Schulze, a junior architecture major from the Austin area, has been in Lubbock for a year and a half and has never questioned her safety.

"I feel safer here than Austin," she said.

Schulze said she has not been the victim of a crime while in Lubbock.

D'Incecco said the cities in the past that received low rankings used the information to become healthier and safer for its citizens, which is the purpose of Self's study.

"The point of this is to inform and motivate the people," D'Incecco said. "It's a real mistake to look at it in any other way."

Fire

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ity Services, said students are highly encouraged to attend this week's special fire safety demonstrations.

"This will be a very valuable experience for anyone, particularly for students living in the residence halls," Nix said.

The residence halls present mandatory fire safety meetings, Dougan said. Residents also are subject to sporadic fire drills three times a month.

Resident assistants in each hall are in charge of presenting fire safety facts and strategies to students living in the residence halls.

"We will be videotaping the burning as a part of the educational programming we have in the dorms," Dougan said.

Fires have not been a big issue at Tech lately, Dougan said, but the demonstrations are still beneficial.

"The last fire we had was five years ago in the Coleman lobby, and it was arson," Dougan said.

In addition to offering training for Tech students, the Environmental Health and Safety Department held fire extinguisher training for Tech personnel working at the Reese Center on Monday at the Institute of Environmental and Human Health in 555 Reese Center building.

Brian Birdwell, quality assurance officer at the Institute of Environmental and Human Health, attended the personnel training. He said he expects that the demonstration is similar to the demonstration students will be exposed to this morning.

"It was very informative," Birdwell said. "We watched a video on extinguishers and the types of fires they can put out. The video showed us how to use the extinguishers, what to do when there's a fire and emphasized the importance of contacting the fire department before trying to fight a fire yourself."

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Tech professor offers new insight to nature

By James Hershberger/
Staff Reporter

"America the Beautiful" is a song that praises the natural beauty of the United States' landscape. However, in this age of automobiles, skyscrapers and Disneyland, it seems most Americans simply are not concerned with the natural scenery that decorates our country.

However, this is not the case with Texas Tech professor Jacqueline McLean. In addition to being a Tech faculty member, McLean is a naturalist poet and writer.

"I find a calm and sense of precision in nature," she said. "I try to convey that to my readers. I think nature lets us escape our hectic lives."

McLean has published 20 poems in literary magazines such as "The Texas Review," "Poetry and Smartish Pace".

Her poems range in subject matter from birds to journeys through nature. "I've loved animals my whole life," she said. "I find them to be so fascinating."

Students find McLean's enthusiasm in the natural world to be contagious.

Chad Ross, a freshman undecided major from Plainview, is in McLean's nature writing class.

"She shows the students a really different perspective on life," he said. "She causes us to stop and appreciate nature. She gives us the opportunity to take time out and observe our surroundings."

Jonathan Craig is a freshman management information systems major from Cleburne who also is in her nature writing class.

"She conveys the material in a very clear way that anyone can understand," Craig said. "She has really interesting readings and discussions for us."

McLean's interest in the natural world has taken her to several interesting places, including a five-week stay at the Banff Center for the Arts in the Canadian Rockies last summer, McLean said.

"Don McCay, a well-known naturalist, was one of my teachers," she

said. "I learned from him how to write about the natural world intelligently and accurately. He taught me a lot about animals. I found out about such interesting things in nature from that time."

There are many memories from the trip McLean said stayed with her after leaving.

"One part of the trip that sticks out in my mind was seeing the loons. I had never seen them before and they were literally floating on the river at dusk. The loons are black and white with a green sheen. They matched the trees that still had some snow in their branches."

In 1999, McLean spent time in Spain on a pilgrimage called Camino of Santiago, she said. It started in the French Pyrenees and ended in Santiago.

"It was four straight weeks of walking," McLean said. "I really learned the value of a slower pace of life. When you walk, you are forced to go slower. I met so many interesting people. The trip inspired several poems and a short story."

In addition to teaching and writing, McLean is currently acting as an editor for a project.

