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Lubbock on hunt for hot check writers

CRACKING DOWN: High number of bad checks in city causing District Attorney to narrow the abusers.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Bad check writers beware; the District Attorney is cracking down.

Todd Smith, chief investigator at the Criminal District Attorney's office, said they are actively working to track down people who although the office's goal is not to put everyone behind bars.

"Our biggest deal is we'd rather the money

come back to the merchants than put people in jail," he said. "I think a lot of people just don't know how to handle it."

A bad check is one that is written by a consumer who does not have the funds in his or her account to cover the amount of the check, Smith said. While the problem have written bad checks in Lubbock County, does not seem serious looking at it from one check writer's perspective, it is more serious than it looks.

Lubbock is astronomical," he said.

office in the District Attorney's office, agreed the stage, Smith said. problem is quickly becoming more serious.

His office gets anywhere from 750 to 3,500 bad checks monthly, he said, and about 40 percent of consumers who wrote those checks come in voluntarily and take care of it.

"The other 60, we have to go find them," Tucker said. "If we have to come and find has 15 days to come to the office and take care them, that's when they go to jail."

In the case of a bad check, the merchant will run a check. If it is bad, the law requires the merchant to send a certified letter to the "The number of hot check warrants in consumer telling him or her that the check passed on to other consumers.

was bad and asking the consumer to take care James Tucker, administrator of the bad check of it. Many of the problems are solved at this people, other customers at the store," he said.

"We don't have near as many as we would because people take care of it that way," he said.

If the consumer does not do anything about the check, the merchant turns it over to the District Attorney's office, which sends another letter informing the consumer that he or she of the check.

All residents should be concerned about this problem, he said, because bad checks cost the merchant money, and that expense is

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Smith encourages people who either know they have a bad check warrant or think they might to contact the office and find out. No one with a bad check warrant will be arrested if he or she comes in to figure it out, he said. Unfortunately, many people never do.

"What happens a lot of times is people just ignore it, and then they run a stop sign," he said, adding the law enforcement officer would then run the license and arrest the person. "Ignoring it is not going to make it go away."

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After hours visitors to pay to park soon

By Angela Timmons/ Staff Reporter

Parking meters have been visible throughout campus for some time. Now, it is almost time for them to be

The parking meter park-and-pay system will go into effect at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. The system primarily affects lots used by visitors and night students, out permits can park there, and the not those used by commuters, faculty and staff, Traffic and Parking Coorditime. nator for Event and Transit operations Michael Lopez said.

"There's a lot of evening students and also visitors," Lopez said. "There's really no reason for them to get a permit, and this way they only pay \$1 an hour and can park close to the buildings they need."

Essentially, Lopez said, many night students or visitors were parking for free. With the implementation of parking meters, they will help pay into the system and hopefully keep down costs for permit holders in the future.

Any permit parkers can park in the metered areas, Lopez said, but will need to pay to park there if it is before building, the Texas Tech Bookstore 5:30 p.m. Those with any type of parking permit do not need to pay after 5:30 p.m., although non-permit cars

PARKING METERS, LIKE this one located in the R7 parking lot between the Administration building and the Student Union, will be in use beginning Thursday. **JENNA** HANSEN/Staff Photographer





At 8:30 p.m., Traffic and Parking stops enforcing those areas, Lopez said. Those with or with-

machines will be shut down at that

Failure to pay the machine will result in a \$25 ticket, Lopez said, which also applies to permit parkers.

Entrances to affected lots will be manned by attendants for the first week of park-and-pay use in order to help students learn the new systems and to direct cars, Lopez said.

The first lot's meters to be in effect will be the R06 lot between the Art, Education and Architecture buildings on 18th Street, Lopez said.

Other lots will be R07 between the Administration and Student Union buildings, the band parking lot, located on the south side of the Music parking lot, the lot at 15th and Akron



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

PROFESSOR KEITH BEARDEN conducts the University Concert Band during his farewell concert on Monday evening in Hemmle Recital Hall. Bearden is retiring in July after teaching at Texas Tech for 23 years. He also served as director of the Goin' Band from Raiderland and the Court Jesters during his time at

Bearden directs final concert after 23 years at Tech

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

No one knows the truth of English author Thomas Carlyle's words better than Associate Director of Bands Keith Bearden, who directed his final concert Monday

Bearden, who is better known for his work as director of the Goin' Band from Raiderland, the University Concert Band and the Court Jesters, is retiring in July, with 23 years of teaching at Tech under his belt. The moment will be bittersweet for him.

