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Police seek two suspects linked to murder

CRIME WATCH: Witnesses say the two men left in Ford Escort

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Police are looking for two suspects wanted in connection with the shooting death of Lubbock resident Frank Ramirez Sr. early Sunday morning.

Police responded to a call in reference to shots being fired at 1 a.m. Sunday at the home of Ramirez, 50, in the 1300 block of Itasca Street, according to the report.

Two witnesses observed a white Ford Escort parked east of Ramirez's residence near the intersection of Itasca and N. Avenue Q. The witnesses were on the way to the Town and Country convenience store. A suspect was in the driver's seat of the vehicle, according to the police report.

As the witnesses returned to their nearby house, they saw two other suspects walking westbound in the 1300 block of Itasca toward Ramirez's house. The vehicle was parked outside.

The two men walked toward the front door of the house. As the witness was exiting his car, he heard five to six gunshots coming from the vicinity of Ramirez's house.

Several additional gunshots were then heard, according to the police report.

The driver of the Ford drove away from the house, leav-



ing the other two suspects at the house. The witness saw the two men cross the empty lot across the street from the scene of the crime. They entered the vehicle and drove out of the area.

One of the suspects had a dark-colored stain on the back of his shirt, a witness said, according to the police report.

The witness then said he ran to the house of the victim where he saw Ramirez laying on the porch. Ramirez had been shot in the chest.

Ramirez was transferred to University Medical Center by ambulance where he later died, according to the report. An autopsy is yet to be performed.

Antonio Coronado also was taken to UMC for gunshot wounds inflicted during the incident. He is in serious condition, said Sgt. Tony Gribben of the Lubbock Police Department.

Gribben, who works with the Crimes Against Persons

unit, said the police department is considering Coronado an involved party, but they are not naming him as a suspect.

The car, a 1989 white two-door Ford Escort, was abandoned near the scene of the crime. The car had a Dallas Cowboys front license plate. Detectives are in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle.

The murder weapon has not been recovered. Gribben said he is speculating the gun was a small-caliber weapon. He said there was a possible exchange of gunfire so there may be more than one weapon to be located.

An in-depth investigation is under way to determine details surrounding the murder, Gribben said.

Lt. Victor Quintana of LPD Internal Affairs said until

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Smith, Tech officials lobby for funds in nation's capital

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech University system had a strong presence in Washington, D.C., last week when Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith and Senior Vice Chancellors Ben Lock and Richard Butler went to the capital.

The purpose of their trip was to finish lobbying Congress for federal appropriations before the fiscal year 2003 ends on Sept. 30.

"Congress tries to come up with appropriation bills as close to Oct. 1 (the date the new fiscal year starts) as possible," Lock said. "We're reaching a point where final action should be coming soon for Tech's funding requests for research projects, among other things."

The three met with many national higher education organizations such as the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, which predominantly focus on research universities.

"Chancellor Smith was there to not only help finalize the federal funding for our projects, but to also thank the members of Congress who have helped with our requests," Lock said.

Smith was out of town in meetings and was unavailable for comment.

Alberto Cardenas Jr., director of federal relations for the Tech's University system, said there are 15 projects Tech is trying to get federal funding for. He

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Courtesy Photo

TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Dr. David Smith speaks with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison last week in Washington, D.C.

USA Today article says alcohol ads increase college drinking

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students and local bars do not think there is a direct correlation between advertising drink specials in a university newspaper and the increase of alcohol consumption by college students.

The Sept. 15 issue of *USA Today* had an article entitled "Cheap booze boosts campus alcohol abuse" with a picture of a Bleacher's advertisement from *The University Daily*.

The article reported there is a correlation between the number of students who drink and drink specials advertised in college campuses.

BJ Barton, a senior electrical engineering, computer science, pre-medicine major from Borger, said having drink specials will not increase students' alcohol consumption.

"They are going to drink no matter what," he said. "Drink specials are just going to make it more affordable for a college student."

Barton said advertising for drink specials does not encourage him to drink any more than usual. Advertising only makes it more affordable for him to buy the drink, and he does not have to spend the money on other things.

"It is their right to be able to advertise anywhere they want," he said. "There is no law that says they can't advertise in the school newspaper."

An advertisement of Bleacher's Sports Cafe's Wednesday \$1 schooners and Thursday \$1 wells specials was taken from *The UD*. It was shown as an example for drink specials directed toward a college audience.

Dawn Zuerker, advertising manager for *The UD*, declined to comment at this time because she is still trying to reach a *USA Today* representative to find out more information about the advertisement they placed in their article.

Bleacher's Sports Cafe owner Kurt McMillan said he does not think drink specials determine how much customer is going to drink, it just determines the brand people drink.

