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Tech graduate missing after boating accident

By Andrew Evans/Staff Reporter

Laura Putnam, a recent Texas Tech graduate, has been missing since she was involved in a boating accident during Memorial Day weekend. On May 26, according to a press release from the Horseshoe Bay Police Department, the Llano County Sheriff's Department received a call from one of the passengers on the boat around 2:30 a.m.

Putnam, 23, from Lubbock, was missing after the boat she was in was struck by another boat early that morning. Jerry Neal Cypert, 22, of Lubbock and Justin Lee Moore, 23, of Lubbock were on the boat at the time of the accident. None of the

passengers was wearing a life vest when their boat was struck.

The press release stated Horseshoe Bay police officers arrived at the scene within 5 minutes of the 911-telephone call. The damaged boat was just off the shore when the police arrived. A search for the missing passenger began at approximately 3:00 a.m. in the vicinity of the accident.

According to the same press re-



Putnam

lease, a Starflight EMS helicopter arrived to assist the police in the search process near 3:30 a.m. Because of bad weather conditions, the helicopter had to abandon the search shortly after it arrived. Boats searching on the water also had to pause their search because of lightning strikes in the area.

Jerry Cypert and Justin Moore suffered minor injuries during the incident. Cypert was taken to Seton Hospital in Burnet because of a laceration to the head, and Moore was treated at the scene. They reported to the police their boat had been struck by another boat that fled the scene. They described the boat as a white ski boat with a either red or

dark stripe on the side, according to the press release.

Gordon Eckert, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is leading the investigation.

"So far we haven't found a thing," he said. "The investigation is still in full swing, and we are searching the lake on a daily basis."

He said the chances of Putnam having survived are slim.

"Finding her alive is not an option right now," Eckert said. "We're just waiting for the body to surface at this point."

There have been no leads about the hit-and-run boat in the accident, but a search is in progress.

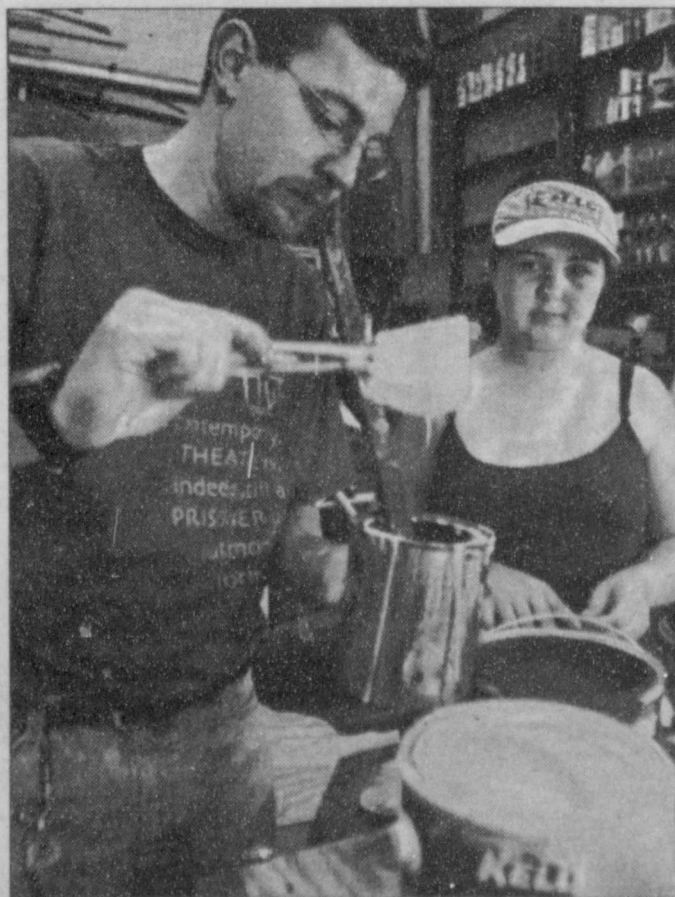
The police who are investigating

have told the locals to be looking for a boat that is damaged in the front. After the accident, the unidentified boat reportedly fled the scene in a westbound direction.

The authorities are searching an area approximately the size of a football field with water that is over 60 feet deep. The accident occurred about 200 yards off the shore near a lighthouse. The boat was floating with its bow and stern lights operational when the other watercraft T-boned it on the driver's side.