"I'm going to be a Tech fan forever," he said, adding while it would be different to watch the band perform from stadium seats instead of directing it, the day is one he is looking forward to.

During his two-plus decades at Tech, Bearden had many positive experiences, he said. However, some stand out more than others. The band winning the Sudler trophy in 1999, which earned it national recognition, was one of them:

Another was seeing the regular, everyday business of the band.

"I think the continuing tradition of the Goin' Band from Raiderland is one thing I'll remember," the music professor said.

One thing he will not miss, at least not at first, is having to schedule things and remain on schedule, with only seconds to spare.

"That's going to be really weird, not having the pressure to do everything by the minute," Bearden

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TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

WINDOWS, BRICK AND the final touches are being put into place in the 175,000square-foot renovation of Jones SBC Stadium. Construction is on schedule, and the new additions will be operational by the first home football game this fall.

Stadium renovation heading toward completion

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

On schedule are two words not usually uttered by Texas Tech officials when speaking about the renovation of Jones SBC Stadium. That is not the case anymore, said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Publications.

"Everything is on schedule, and it should be done by the first home game," she said. "The only thing that will be left is some brickwork and cleanup. But unless something terrible goes wrong, everything should be done by the first home game."

Tech opens the season Aug. 30 at home against Southern Methodist University.

Robert Cameron, project manager, said the stadium should be operational by the

"It will be operational," he said. "It is gor-

geous. The view is fantastic. Everyone that goes up there is incredibly impressed."

The iron and steel work of the 175,000square-foot building was finished last summer; remodeling is the only remaining task.

Viewers will notice windows and bricks are being put in place, and the 175,000 square feet at the top of the stadium that includes a working press box, 47 luxury seats and 1,112 club-level seats. It reaches a height of about

He said there is a lot of brickwork, but he did not know a number.

"I couldn't tell you," he said. "Thousands and thousands of square feet."

Cameron also said the field lights are almost all in place.

Also, the construction of the new football training facility on the practice fields east of the stadium is part of the final phase. That construction is under way and close to completion, he said.

The 57, 500-square-foot facility will include a hall of fame, lounges, locker rooms, weight rooms and offices for the coaching staff.

"It is coming along very nicely," he said. "It will be operational for the first game unless something falls apart or blows up on us," he said. "They will move into the building by late July, early August."

Cameron said the stadium would be unique from every other one across the globe because no other stadium has the renaissance-Spanish style that Jones SBC Stadium adorns.

"There will not be a stadium like it in the world," he said. "In that retrospect, it would one of a kind."

Tech athletics director Gerald Myers returned phone calls but was unable to be reached again for comment.

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Bush courts Arab community in Michigan

dent Bush is touting his Iraq can live in peace with its neighadministration's efforts to plant the seeds of democracy in the rubble of Saddam Hussein's toppled dictatorship, courting Michigan's Arab community with an eye on his re-election.

Mich., a Detroit suburb where about United States has promised democ-30 percent of residents claimed Arab ancestry in the latest census.

He was not ready to declare com- could yield. bat in Iraq over yet, aides said Sunday.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Presitic vision of a liberated Iraq, and how bors and become representative of an Islamic democracy," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in previewing the trip.

Helping craft an "Islamic democ-Bush travels Monday to Dearborn, racy" is dicey business, however. The racy for Iraq but has ruled out the kind of Islamic government that democracy

With Shiite Muslims forming more tially going to be in Iraq." That is likely to come later this week. than 60 percent of Iraq's population, a But Bush was offering an "optimis- free vote could produce an Islamic-ori-

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1979 Islamic revolution.

ated Press, Defense Secretary Donald destiny," said Jafar al-Musawi, a H. Rumsfeld said the United States will not allow a religious government like Iran's to take hold in Iraq.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., said Rumsfeld's position "demonstrates the

which means that people vote and select the political leadership that they desire, then you can't say, 'But there are certain segments of the population that are off-limits," the 2004 presidential hopeful said Sunday on ABC's

A group of Iraqis in Michigan wrote have gone.

ented government with close ties to the a communique outlining their hopes historically anti-American Shiite cler- for their native country, and planned ics who have governed Iran since the to deliver it to Bush on Monday. The communique asks that "Iraqis be al-In an interview with The Associ- lowed to be the masters of their own Dearborn-based Iraqi writer.