"What I'm working on in poetry is with another poet named Leslie Ullman," she said. "We're editing an anthology of Poems of the Southwest. The poems primarily deal with landscapes, cultures, and how in this region, the past and present come together."

McLean said she hopes her classes and writing inspire consciousness about the natural world.

"I would like people who take my classes and read my work to have a better understanding of nature and the fact that we are a part of it," she said.

"Humans oftentimes act like we're the only organisms here and that simply isn't the case. Nature should be appreciated."

McLean grew up in Chicago. She received her bachelor's degree and Master's from the University of Chicago and her Ph.D. from New York University. She works for the English Department and the Honors College. Previously, she taught at Heidelberg College in Ohio.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer
JACKIE MCLEAN, AN English professor, poses in her office with one of her paintings.

Movie 'Brown Sugar' expected to melt in mouth 'Knockaround Guys' debut

(AP) - Smarter than the average romantic comedy, "Brown Sugar" has all the ingredients to follow "Barbershop" as another crowd-pleaser that may entice viewers beyond its core audience of urban blacks.

The movie's formulaic ending proves a disappointment after almost two hours of thoughtful meandering through the obstacle course of friendship versus romance. But the characters are engaging and full-blooded enough to compensate for the cliched conclusion, and the story unfolds with a natural wit and energy that's far more authentic than most big-screen love stories.

Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan,

who previously co-starred in "The Wood" and "The Best Man," solidify their appeal as romantic leads, pairing for a charming match as old friends whose long-simmering mutual passion heats up just as each tries to settle down with other lovers.

They get first-rate support from Nicole Ari Parker, Boris Kodjoe, Mos Def and Queen Latifah, the last two turning in delightful second-banana roles.

Director Rick Famuyiwa, who co-wrote "Brown Sugar" with Michael Elliot, delivers a worthy follow-up to his 1999 hit "The Wood," slyly using his own love of hip-hop culture as a metaphor for modern love.

Also notable among the filmmakers is Magic Johnson, who takes his first executive producer credit as he expands his entertainment operations, which include TV productions, a music label and a chain of movie theaters.

As Sidney, a respected music critic, Lathan narrates "Brown Sugar," her musings on hip-hop serving as double-entendre observations on her relationship with Dre (Diggs), an executive at a Manhattan hip-hop record label.

Sidney and Dre mark the start of their "When Harry Met Sally ..." friendship to a shared moment of bliss when they discovered hip-hop on a

New York street corner as teenagers.

Fifteen years later, Sidney is moving back to New York from Los Angeles to take over a hip-hop magazine, just as Dre is preparing to wed a career-minded lawyer (Parker).

Predictably, after all this time as platonic pals, Sidney and Dre dally with romance on the eve of the wedding. But they pull back, the nuptials go off as planned, and soon Sidney finds herself in a serious relationship with a basketball star (Kodjoe).

Sidney and Dre are left to make eyes at each other while making love to someone else.

"Brown Sugar" is powered by a peppy soundtrack and a parade of cameos by musicians including Big Dady Kane, Slick Rick and De La Soul.

Dre and Sidney's sense that commercialization has sapped the music's purity is paralleled by the audience's

perception that the two may be settling for second best in the love department.

Fittingly, the scene-stealers of "Brown Sugar" are the real-life singers, Mos Def as an amiably cynical rapper that Dre pursues for a record deal and Queen Latifah as Sidney's smart and sassy cousin.

Erik Weiner and Reggi Wyns provide goofy laughs as Ren and Ten, a talented black and white duo who call themselves the "hip-hop Dalmatians."

"Brown Sugar" follows the romantic comedy formula to the letter, but does it so warmly and intelligently that it's easy to forgive the movie's predictability.

Keep an eye out for a sweetly sad Manhattan skyline shot showing the twin pillars of light that shone earlier this year to memorialize the World Trade Center.

'Knockaround Guys' debut

(AP) - "Knockaround Guys" has been knocking around Hollywood's calendar for so long that one of its supporting players, Vin Diesel, became a superstar since it first showed up on the schedule.

Diesel's star power may be the best hope this utterly average mob thriller has of reaching a decent audience.