Anyone with information concerning the accident should contact the Llano County Sheriff's Department at (915) 247-5767 or the nearest Texas Parks and Wildlife office.

CREATING COLOR



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

RHINEHART PIERCE, TECHNICAL director for the University Theatre, mixes paint for the set construction for the play *School House Rock* as Lindsey Pratt, a senior theater major from Minneapolis, Minn., stands by. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. in the Lab Theatre on June 14.

Tech security keeping close watch after Yale bombing

By Heather Jones/Staff Reporter

On May 22, just before 5 p.m. a bomb went off on the first floor of the Sterling Law Buildings at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. The explosion damaged two rooms, but no one was hurt.

Police officers evacuated staff and faculty from the building and blocked off the area around the Law School.

Junior Yale law student Timothy Schnabel was present when the bomb went off.

"I was in the student lounge,

which is next to the alumni reading room; I was working on an exam when I heard a noise like thunder, but much closer and felt the building shake," he said in an e-mail. "I looked up and saw the wall come down, and the fireball behind it. I remember seeing large clouds of dust, and portraits coming down off the falling wall."

Schnabel described the evacuation in his e-mail.

"The alarms went off, and everyone left to go across the street," he wrote. "It was pretty orderly, actually, only a few people were running. The

police started showing up almost immediately and slowly moved everyone away from the building."

The explosion damaged the classroom it was in, the adjacent alumni lounge, and about 300 rare law books were damaged by the sprinkler system.

The bomb went off exactly one day after officials at Homeland security raised the terrorist alert level to orange, the second highest level and several hours after President Bush, a Yale alumnus, spoke at the Coast

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Questions surface after accused Olympic bomber arrested

By Pete Yost/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused bomber Eric Robert Rudolph was an elusive target for law enforcement, and the loner's arrest by a rookie police officer leaves a string of unanswered questions.

If Rudolph is indeed the killer that police say he is, where did he assemble his explosives? Why did he do it? Where was his hideout? And perhaps most significantly, did he have help in carrying out his acts and remaining a fugitive for the past five years?

He was taken into custody Saturday in the same wilderness region of North Carolina where he long was suspected of living on the lam.

That there was local sympathy for Rudolph is without doubt. Bumper stickers in western North Carolina read "Run Eric Run." But whether sympathy translated to aiding and abetting is unclear. The mayor in Murphy, N.C., where Roberts was captured, says he was certain Rudolph had gotten "no support."

Rudolph is charged in federal indictments in the 1996 Olympic bombing in Atlanta that killed one

person and injured more than a hundred; bombings the next year in Atlanta at an abortion clinic and a gay night club; and the 1998 bombing of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., where a police officer was killed.

In some cases, secondary bombs exploded as soon as rescuers rushed to the scene.

The federal government could decide to seek the death penalty, just as it did in the case of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

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Bush prepares for talks with Mideast leaders

EVIAN, France (AP) — In his first personal foray into Middle East peace talks, President Bush pledged Monday to "put in as much time as necessary" to achieve peace between Israelis and Palestinians and help them live side by side.

Bush, on the eve of two days of talks with leaders in the region, said he knew it would not be an easy task to end years of hostility in the region. But he told reporters, "I think we'll make some progress. I know we're making progress."

After staying aloof from the Middle East for 18 months as violence between the two sides escalated, Bush became the first president specifically to endorse a Palestinian state. But he said it could come only with a more democratic Palestinian system and without Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, the longtime symbol of the Palestinian movement.

Bush was cutting short his atten-

dance at the summit on Monday to head for the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik. There he planned to press Arab leaders to do more to show open support for new Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas, U.S. officials said.

On Wednesday, Bush planned to participate in a three-way summit in Aqaba, Jordan, with Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Bush was seeking commitments from Middle East leaders on how to carry out a U.S.-backed peace plan that would lead to creation of a Palestinian state by 2005. He said steps forward would only come if "people assume their responsibilities."

Speaking from Rome, Secretary of State Colin Powell said U.S. officials working on the text of final statements planned for after the Aqaba meetings were "encouraged by what they have been able to achieve so far."

"We expect that positive state-

ments will be forthcoming," Powell said. "But you know, statement writing always goes down to the last minute as people try to present one position or another."