> The administration has been trying to build bridges to Atab-Americans in Michigan.

Two months ago, during the runkind of quagmire that we are poten- up to war, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz convened a town hall "If you talk about a democracy, meeting of Iraqi-Americans in Dearborn, asking his audience to help the U.S. government oust Hussein.

Wolfowitz says about 150 Iraqis who have been living in the United States or Europe have volunteered to go back to help establish a democratic government, and some already



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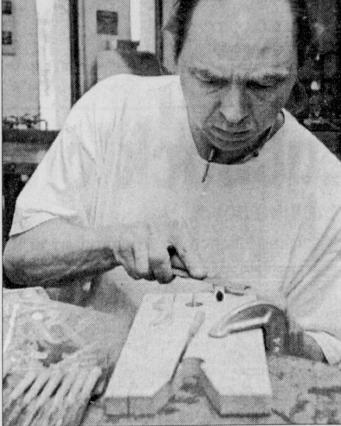
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Traditional Irish music will be performed @ 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after meeting.

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

DAVID BAUSMAN, A graduate student from Amarillo studying metal smithing, files a piece of silver in the Art building Monday afternoon for a project he has been working on all semester.



The underpass north of the university greenhouse at Main Street and Hartford Avenue will be closed to pedestrian traffic for four weeks while the natural gas line is lowered in preparation for the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Students and faculty should find an alternate route.

Tech Students for Life presents speaker Leroy Behnke at 7 p.m. today in Room 77 of Holden Hall.

Omega Delta Phi is raffling an autographed 2002-2003 Lady Raider basketball signed by the team and coach Marsha Sharp. Proceeds will benefit a Special Olympics scholarship. Tickets cost \$2 each or \$5 for three. Tickets can be purchased from

Bentancourt at (806) 632-0319 or jonnoj@hotmail.com. The drawing will be Wednesday.

Students for Social Justice is holding a protest against American Imperialism. There will be a discussion of America's history and the Iraq war. The event will take place from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Student Union building.

The Muslim Student Association invites students to attend a lecture on Muslim youth relations at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Senate Room of the Student Union building. The lecture will be by Sami Hijiazi, headmaster of the Muslim School in Michigan, with a question-and-answer session afterward. For more information, contact Ali.Gowher@ttu.edu.

The last day to drop a course, transfer between colleges or withdraw from the university is Friday.

Join Gamma Beta Phi in beautifying Lubbock in project GRIP, Get Ready to Improve and Plant, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature a picnic, guest speaker and beautification. If your organization is intermembers, or contact Jon, ested, contact Laura at (806) 724-4656.

Parking

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tween the Foreign Language and Education buildings.

The Flint Avenue parking garage use. In the future, the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center also will have a park-and-pay system. That lot will allow community membership users to park for free, but not Tech parking permit users, who will continue to park in the adjacent lot.

With the exception of the band parking lot, the system operates by spot number. Spot numbers will be painted on the spots, Lopez said. Parkers will put the number of the spot that they are using into the machine, and a receipt will be printed.

The band parking lot will require the receipt to be placed on the driver's side of the dashboard, as numbers will not be painted on the spots.

Julie Coviness, a senior animal science major from Madjamar, N.M., lives for McClellan hall and Instituional off campus and uses on-campus facili-Development, and the R10 lot be- ties such as the library and Rec Center on a regular basis. She said she does not think the extra charge is warranted.

"I think it's good they're letting us already has a park-and-pay station in on campus, but I don't think they should charge us extra when we already pay for parking permits that are \$110," she said.

Coviness said she understands Traffic and Parking has insisted the meters are not to unnecessarily permit holders. However, she said during the day, students already need to use buses to get to and from commuter lots, and if she is using the library, by the time she is done studying, she has to walk all the way back to commuter lots.

"I just wish they wouldn't charge for the lots," Coviness said. "They should have a designated place for people to park, and the Rec Center lot should be all for commuters anyway."

Hot Checks

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Nor will leaving the area.

Texas Tech students who move or go home for the summer can be arrested for warrants acquired in Lubbock, he said.