The movie offers solid performances from Diesel, Barry Pepper, John Malkovich, Dennis Hopper and a handful of co-stars, but their nice acting turns generally are wasted on a pack of disagreeable wiseguys who aren't very wise and a dreary story of gangsters behaving savagely.

Writers-directors Brian Koppelman and David Levien set out to craft a flick about the "sons of wiseguys" they encountered in their youth.

It's intriguing, the idea of second-generation hoods in an era of fading mob opportunities, incapable of landing straight jobs because of the stigma of their last names.

Koppelman and Levien manage nice camaraderie among their young thugs, but most of the characters are too bland, repugnant or dunderheaded — in some cases, all three — for viewers to invest much emotional interest.

The story centers on Matty Demaret (Pepper), son of Brooklyn mob leader Benny Chains (Hopper). At age 12, Matty's uncle Teddy Deserve (Malkovich) put a pistol in his hand with instructions to snuff the snitch who put Benny behind bars.

Matty understandably wimps out. He grows up and dreams of being a sports agent; only no one will hire him because of his mob connections.

So Matty cajoles his father and uncle into a shot at the big time, organizing the delivery of a \$500,000 loan from the West Coast to shore up Benny's sagging fortunes.

Matty enlists his pal Johnny Marbles (Seth Green), a pilot with a small plane, to handle the pickup. Spooked by a local sheriff (Tom Noonan) during a refueling stop in Montana, Johnny lets the money get away from him, forcing Matty, burly buddy Taylor Reese (Diesel) and Johnny's cousin Chris Scarpa (Andrew Davoli) to join him in Montana on a hunt for the loot.

This mob-boys-in-Big-Sky-country sounds cleverer than it plays out. For a time, "Knockaround Guys" seems as though it might turn into a black comedy about the gang pursuing the cash as it prizes from hand to hand, a la the prized rifle in James Stewart's "Winchester '73."

"Knockaround Guys" ultimately becomes nothing more than a predictable bloody testosterone-fest as Matty and Taylor try to put the Montana town under their thumb and Uncle Teddy eventually arrives for a showdown with the sheriff.

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VOLLEYING PRIORITIES

Texas Tech senior volleyball player Ann Romjue focuses on managing her time right as she balances school, the sport she loves and her recent marriage.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Some student athletes have a full plate with classes, practice, games, tests and homework. Some, however, can fit volleyball on their plate. Texas Tech volleyball player Ann Romjue is one of those athletes.

This summer Romjue found room for marriage. Paul Erickson and Romjue married in May and spent their honeymoon in Mexico before coming home and beginning the juggling game of marriage, school and athletics. Romjue said she will go by her maiden name for athletic and book keeping reasons at Tech until graduating.

How could someone already so busy handle something like this?

Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson said Romjue has the maturity to balance marriage, school and volleyball.

"Ann is a very mature player, and I think she's handled everything well," Nelson said. "If anybody could do it, she can."

Romjue said she recognizes the mature aspect of her character and knows she can keep volleyball and marriage separate.

"I'm a pretty responsible person," she said. "I don't let other things effect the gym. I tend to leave that stuff outside."

She has some help as well because Erickson knows what it takes to be an athlete. He played football at Tech and said he can relate to Romjue's situation. He also is supportive of her.

"I respect the fact, obviously, that she's playing volleyball," Erickson said. "I know it's something impor-

tant to her, and it's what I would like her to concentrate on right now."

Romjue's decision to get married does not seem to have affected her performance or role on the team either.

"She's contributed in a big way this fall," Nelson said.

She's said the emotional leader on the court, and I don't think getting married has had any effect on her game. In fact, it's probably made her a little bit stronger."

Some might think again before getting married in college, but Nelson said he has no need to doubt Romjue's decision.

"I think she brings a lot to the table," Nelson said, "and there's no any reason for me to question it."

Being married helps Romjue in a way that she has a channel she did not have previously. Erickson serves as a place for her to go and release any tension she may have.

"Paul is there to kind of vent if I need to," she said. "He lis-

ten and helps me out."

Erickson said this situation does not occur often because of her mental strength.