Recent statements by Sharon acknowledging that Israeli forces' "occupation" of Palestinian territories showed that "whichever interpretation you put on that ... it's a situation that is unsustainable over time," Powell said.

Asked if the United States would apply sanctions for countries that fail to comply, a senior administration official said, "The United States is going to be in a position to assess where progress is being made and where it isn't. And to assess where the roadblocks to progress are and where they are not."

Abbas said the Palestinian leadership "is committed to implementing its part of the road map and calls on Israel to do the same." His com-

ments, reported by the official Jordanian news agency, Petra, came during talks Monday in Jordan with King Abdullah II.

Bush also will underscore to Sharon at their meeting Wednesday that Israel has responsibilities to make the peace process work.

"My expectations on the Middle East are to call all the respective parties to their responsibilities to achieve peace," Bush said. "My country and I will put in as much time as necessary to achieve the vision of two states, living side by side in peace."

Bush spoke at a meeting with French president Jacques Chirac at an economic summit here. Chirac said France, Russia and Europe backed Bush's efforts "without reservations."

Upon arrival in Sharm el-Sheik Monday, Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher said: "We strongly support the peace process,

we strongly support the road map, we strongly support all efforts by the international community. This is an attempt to reverse the cycle of violence."

Palestinian envoy Nabil Shaath said he expected the United States not to yield to objections Israel has raised to the so called "road map" and for the peace plan to be adopted as in Aqaba.

Ahead of the meetings, Israel eased some travel restrictions and Palestinians predicted a cease-fire soon.

Sharon told his Cabinet on Sunday he would likely make a declaration committing Israel to dismantling the settlements in Palestinian-controlled areas that have been set up in violation of Israeli law, according to an official who was present. Stopping new settlement construction is a key element of the peace plan.

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Nichols' state murder trial date set in bombing case

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The state murder trial for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols will begin March 1, 2004, a judge decided Friday.

Nichols, 48, could face the death penalty if convicted for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and injured hundreds of others.

Nichols is already serving life

in a federal prison for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. He was convicted on federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers.

He now faces 162 counts in state court for the other victims, including two counts for two fetuses whose mothers died in the blast.

Judge Steven Taylor denied re-

quests by prosecutors and defense attorneys for other dates. Prosecutors wanted the trial to start in November or December; Defense attorneys requested a date in January 2005.

"There is no doubt that this case requires much time due to the volume of evidence," he said. "But it cannot be stated too often that counsel for both sides have had over three years and now have an additional nine months to fully prepare."

The judge also scheduled several pretrial hearings, which could involve such issues as the location of the trial. Defense attorneys contend that publicity has made it impossible for Nichols to get a fair trial in Oklahoma.

The federal trials of Nichols and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh were moved to Denver after a federal judge ruled that the pair could not get fair proceedings here. McVeigh was executed in June 2001.

Prosecutors say the April 19, 1995, bombing was revenge against the government for the deadly siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier. They say Nichols and his Army buddy McVeigh prepared the 4,000-pound fuel oil-and-fertilizer bomb together and that Nichols participated in robberies and burglaries to obtain equipment for the plot.

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Former Tech student, wife begin Peace Corps stint

By Ashleigh Adams/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech alumnus Brandon Vick and wife Penelope departed Friday for a 27-month Peace Corps assignment in Suriname. Brandon, 26, and Penelope, 27, said they hope to be an influential force during their assignment, despite the stigma that many Americans receive when they travel overseas.

"My friends and family have had mixed reactions," Brandon Vick said. "Some thought we were crazy because everyone hates America right now, but the Peace Corps is the opposite face of American power—we are constructing instead of destructing."

Brandon Vick, who graduated from Tech in December 1999 with a degree in information systems, said he hopes the assignment will give he and his wife a new perspective.

"It's really the adventure aspect that draws me in, and I know for Penelope it's the same," he said. "We get to go somewhere totally new, it's like a Survivor type of mentality. The challenge is really appealing."

Not only is the assignment challenging, Penelope Vick said the excitement of being in a new and different environment is also emotional for the two of them.

"The entire situation is very emotional for more than a few reasons," she said. "Not only are we changing people's lives, we are doing it in a context that is completely new to us. We don't know the language or any of our surroundings, and we are helping these people to provide a long-term solution to their society's problems."