In addition to jail time, other consequences are in store for people who do not take care of hot checks.

Tucker said the fines and fees for a \$3 returned check cost about \$100. If a warrant is issued, the fee for that is more than \$600.

Businesses also suffer, because if several people write bad checks, they are unable to pay the necessary bills to remain in business.

Many places have stopped taking checks because it was costing them too much money, Tucker said.

Each merchant deals with bad checks differently, Smith said.

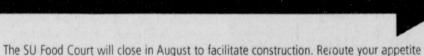
Some run it through the bank once and consider it bad; others will wait a few days to see if enough money comes into the account.

Wal-Mart, one of the larger merchants in Lubbock, gives consumers a month to get money to cover the

"Basically, what we do is if it doesn't clear the first time, we send it through the bank again," said Brandon Scribner, a cash office associate at the store on Quaker Avenue.

After that, they wait 30 days and turn it over to the District Attorney,

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By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

For the second consecutive year, the Texas Tech equestrian team will be sending one member to compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Championship

Jessica Bieber, a senior agricultural communications major from Ovilla. earned an invitation to the championships taking place May 2 through May 4 at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"It is really an honor to achieve this status in our region as well as our zone," she said. "Now, I know that my background and hard work has paid off."

Riding horses since 1989, Bieber has been part of the equestrian team for three years and said it helps her remain involved with her passion.

"Being on the equestrian team, it allows me to stay engaged with my horse, which I keep up here at Tech," she said. "I often show her locally at different events."

During the regular season, Bieber competed at seven shows in the hunt seat novice equitation over fences category and received points for each competition for her ranking.

Victoria Patton, a senior agriculture major from Roswell, N.M. and coach of Tech's equestrian team, said Bieber had to secure 35 points to advance to the regional championships that took place in March at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

"At the regional qualifying round, Jessica earned third place, allowing her to move on to the Zone Seven Championship Shoe at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.," she

At the zone championship, Bieber grasped second place against riders from Texas A&M. West Texas A&M and Oklahoma State, which are all ranked among the best NCAA equestrian teams in the nation, Patton said.

Bieber added that the Tech team is a student organization on campus and has not become a NCAA sanctioned

"I really hope that with this championship berth, I can help Tech and our equestrian team gain recognition," she said. "Also, that will help us further our chances for NCAA status.'

Out of nine zones, Bieber will compete with 20 of the top riders in the nation for the championship.

To help with the expenses of the trip, Patton said the team has been assisting Bieber in fund-raisers throughout the year.

"She is one of the hardest-working members of the equestrian team, and we helped by having fund-raisers like the Equestrian Judging Clinic," she said. "We went with her to the qualifying rounds and offered support."

Jeremy Brown, president of the Student Government Association, said they also are backing Bieber with a por-



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JESSICA BIEBER, A senior agriculture communications major from Ovilla, practices before Wednesday's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championship in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

tion of money to continue in her com- to help out any way possible."

"We help fund student organizations, and the equestrian team is one of those," he said. "Jessica came to me and gave us the details about the trip, how much she would need and we decided that with part of our contingency fund, a portion of money set aside, we could help afford the budget she planned for."

Brown said the SGA was "happy

"It is a great opportunity and important to Tech that she attends the nationals because it gives herself as well as Tech recognition that they deserve,"

Patton said she believes Bieber will represent Tech with outstanding sportsmanship and competitiveness.

"I know Jessica can ride, and she stands a really good chance," she said.

Bearden

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Justin Mauldin, the publicity chairman for band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi, said the Goin' Band and what Bearden had made it, was a huge factor in him coming to Tech.

"I've been looking forward to being a part of the Tech band since elementary school," the junior music education major from Dumas said. "When I got here, the band was everything I dreamed it would be, and Mr. Bearden has made the band what it is - one of the best bands in the nation."

The director created a close family environment, Mauldin said, which made the band fun to be in. Bearden reminisced about life in the Tech band family as well.

"In any family, there are great times, there are sad times, there are trying times, and there are difficult times," he said. "I think that's prob-

During his stint, he has seen many people within the band get married and start their own families, and friendships and relationships grow, while the group as a whole grew closer together. Even the hard times, such as when a band member died in a car accident on the way to the Tanger-

ably what I'll take away, fond memo-

ries of the family."

band family together. He encouraged the band members to keep the closeness and support with the new director.

ine Bowl in Orlando, brought the

While Mauldin is confident the next director will do a good job, he will miss Bearden and his style, he

"We're all a little nervous about how the transition's going to be," he said. "Whoever comes in will have to understand the traditions."