"I got to be there when she has a bad game or she's really sore, but I try to be there for her when I can be,"

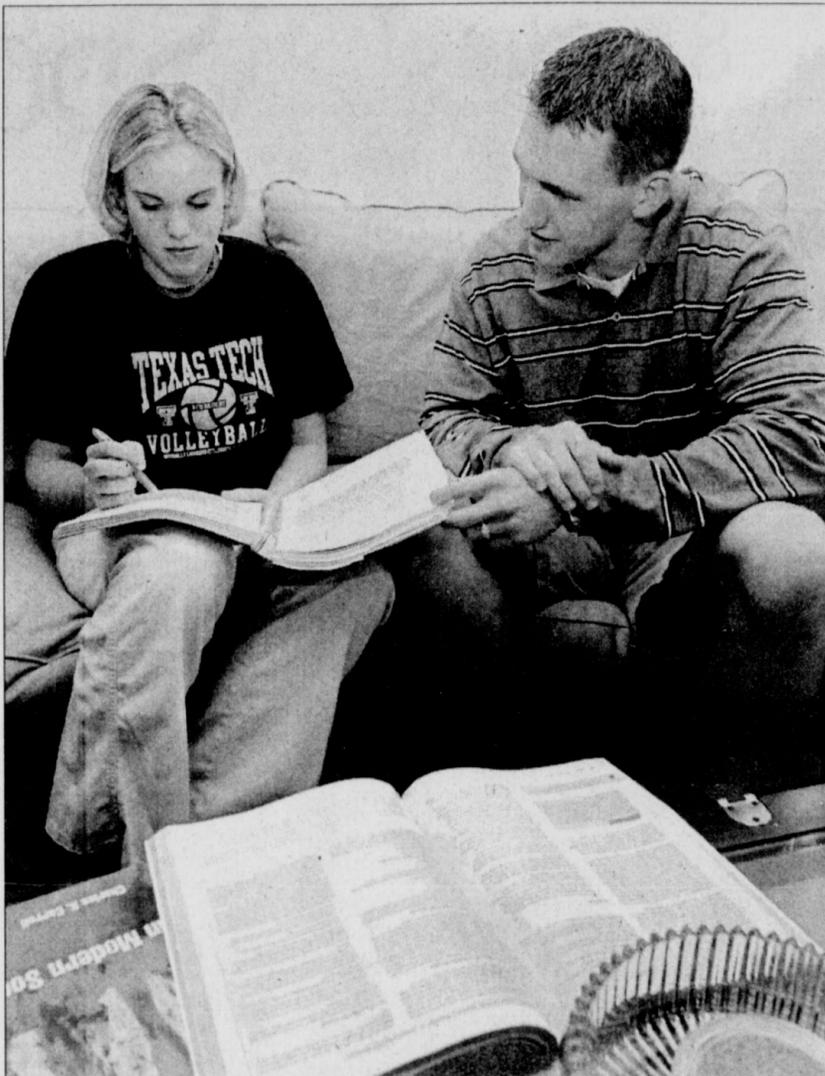
Erickson said. "She's a tough person, though, so I'm kind of someone she bounces things off of."

Getting married had its transitions and surprises for both Ann and Paul.

"It was difficult," Erickson said. "It was definitely something we had to prepare for, and we knew things were going to change, but we discussed it all before getting married."

Romjue said she never imagined being married before leaving college, but is happy with the decision she made.

"If you would have told me my freshman year that I would be married before I left, I would have laughed in your face," she said, "but with the way things were with us it didn't make sense not to get married. It worked out better for both of us, and our families."



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL player Ann Romjue, left, and her husband and ex-Tech football player Paul Erickson, right, simulate how they study at their home. Romjue and Erickson were married in May. Romjue is a senior health major from Papillion, Neb., and Erickson is a sports management major from Arlington.

Erickson is leaving for pilot training with the International Guard in Nebraska on Tuesday, and Romjue said that played a part in getting married. Erickson said it will be hard to leave so soon after getting married, but the couple discussed that as well.