The Vicks also feel another value of the Suriname assignment is the chance to live on the level of the people they are educating.

"We are basically thrown into a poverty-level lifestyle, which is something that we are not particularly used to," Brandon Vick said. "But I do feel that it will help us in our assignment and also help us grow as people and learn more about ourselves."

The Vicks' two-year assignment begins with a three-month training

where they are placed to live with a Suriname host family to learn the language, cooking techniques and general day-to-day life.

"After our training we will be placed at our site which will most likely be a small village," Brandon Vick said. "We still don't know many specifics, but we were told our positions are education volunteers."

Jesus Garcia, public affairs specialist for the southwest regional recruitment office, said their responsibilities would include establishing different levels of education and learning facilities from pre-school to adult education. He also said the Vicks were one of only a few selected for the Peace Corps.

"The selection process is very competitive," he said. "Last year, over 132,000 people requested applications for about 4,000 positions. The Vicks both showed they were well-rounded, and they also had a strong education background which helped them receive an invitation."

After a candidate receives an invitation for an assignment there are

still quite a few choices a volunteer has to make.

"Most of the decisions concerning the trip weren't hard for us to make," Penelope Vick said. "We both had to quit our jobs, but I have thought about joining the Peace Corps ever since I was in high school. It wasn't that difficult of a sacrifice."

Garcia said although the Peace Corps provides medical care to their volunteers, there are other dangers that many volunteers will neglect to realize.

"When you are in a foreign country, there are countless numbers of

small, little situations that can go wrong," he said. "That is one of the reasons the selection process is so extensive."

The Vicks, however, said they are not afraid of the adventure.

"Brandon and I lived in the Netherlands for a year after we were married, but that was just for fun," Penelope Vick said. "On this trip, we'll be able to help others, but the idea is not to fix everything for everyone. The idea is to improve their situation so they can carry it on themselves long after we have gone. That is the real adventure."

Charges not dismissed in sniper shootings case

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A judge refused Monday to dismiss state charges against sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo because of an alleged overlap with federal charges.

Malvo's lawyers had sought to have the Virginia charges thrown out because of a state law that forbids state prosecution when the federal government initiates a prosecution for the same crimes.

The state law is designed to bolster a defendant's double-jeopardy rights against multiple prosecutions.

Fairfax Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush agreed with local prosecutors that the federal charges — since dropped — were carefully crafted to avoid such a conflict. She noted the federal charges said nothing about the Oct. 14 shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, for which Malvo is facing trial in Fairfax County.

Malvo, 18, and Muhammad, 42, have been linked to 20 shootings, including 13 deaths, in Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Prosecutors have said the three-week shooting spree was part of a scheme to extort \$10 million from the government.

In another ruling, Roush allowed the defense to hire a handwriting analyst, at \$2,500, to ana-

lyze writing on two notes found at crime scenes.

Malvo's lawyers also were seeking a change of venue, arguing that every resident of Fairfax County could be considered a victim of the sniper attacks under the prosecution's theory of the crime. One of the two

death penalty counts against Malvo accuses him of terrorism, which the law defines as either an attempt to intimidate the civilian population or to coerce the government.

The lawyers also allege evidence leaked to the media has tainted the jury pool.

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Dixie Chicks received bad rap for comments

Now that we're several weeks removed from our victory in Iraq, I feel it is safe to discuss my views on the public's reaction to Natalie Maines' comments about President Bush without having broken Dixie Chicks CDs chucked at me by militant Lubbockites. I must preface the rest of this column by saying that if you want to take a sledge hammer to anything with Maines' picture on it after she disrespected our president, you can. The Constitution allows you to do so. Before you break out the blunt objects, though, consider a couple of questions first. How has the Dixie Chicks' music changed after what was said? And does she have a right to express her political views where she wants?

In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "Things do not change; we change." It seems to me that a great many people are having a difficult time separating art from the artist. Since her comments, the masses have grown to hate the music of the Dixie Chicks. Why? Have those tracks laid down two years ago magically changed because a member of the group made a single statement at a concert in England? No. The public changed.