But he is not afraid of losing what has been created.

"The Tech band's going to go on because of what has been established in the past," he said.

Nancy Cochran, director of the School of Music, said during her time at Tech she was impressed with his

work with the bands.

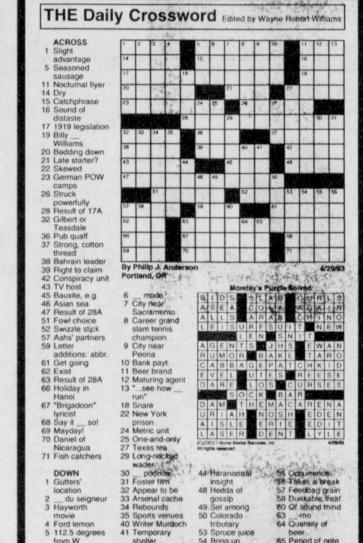
"Anyone who's been here that long has made a major mark on the school, and he will be greatly missed by everyone," she said

As for the next step in Bearden's life, he is not sure what he will be doing, although he will be around. He might even help his wife, who is a band director at Frenship Junior High.

"She'll probably be calling me to come and help on occasion," he said. "I probably will if I'm not play-

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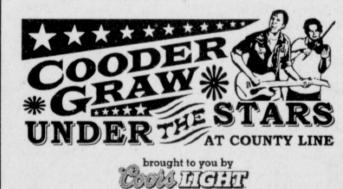
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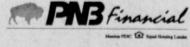
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Reality TV made for the immature

have to get something off my chest. OK, I watched Survivor 2 and Joe Millionaire. I'm sorry. I'm it goes something like this: pathetic. I'm sad. I also hate myself.

That being said, why, oh why is "reality" entertainment so terribly, wrongfully and despisingly popular?

soul for watching those programs. kids get in argument. Drunken college Much like your typical recovering alkids get naked and/or hook up with coholic, I had a "moment of clarity" someone else. Drunken college kids where I said to myself, "Reality TV/ get on plane. movies are evil."

tertainment should realize just how wretchedly far we have fallen from tainment.

tribute \$7.50 to the already over-in-sin, the bigger the audience. flated pocketbook of MTV and its latest brainchild (I use "brain" here very you. Too much! loosely), "The Real Cancun."

I figure I don't really even need to see it though, since I'm probably sure

Sober college kids get on plane. Sober college kids start drinking. Drunken college kids get naked and/ or hook up. Drunken college kids Now I've made amends with my drink some more. Drunken college

Somewhere, some girl's father has And those of us who find our- a heart attack when he sees his little selves victims of their lowbrow en- angel giving body shots to an entire lacrosse team from Connecticut.

I know "entertainment" like this the graces of good and artistic enter-seems gloriously ingenious. First, since there are no writers or actors, there I know I really shouldn't criticize are no big fat paydays for anyone but something without seeing it first, but MTV. And secondly, we currently live the fact remains that I will not con- in a society where the more skin and

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I used to think maturity was a bad thing. But now I see that maturity is all in your mind, unless someone asks how old you are.

how old you are.

thinks this American generation is a just the newest realm of real media. It waste of life. We're seen as fat, lazy started with "The Real World," picked and spoiled rich kids who have nothing better to do than to see how deep into ridiculous debauchery we can go. Now I'm all about having a good time, but there comes a point when even Please, oh please make it stop. the most dedicated Dionysian has to

draw the line cause I wasn't the one picked to spend allow our airwaves to be crammed a sun-filled week drinking and selfdestructing among thousands of hammered 18- to 22-year-olds. Yes, I did dollar alliances, and has-been celebgo to the casting call with a friend, rities eating horse rectum for charbut I, being over-the-hip-hill at 23, was too old. Yes, too old for MTV.

to finally hear that. I am no longer in the coveted target demographic of Carson Daly and "Sorority Life." I used to think maturity was a bad thing. But now I see that maturity is all in your mind, unless someone asks - college football and my break dance

But as we know, the big screen is ity for me.

up steam with "Survivor" and "The Bachelor," and keeps falling lower with shows like "American Idol" and "America's Most Talented Kid."