"Being gone will be difficult," Erickson said. "We'll be apart for a while, but she just won't see me at

night. It will be very difficult, but that's also something we discussed before we got married."

There is the old saying that you learn something new about someone everyday. Erickson said he has learned more about Romjue and has a new respect for her and how she balances everything.

"She's impressed me with her ability to keep up with everything,"

Erickson said. "She pays the bills; I pay the rent, and everything runs smoothly around here."

Romjue said married life has had a big impact on her life, and it also is something she enjoys.

"I love it," she said. "It was life changing, and it's nice to come home to the same person every night and know you're going to spend the rest of your life with that person."

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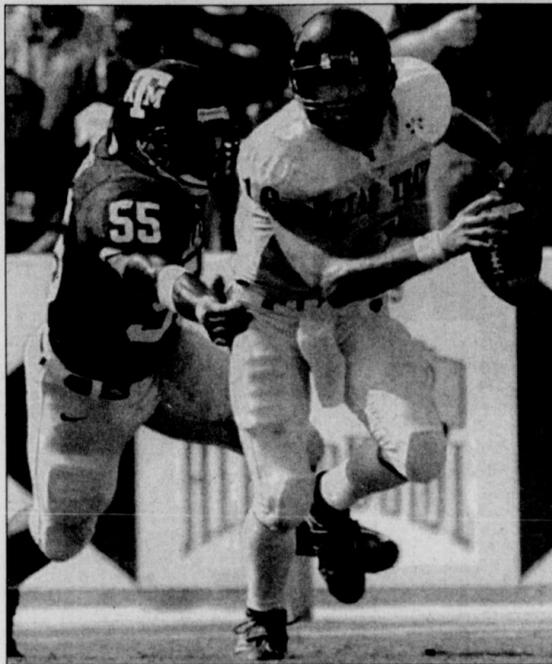
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Kingsbury continues to produce big stats



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Kliff Kingsbury eludes Texas A&M linebacker Randall Webb during Tech's overtime win against the Aggies.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Kliff Kingsbury has stepped back into the national media talk and Heisman Trophy consideration with 900 yards passing in his last two games, but Tech coach Mike Leach says there is not anything surprising about Kingsbury this season.

"Kliff's doing the same thing he's been doing and putting up the same numbers," Leach said. "Kliff's been putting up those numbers for two years."

Kingsbury's numbers, which are now 200 completions for 2,134 yards and 22 touchdowns for the season, places him first in national passing yards. Kingsbury's 49-59, 474 yard five-touchdown game against Texas A&M earned him Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second consecutive week.

ESPN's Gene Wojciechowski celebrated Kingsbury by naming him a runner up for Player of the Week and put him in the "moving up" category in the Heisman trophy race.

Leach was pleased that the national media has brought Kingsbury

back into their consciousness and appreciated Kingsbury's exposure, but did not understand why it took his performance against A&M to gain their attention.

"I'm glad that people are taking notice, selective or otherwise," Leach said. "If they did like this game as far as Kliff and his performance, I've got two years worth of film prior that they might enjoy watching also."

Although Kingsbury may have been racking up passing yards for quite some time, he said making his point to A&M meant a little more.

"I had been thinking about that game for a long time," Kingsbury said. "To do that my senior year and to have that to talk about the rest of my life meant a lot."

As far as his numbers and recognition go, Kingsbury sought to honor his offense and his teammates instead of himself.

"I think it just goes to show how good our team is playing," Kingsbury said. "Our offense is just rolling."

The offense's success, according to receiver Nehemiah Glover, stems from better protection and better poise from Kingsbury.

"Kliff has a lot of poise this year," Glover said. "Our offensive line is a lot better. He has more time in the pocket. Our offense is getting better every week and it shows on Saturday."

Tech receiver Wes Welker said Kingsbury is leading the offense with a phenomenal field presence.

"It's unbelievable," Welker said. "He's been on fire really. He's hitting all of his hot reads, he's reading the blitzes and he's reading the defenses real well. He's just doing a great job back there."

Welker is second in the conference in receiving yards and part of a Tech offense that as under Kingsbury's direction has scored 40 points in the last four games; however, a more interesting statistic about the Tech offense is its performance in comebacks.