I can't but think of the works of Richard Wagner (Ree-kard Vahg-ner, not Ri-chard Wag-ner. He was German) when the art versus artist question comes up. For those of you who are not musicians, Wagner wrote the music to Elmer Fudd's popular "Kill the Wabbit" known to many as "Ride of the Valkyries." Wagner the musician was a 19th century composer who created some of the most powerful music ever placed on manuscript paper.

Wagner the man was an anti-Semitic racist. His music grew to be enormously popular, though, even after many people knew the kind of man he was. At that time, the public was able to differentiate between the greatness of the work and the pettiness of the man.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying Natalie Maines is on the same level as Wagner, but I believe we should take a similar approach to her music as was done with his over a century ago. The



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work of the Dixie Chicks has been important to the country music industry and should not be tarnished just because the lead singer isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer.

Now we come to the question of whether Maines should be allowed to make the comments she did. One young woman I spoke to disliked that Maines made her comment at a concert and asked me hypothetically if her dentist father should give his political opinion to someone while he cleans that person's teeth if he wants. Well, duh! Yes, of course, he can. People have a right to say what they want when and where they want. It's in our contract with America; look it up under "First Amendment."

If Pat Green took a moment out of his concert to say "I'm proud George W. Bush is from Texas," no one would bat an eye. Hell, they'd even call him patriotic. Natalie Maines says the opposite, and she's "forcing her politics on people." That, my friends, is what those in the know call hypocrisy. If one comment is acceptable, the other must be as well. If we try to limit one without limiting the other, we are no better than Nazis in G.I. clothing, and we cheapen the sacrifices of those who have given everything to protect this country's freedom.

You can start hurling the broken shards of your CDs at me now if you wish. Consider this, though. You'll have to live with the fact that I won't be any less right on this issue and you will have wasted \$12 when you could have thrown rocks at me for free.

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Corporate America ruining our journalists, causing lack of integrity, unethical behavior

Those of you who read the paper on Friday already know about Jayson Blair. David Wiechmann has already covered the rudiments of the Blair case.

Basically, a troubled young intern took advantage of favoritism at the *New York Times* and racked up an impressive list of false quotes and deceptive datelines.

And if that wasn't bad enough, there has now been another defection at the *Times*. Pulitzer prize-winning columnist Rick Bragg has recently resigned from the paper, after being suspended for a questionable byline.

Here are the details, as reported by Howard Kurtz of the *Washington Post*:

Supposedly, Bragg hired an intern to do his reporting for him. Bragg arranged to pay the rent (\$350 per month) of a journalism student named J. Wes Yoder. In exchange, Yoder did the "legwork" for Bragg and conducted a number of interviews with Florida oystermen.

Bragg has made his reputation on stories like this, cashing in on his reputation as a working-class "man of the people," embellishing the lives of "common people" with his flowery, condescending prose.

Now, after years of rubbing shoulders with the unwashed masses, Bragg has decided to farm that task out to others, essentially writing stories about people that he never actually interviewed, spinning yarns about places he's never seen.

Interns like Yoder do the interviews, fetching quotes that Bragg can use to anchor his interminable prose. This is the worst kind of media elitism, and reporters from all over the industry admit that it has become standard practice.

This story reveals a whole host of journalistic sins: elitism, condescension and bad management. But I think this letter from Deb Wilker gets to the heart of the matter.

In a letter posted on Jim Romenesko's Web site, Wilker says, "The business model for the



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modern American daily has been broken for years and much of what we're seeing now is a direct result.

"The chronic paring of the last decade has left newsrooms bare," Webb says. "There's no one answering the phones, fewer people in the library, on the desk and in management. There's more and more administrative crap heaped on reporters every day — yet the expectation is still five or more bylines a week. They do tons of work on [their] own time; and yes many do work out private deals with eager j-students to open mail, file paper, come along on stories as an extra pair of hands and eyes — and to handle administrative tasks that otherwise don't get done."

Bottom line? We've got highly-skilled reporters bogged down with routine clerical work. This doesn't excuse what Bragg and his colleagues have done, but I think this letter points to a legitimate problem in the news industry, and in many other

industries as well.

I think corporate America has drastically overestimated the value of technology. Or, more precisely, corporate America is using technology as an excuse to lay people off. Technology is implemented, clerical staff is cut, and all kinds of administrative trivia are piled on front-line workers.