The fact remains that the American public has lowered its standards You may think I'm just jealous be- on what it finds to be valuable. We with shaky images of people half-naked in the jungle, plotting million

No one seems to find this But I must say it was kind of nice dumbing-down our society, and from the looks of it, it will only get worse. We let phone-in voters decide who will get hitched to whom and who we're supposed to worship as an "idol."

> Give me my Saturday afternoon documentaries. That's enough real-

We should help those going through teenage years

Tpages of a very interesting different magazines. piece of literature when a few topics

to heighten your awareness on topics magazines." of overwhelming importance.

So here are my issues of epic proportions. "Are trends your friend?" "Which celeb is your style soul mate?" "What's your Boy IQ?" and my personal favorite, "Booty call!! Which pair fits your personality?"

Obviously, after reading these riveting topic titles, you're either queswondering which pair fits your person-

a teenage female audience, and while more credible source. young boys have probably learned as dience is predominantly young girls.

with the majority of us a few years leave the soprano section, I highly beyond the titled magazine of Sev-doubt the fact that, on a mental level, enteen, those young girls who were girls were ahead of guys.

few days ago, I just happened so fascinated by trite topics have to be flipping through the moved on to different interests and

The reason I feel this issue needs to be delved into is I have a little sis-I felt I should bring your attention ter at home, whom I would rather not to these crucial issues in an attempt be infatuated by the pages of "girls'

> Growing up, guys have always had the tendency to subscribe to such magazines as Sports Illustrated, Boys Life and other subscriptions that focus on such issues as "how to throw a spiral like Elway" or "the correct use of lighter fluid." Very different topics than appear in girls' magazines.

Why is this? Well, as my sixth tioning why I would choose to bring grade science teacher would conup such trivial issues, or you're pon- stantly remind the female portion of dering the booty call question and my class, "Girls simply grow up faster than boys." While Ms. Penny might have been something of a crazy femi-It's fairly safe to say topics such as nist, I am pretty sure she was simply those mentioned above are aimed at regurgitating information from a

To whomever said girls grow up much from the Seventeen and faster than boys, I really have to ques-Cosmo cosmetic tips, the target au- tion your theory. Even though most However, as college students their mothers before I was asked to



Christopher Sokol

As for the multibillion dollar industry of cosmetics, I believe most guys really find girls the most attractive when they hardly have any makeup on at all.

One of my best friends growing girls were already starting to resemble up was Courtney Haire. Courtney wasn't the prototypical female, and I suppose you could consider her something of a tomboy. Instead of awareness combined with the always-

shoot a smooth jumper over me.

I still remember spending an afternoon at her house. We were playing in her backyard when either a bee remember the details. However, I do that most guys are so simple that all remember Courtney trying to calm a girl has to do is show up and things me down as her mother tended to a are going pretty well. hysterical younger version of myself.

me being a compassionate and good makeup on at all.

ementary school at the time, many A&M game at College Station, the of the social norms of the future had not yet changed our lives.

Now, more than a decade later, the qualities of the people closest to I had never seen her look so beautime are more similar to the unvar- ful nished characteristics of an elementary school Courtney Haire than the heavily influenced by beliefs presented in girls' magazines.

These magazines repeatedly publish topics of relationships and selfflipping through the pages of Cosmo, overwhelming mixture of hundreds

Courtney preferred to back me into of ads for cosmetics. I hate to say that the post, and then verbally and knowing the difference between physically abuse me as she would eyeliner and eye shadow is a topic, but these magazines not only taught girls the difference, but also created a sense of false identity.

While I can only speak for myself or a wasp stung me - I really can't on this topic, I believe it to be true

As for the multi-billion dollar in-While screaming in my soprano dustry of cosmetics, I believe most voice, I remember looking at guys really find girls the most attrac-Courtney, who was standing next to tive when they hardly have any

While driving home from the in-With the two of us only in el- credible Texas Tech versus Texas girl I drove back with had obviously woken up just prior to embarking on our long journey. And in all honesty,

Many of us have already gone through the tribulations of being characteristics of girls who have been teenagers, but maybe we can try to make sure that our siblings, relatives and younger friends realize the complicated mess that they are about to go through, or are going through, is really just as silly as the question of "which celeb is your soul mate?"