The Raider offense may be at its best when Tech is trailing. Tech scored 28 points in 20 minutes against North Carolina State and scored 24 points in the fourth quarter against the Aggies. Kingsbury said the Tech offense feeds off momentum breaks and runs away with the game.

"Once we get going we're hard to stop," Kingsbury said. "We've been doing those things for a while."

Glover said against the Aggies, the Tech sideline was enthused and after Tech scored to cut the margin to 13, the Raiders knew a victory would be coming.

"That's when we knew they were in for it," Glover said. "We were talking noise telling them you're fixing to lose this game."

Glover said he even heard Kingsbury talking to the Aggies, and after the game Glover was just happy he could help Kingsbury achieve his goal of winning in Kyle Field.

"It was great," Glover said. "He said it was the best win of his life."

KINGSBURY FILE

NAME: Kliff Kingsbury
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
HOMETOWN: New Braunfels
WEIGHT: 210 lbs.
HEIGHT: 6'4"
2002 STATS: 200 completions, 299 attempts, 2,134 yards passing, 355 yards passing per game, 22 passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown

Game film of Tech-A&M available for purchase from Red Raider Club

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Some say it was one of the best games in college football this season. It was an epic battle that pitted two rivals against one another. In the end, the Red Raiders of Texas Tech defeated the Aggies of Texas A&M 48-47 in overtime.

This game was also not televised. In order to give Raider fans an opportunity to see the game they listened to, the Red Raider Club is selling videotapes of the game. Steve Uryasz, executive director of the Red Raider Club said he hopes the video will bring the game home to fans that could not travel to see it.

"It was not on television," he said. "It was one of the most exciting games. We wanted to share that experience with our fans."

Uryasz said he expects most of the orders to come in the next few days, but as long as people want copies, they should be available.

"The majority of orders will come in the next week," he said. "We'll have them as long as we continue to take orders."

The copies of the game cost \$19.95 plus \$5 in shipping, handling and tax. To order a copy, fans must call the Red Raider Club at (806)742-1196. Uryasz hopes to have a way to order it online as

well. "We may have a Web ordering system up and running by the end of the day (Monday)," he said.

The format for the copies of the game is in VHS videotape. Uryasz said the tape is footage shot by Tech people and commercial free.

"It's a play-by-play video with a radio broadcast followed by the Red Raider Sports television show," Uryasz said. "It was film that we shot, Texas Tech footage."

Uryasz said the demand for the copies of the game is phenomenal. The Red Raider Club is hoping the influx of calls will also mean an increase in money coming into the Red Raider Club.

"Our phones have not stopped ringing for some time," he said. "It should generate good revenue for

us. It's certainly for a good cause—the Red Raider Club and scholarships for student athletes."

Assistant director of Athletics Media Relations Blayne Beal said the demand for the videos of the game may help get next year's Tech-A&M on the air.

"Both Tech and A&M were surprised it wasn't televised," he said. "I think it'll definitely be hard for anybody to pass up in the future."

He also said this game is one of

the best in the history of the two schools' rivalry. The fans seem to want copies of the game, he said.

"We've had tons of phone calls," he said. "This is obviously going to be an instant classic in the series."

Tech students had mixed reactions. Chad Hunt, a freshman business major, said he would not purchase a copy, but he expected other students on campus might.

"Probably some of the sports fan," he said. "Maybe the guys, not

the girls."

Even with the \$24.95 price tag, students will probably still buy it, sophomore early childhood education major, Ashley Moore said.

"Price is not a problem if they really want to watch it that bad," she said.

Sophomore business major Jeremy Coughran said the rivalry between the schools may make having a copy of the game a keepsake.

"It was a good game, too," he said.



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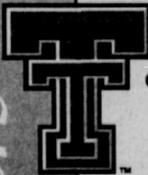
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- a. campus policy regarding the reporting of criminal activity;
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- i. crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years.

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For more information or to set an appointment, please stop by *La Ventana's* table at Senior Salute October 8th - 10th in the Red Raider Lounge.

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