You end up with highly skilled people wasting hours on low-skill tasks. The situation spirals out of control, until you've got a Pulitzer prize-winning reporter hiring stringers to do skilled work, while he sits in the office filling out forms.

Skilled laborers waste their time on paperwork; accountants waste hours learning software packages, and professional interviewers get so busy that they start to skip their interviews.

Technology has created a kind of false economy in corporate America, where cost-cutting measures shift low-skill tasks onto high-skill people.

Companies can learn a lot from the *New York Times*. At all levels of our economy, management needs to take a step back and get their priorities straight.

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Bombing

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Justice Department officials are discussing whether to go to trial first in Alabama or Georgia. There are no state charges.

Growing up in the same area where he was caught, Rudolph and his mother attended a church espousing supremacy of the white race. Federal investigators have said he apparently has been in touch with the Aryan Nation, whose white supremacist adherents in some instances have been linked to violence.

In a criminal investigation with a few highs and many lows, investigators linked the early Atlanta bombings because of similarities of the steel plates in the makeup of two of the bombs.

The search for Rudolph began on Jan. 30, 1998, the day after the Birmingham bombing. A gray 1989 Nissan pickup truck registered in Rudolph's name was seen near the scene following the explosion by a witness who jotted down a license plate number.

Rudolph was tied to the bombings when authorities who searched a storage locker he had rented in Murphy, N.C., matched nails found there to nails in the two abortion clinic bombings, a federal agent told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A Tennessee gun dealer identified Rudolph as the man who bought 50 pounds of smokeless powder, and a senior law enforcement official connected that powder to the Olympic bomb.

The ensuing manhunt faded out in the immensity of hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness in North Carolina where Rudolph was thought to be lurking.

"It's hard to find someone if you don't do the traditional things that people do, you don't use the phone, you don't have a checking account, you don't have a credit card, you don't drive around, you don't have any friends," said James Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of the Nashville, Tenn., office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In the summer of 1998, Rudolph left five \$100 bills at the home of a neighbor in a mountain town, taking a six-month supply of food and the man's pickup truck.

One of the low points in the investigation came before investigators even knew Rudolph's name, when Attorney General Janet Reno apologized to Atlanta security guard Richard Jewell because law enforcement investigators had leaked his identity to the news media as a suspect in the Olympic bombing.

Jewell spent 88 days in the glare of publicity after he was named as a suspect. The Justice Department cleared him.

Rudolph has been described over the years as a survivalist, living off the land. But that may not be completely accurate.

The fact that he swiped a six-month food supply in 1998 from a neighbor's home parallels the manner in which he was caught. He apparently was foraging for food under circumstances suggesting he was about to commit a burglary.

"I don't think he was the outdoorsman everyone purported him to be" because "in the end, he's scavenging in a Dumpster," Cavanaugh said. "He was successful enough to elude us ... but what matters is the last battle."

AP writers Harry R. Weber in Atlanta and Colin Fly in Nashville, Tenn., contributed to this report.

Security

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Guard Academy graduation ceremony in New London, only 50 miles east of where the bomb exploded.

New Haven mayor, John DeStefano Jr., told the Associated Press there was no evidence the explosion was an act of terrorism.

The police told the AP at a press conference that no threats were made before the explosion, and no one claimed responsibility.

"Investigators began gathering evidence at the Yale Law School the day after the bombing to determine more about the bomb," Police Lt. Col. Edward Lynch told the AP. "The FBI has begun questioning those affiliated with the law school, includ-

ing all students, faculty and staff who were in the building at the time of the explosion."

Lynch said investigators have not yet received any new information from those questioned.

In light of this incident at Yale, security here at Tech has been stepped up a level recently.

"We have heightened our level of security on campus since 9/11," said Patrol Lieutenant Debbie Parke. "(Since the bombing) we have tried to be more cognitive around campus, and we have enhanced our overall efforts of security."

Levi Spriggs, a third year law student, said cameras were recently installed in the front entrance to the law school building.

Although some students may be wary of the same thing happening here at Tech, Spriggs said he is confident it will not.

"I am certain we don't have anyone of the mind set here that would go to such drastic extremes to be heard," said Spriggs.

Deans at the Tech Law School were out of town and unavailable for comment on the bombing at Yale or Tech's security.