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Wall Street firms reach \$1.4 billion settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) - Securities regulators on Monday announced a settlement that will cost nine big Wall Street firms \$1.4 billion and require reforms to resolve allegations that they issued biased stock ratings to lure investmentbanking business.

One of the largest penalties ever levied by securities regulators, it follows a lengthy investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and other state regulators, and market regulators.

The settlement, aimed at bolstering investor confidence, will change the way major investment firms - including Citigroup, Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Chase — do business.

"These cases are an important milestone in our ongoing effort both to address serious abuses that have taken place in our markets and to restore investor confidence and public trust by making sure these abuses don't happen again," SEC Chairman William Donaldson said at a news conference at SEC headquarters.

Donaldson, a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange and cofounder of a major Wall Street investment firm, said he was "profoundly saddened and angry" about the conduct detailed in the regulators' complaints.

"There is absolutely no place for it in our markets, and it cannot be tolerated," said Donaldson, who was flanked by the other regulators.

Financial services giant Citigroup will pay \$400 million in fines and for funds to promote better research under the settlement, which is based on a tentative agreement reached in December.

Two former star analysts -Internet expert Henry Blodget of Merrill Lynch and telecommunications analyst Jack Grubman of Citigroup's brokerage business, Salomon Smith Barney — agreed as part of the settlement to pay \$19 million in fines and penalties and be banned permanently from the securities industry. Blodget and Grubman are neither admitting nor denying any wrongdoing.

Grubman will pay \$15 million for undisclosed conflicts. He faces a lifetime ban from working for an investment firm or acting as an investment adviser, dealer or broker. His penalty cannot be reimbursed or indemnified, and the penalty portion cannot be written off on taxes.

Blodget will pay \$4 million.

The five SEC commissioners discussed the settlement in closed-door meetings last week before approving it. In the final deal, the Wall Street firms will not be able to deduct any of the payments against their taxes - a change from the tentative accord that



had been demanded by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and other lawmakers, who said U.S. taxpayers should not have to pick up part of the tab.

The settlement with the brokerage firms will require that certain analysis from an investment be made public within 90 days after each quarter to allow investors to compare the performance of analysts from different firms and promote objective rankings.

Brokerages also will be banned from allocating to executives and board directors preferential access to initial public offering shares of firms they have courted as investment banking clients.

An independent monitor will be assigned to each firm to make sure the terms of settlement are met. An \$85 million investor education program also is being created at the expense of the brokerages. Brokerages would pay \$450 million over five years into the independent research fund.

The firms neither admitted nor denied allegations that they had misled investors, although Citigroup agreed to a statement of "contrition." The investigation was based on internal emails in which the firms' financial analysts privately derided stocks they were touting to the public.

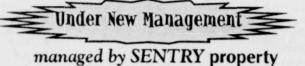
Salomon Smith Barney will pay the heaviest fine: \$300 million. In addition, parent Citigroup will provide \$75 million for an independent research fund and \$25 million for an investor education program. But Citigroup CEO Sanford Weill won a guarantee that he would not be prosecuted.

Regulators alleged that Citigroup published fraudulent and misleading research that promoted banking clients and harmed investors while ignoring strong criticism from inside the company about the quality of research.

At Morgan Stanley Co., regulators found the firm failed to manage conflicts of interests between its investment banking and research divisions and failed to properly supervise senior researchers, including Mary Meeker, its top telecommunications stock analyst. Morgan Stanley will pay a \$50 million penalty, as well as \$75 million toward the independent research fund.

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Tech heads to New Mexico for rubber game

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

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Coming off a tough weekend home series against the Big 12 Conference leading Nebraska Cornhuskers, which the Red Raiders lost 2-1, Texas Tech (25-20, 7-13 Big 12 play) is on the road against New Mexico.

New Mexico this season, and the se-

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ries now stands at 2-2. Today's game is opponent Oklahoma this weekend. slated to begin at 4 p.m. CST.

by for the Raiders. So far this season, Tech has gone 21-10 at home but has managed only four road wins.