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Architecture students and faculty digitally 'preserve' ranch near Palo Duro Canyon

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

More than 100 years ago, ranches dotted the American frontier, wild buffalo roamed the plains and cowboys wrangled cattle. With the arrival of technology and big business, these relics of U.S. history have almost all disappeared.

The Texas Tech Architecture Research Center is working to preserve historical sites across the U.S. so if something should happen to them, they will not be lost forever.

Architecture faculty and students and members of the Lubbock community gathered Thursday for a reception and exhibit to celebrate the completion of the documentation of the JA Ranch near Palo Duro Canyon.

A team of 15 students and two faculty advisers recorded every inch of the JA ranch into architectural drawings and photographs. The project began August 1999, said Jessica Garcia, research assistant for the Architecture Research Center.

Instead of documenting the ranch by hand, the team used a la-

ser tool called the Cyrax scanner. This was the first major project using the scanner, Garcia said. The laser scanner creates exact 3-D models of buildings and structures, and Tech is one of only a few major universities with this type of technology, she said.

"We used to have to hand measure, hand photograph and hand draw everything," Garcia said. "This is important because it is more accurate. It can create the actual building."

After using the laser scanner to create models of the buildings, the students made drawings of the structures with Autocad, a computer software program used by architects.

The Architecture Research Center has documented other structures including the Statue of Liberty in 2000. Students are currently working on several different projects in Texas and New Mexico, including Choco Canyon near Farmington, N.M., Garcia said.

Dean of the College of Architecture Andrew Vernooy said complet-

ing the JA Ranch will bring the college of Architecture and Tech national recognition.

"The JA Ranch was about thinking big," he said. "This project is a turning point for our college. It is a significant part of our historical preservation program."

Copies of the reports will be added to the Library of Congress archives because there is a void of historical preservation documents for ranching buildings in the Library said John White, leader of the JA Ranch project. The Southwest Collection and the Panhandle Plains Museum also will receive copies of the reports.

Preservation of historical structures is important for many reasons, Garcia said.

"We would be able to do a replica if something happened to (the structures)," she said. "We can see what West Texas was like in 1800. We are recording the history of the U.S."

Ninia Ritchie, owner of the JA Ranch, was pleased with how the project went and said it was a lot of hard work.

"It was windy, cold, dusty, tiring and arduous. It was definitely a labor of love," she said. "We all became such good friends. I envy the other places that get to work with (this) team."

Tech professors receive grants from Welsh Foundation for scientific study

Five Texas Tech professors have been awarded grants totaling \$750,000 from The Welsh Foundation. When divided up each professor will receive \$150,000.

Paul W. Pare, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry said numerous professors from all over Texas apply, and the foundation picks the experiments it believes are fundamental and intrinsic.

Stefan K. Estreicher Ph.D., a Paul W. Horn Professor in the department of Physics, will head "Dynamics of Defects in Semiconductors."

Associate Dean in the graduate school and professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Allan D. Headley, Ph.D. will be in charge of "Chiral Ionic Liquids, A New Class of Solvents for Asymmetric Reactions."

Guigen Li, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, will conduct the experiment

"New Electrophilic Amination Reactions and Their Asymmetric Versions."

"Studies on Stereochemical Mechanisms in Sterol Synthesis," will be the project W. David Nes, Ph.D. carries out with the grant money he receives. Nes is an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

In a project to find out how flavanoid compounds act as radical scavenging agents, Pare will carry out the experiment "Flavanoid Substituents that Direct Free-Radical Scavenging."

After receiving a grant each professor must submit an annual report each year for as long as the grant lasts to the foundation which includes a summary of the research and what the professor has had published on it.

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May movies steal show, bank at box office

FILM REVIEW



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It has already been a very busy summer at the movies. Each weekend has opened one huge movie after another. It's been like a bank robbery every weekend-get in, get your money, and get out fast. Records are being broken right and left, and that was just in May. Yet it seems like longer doesn't it? I mean, does anyone except my fiancée even remember "X2?"

So in case you've missed any of the big summer movies thus far, here is a recap of some of the major releases.