Head coach Larry Hays said the team today to play a nonconference game needs to play better away from home. He also said Tech is not traveling with its Tech has played four games against entire pitching staff, but the team needs to prepare for its trip to play conference

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'We've got to see if we can play Road wins have been hard to come on the road," Hays said. "We're going to Albuquerque, and we're going to leave all of our regular pitchers here. We're going down there with a short deck, but I'd like to see us battle and do something well heading into Oklahoma. We just haven't proven we can play on the road a lick.'

The Raiders are a talented squad, Hays said, but he does not know why the team can do well in practice and then struggle in game situations.

"This is a unique team," he said. "We can do some things really well in practice, things we are not able to do in the games on the defensive side. Offensively, we've got our warts, and we're just going to have to live with that. We went down the tubes early."

Junior pitcher Steve Gooch said the New Mexico game is important to build up momentum and give a chance to play to some of the less experienced players.

'You just want to go out there and get another win," he said. "We want to beat these guys and hopefully get a little momentum to go on the road and beat OU this next weekend. We'll see end. That's all we can really do."

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how it goes. A lot of guys are going to get the chances to show what they can do this week.'

With the Raiders' record slipping, Gooch said the team realizes the seriousness of the situation, and everybody must get ready.

"It's been crunch time," he said. "You can't view it as panic mode. You just keep working hard. We've got this next week. A lot of the pitchers who aren't going to New Mexico can use this week to prepare for next weekend."

Senior leftfielder Scooter Jordan said after Sunday's 8-4 loss to Nebraska, the Raiders have to try to salvage the positives from their current situation after the series loss to Nebraska.

"We've still got 10 games left," he said. "I don't think we played really bad. Friday, we played really well, and I thought Saturday we came out kind of lax. When you've got a win in that first game, you've got a good chance of winning the series. We let them come back. We can't do that. We're going to go to New Mexico on (today) and try to put together some good at-bats and get it going for next week-

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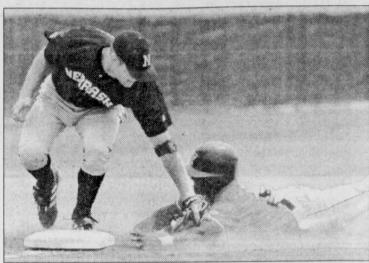
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OUTFIELDER SCOOTER JORDAN slides safely into third base for one of his two steals during Tech's 8-4 loss to Nebraska on Sunday at Dan Law Field. The Red Raiders will face off with the New Mexico Lobos today on the road to decide the season's five-game series.

Rangers worried about SARS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -Alex Rodriguez will not be hard to essary precautions during their trip find in between the Texas Rangers' to Toronto because of the dangers three games in Toronto this week.

And the All-Star shortstop will

Texas players plan to take all necof SARS. The city is dealing with more than 250 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome and 21 deaths.

Major league baseball decided to continue with all scheduled games in "There won't be any going out Toronto, despite the World Health to dinner or going to the mall this Organization issuing an advisory last week for travelers to avoid Toronto.

"If you need me, I'll be in my room," Rodriguez said.

not be alone at the team's hotel.

time," said catcher Einar Diaz.

Hanson, Hartfield sign free agent deals

After the 2003 NFL Draft was completed, four Red Raiders found themselves still with aspirations of playing professional football. Those dreams came true shortly following the draft as they signed free agent contracts with NFL teams.

tracts Sunday: offensive lineman Rex Richards and linebacker Lawrence Flugence, as reported in Monday's edition of The University Daily.

Also on Sunday, cornerback Joselio Hanson signed with the San Francisco 49ers. Hanson finished the 2002 season with 21 broken up passes, a team high for Texas Tech and a single-season tecord.

Running back Preston Hartfield was added to the list of Red Raiders Two of those players signed con-moving to the pros by signing with the Washington Redskins on Monday. Hartfield played in every game for the Raiders last season and hauled in 25 receptions for 271 yards.

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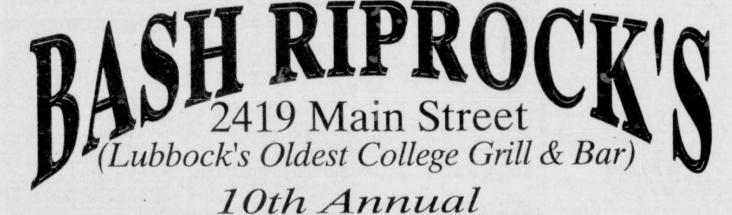
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