"The Matrix Reloaded"

I was originally worried that this two part sequel to 1999's "The Matrix" was going to be all fluff and no substance. The original film is still one of the more brilliant sci-fi films I have seen, so a sequel would

have a lot to live up to. But oh, me of little faith. The Wachowski brothers, who wrote and directed the films, did the right thing and kept their fingers deep in the philosophical and theological pies for this film while incorporating more groundbreaking visual effects. Make no mistake: the visual effects work you see in this film will be what is mimicked by other action films for several years to come. The characters of Neo (Keanu Reeves), Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and Trinity (Carry Anne Moss) continue to develop, as does the idea of alternate realities. It is difficult, however, to aptly judge a film that is, for all practical purposes, incomplete. There are questions that are still left to be answered. Patrons will, however, want to be sure to stay in their seats all the way through the end credits for a surprise.

RATING: ****

"Down With Love"

This delightful truffle of a movie harkens back to the days of Rock Hudson and Doris Day romantic comedies of the 60's. Rather than copying the formula, however, it serves as more of a tip of the hat to those films. Everything from the clothes to the sets, and even the

plot and dialogue perfectly match the era. Renee Zellweger is Barbara Novak a feminist writer who states women should focus on their careers and enjoy sex the way that men do - recreationally. Ewan McGregor is a ladies man playboy who is determined to write a story in the magazine he writes for exposing Novak as the fraud he thinks she is. His plan backfires, of course. David Hyde-Pierce steals scenes as McGregor's Tony Randall-like best friend. Pierce fits the role perfectly. This is one of the better romantic comedies to be released recently.

RATING: ***

"Daddy Day Care"

Eddie Murphy, bless his heart, is going down swinging. This latest Murphy blunder has him starting a day care service for kids with his friend from work. Steve Zahn is brought on to help and proves to be the movie's only dimly bright spot. The gags are dumb and the film overall is obnoxious. The movie is so irritatingly full of kids running around and causing mayhem, that if there is a screaming kid in your theater, you probably won't notice.

RATING: *

"Bruce Almighty"

The ones that are screaming

"Blasphemy" at the top of their lungs about "Bruce Almighty" are the people that have not seen it. Not only is the film not sacrilegious, it's not even that irreverent. And it's pretty damn funny to boot. Jim Carrey returns to comedy as a news field reporter desperate to make anchor. But things aren't going his way, so he blames God for all of his troubles. God, played with calm coolness by the great Morgan Freeman, doesn't like being blamed for everything and decides to give Bruce the divine powers for a week to see how he handles it. As is human nature, Bruce uses the powers selfishly. It's a fun comedy, and even the gags that don't work keep audiences smiling, regardless. The film is directed by Tom Shadyac, who also directed Carrey in "Liar Liar." Shadyac does the same thing here as he did in "Liar" - go for laughs throughout, then try to break out the hankies in the end. As is the case with most of his comedies, we never really forget we are watching Jim Carrey instead of a character, and he does go over the top at times. He is well-paired in this movie, however, with Jennifer Aniston.

RATING: *** 1/2

"The Italian Job"

This is pure summer movie popcorn fare, but it's harmless fun watching this heist movie. A group of thieves pull off a huge score containing millions in gold bars when the movie opens, but are betrayed by one of their own (Edward Norton), who kills their leader (Donald Sutherland). So what is left of the crew, including Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, Seth Green, and Jason Statham, decide to take revenge by getting the gold back. True, some of the action scenes are a little far fetched, and things work together just a little too perfectly, but this is certainly not a film to take seriously. It's fun in an "Ocean's 11" sort of way.

RATING: ***

Eppler's Ratings

★★★★★ - Flawless

★★★★ - Excellent

★★★ - Good

★★ - Mediocre

★ - Awful

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Former sex symbol reveals sexuality

HONOLULU (AP)—More than four decades after he captured women's hearts on television's "Dr. Kildare," Richard Chamberlain has decided to reveal his identity as a gay man "because I'm not afraid anymore."

"I'm not a romantic leading man anymore so I don't need to nurture that public image anymore," the 68-year-old Chamberlain said in an interview on "Dateline NBC."

"I can talk about it now because I'm not afraid anymore." The "Dateline" interview coincides with the publication of Chamberlain's new memoir, "Shattered Love," which will be released Tuesday by ReganBooks.

Chamberlain starred as television's Dr. James Kildare from 1961-1966.

"When I grew up, being gay, being a sissy or anything like that, was verboten," he said.