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RAIDER SKATER



CALEB WILLIAMS/Staff Photographer

RAIDER RED GETS pulled by a Jeep while holding onto a rope and riding a skateboard Monday morning on Memorial Circle. Tech's mascot was getting filmed for a National Mascot Video.

Center focuses on ways to help student stress

PRESSURE POINTS: Tech Counseling Center helps numerous students daily about stress issues.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Breaking up is not only hard to do, but it can also affect your health. Stress from a bad breakup, transitioning from high school to college and generally adjusting to new situations from day to day can lead to both good and bad forms of stress.

Dr. Stacy Moore, counseling psychologist at Texas Tech's Student Counseling Center, said there are two different types of stress. The type of stress that motivates people is called eustress. Debilitating stress is called distress.

Lynne Franke, nurse manager for Student Health Services, said stress can be healthy, but being overwhelmed is not.

"We need stress to motivate us," she said. "But too much stress can lead to feelings of helplessness and hopelessness."

Franke said students with chronic illnesses, including stomach ulcers and high blood pressure, are at risk to hurt themselves further if they are overly stressed. Stress can cause people to be more clumsy than usual, injuring themselves by falling or getting into frequent car accidents.

"People who are stressed tend to be prone to accidents," she said. "Because they have their minds on something else, they're not paying much attention to what's going on around them."

Dr. Valerie Robinson, psychologist and assistant professor in the department of neuropsychiatry at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said the old saying that excessive worrying can wear a hole in one's stomach may not be true, but stress can cause stomachaches or diarrhea.

"Stress affects the GI tract, releasing an outpouring of hormones," she said. "If someone already has an ulcer, it can irritate it, but it is not necessarily the cause of the ulcer itself."

Franke suggested managing stress by doing some kind of physical activity. Yoga teaches breathing exercises that are beneficial for stress reduction. Writing in a journal or finding a hobby can also help students unwind.

However, many college students find relief from the stress of day-to-day life in alcohol, cigarettes or other distractions. Franke said such behavior could be detrimental later in life, possibly leading to alcoholism and an overall incapacity to deal with stress in a healthy way.

"Students often turn to coffee or caffeine pills, or they turn to cigarettes," she said. "Find a healthy way to cope. Don't turn to drugs or alcohol; they can actually make things worse."

Franke also recommended working to develop better time management skills to deal with balancing course loads and social interaction.

"It is very important to have balance in life," she said. "A balance between work, social, family, and health. It all kind of needs to go together."

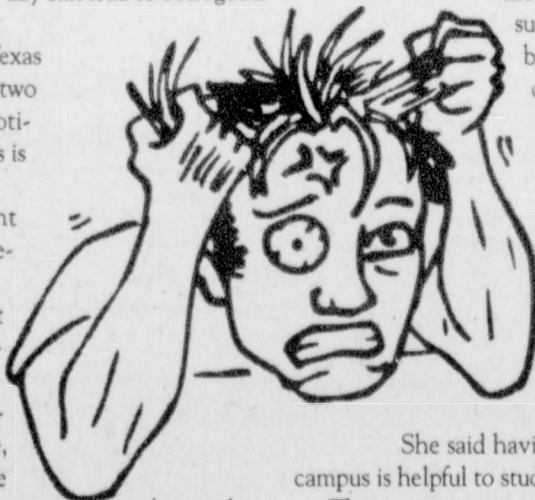
She said having a facility like the Student Counseling Center on campus is helpful to students.

The center sees nearly 30 to 50 students daily, and about half of these sessions are for stress-related issues. The center also does a lot of outreach programs that usually deal with stress management.

Moore said the center sees a mix of classifications, not just freshmen.

"Freshmen are most likely to come in with adjustment issues," she said. "Course load, roommate problems, things like that, but not all of the students we see are freshmen."

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The Rundown



Newborn fatality ends with probation

ABILENE (AP) — A woman whose newborn was found dead in a trash bin more than a year ago has been sentenced to 10 years probation.

Hope Perez, 21, was arrested and charged with felony injury to a child in April 2002 after felony found her baby boy wrapped in a towel and two plastic garbage bags in a trash bin near her apartment.

Prosecutors contended Perez disposed of the infant boy while he was still alive. Perez said the baby was already dead when she placed him in the trash bin. She pleaded guilty to felony injury to a child July 18.

State District Judge John Weeks handed down the sentence Friday after hearing arguments at a punishment hearing for the Dyess Air Force Base airman at the Taylor County Courthouse.

Under conditions of her probation, Perez must complete community service and undergo psychological therapy and psychiatric counseling sessions. If she fails to meet the terms of her probation, she will serve five years in prison.

After the sentence was read, a teary-eyed Perez said outside the courthouse she believes she deserved a second chance to be a productive member of society, according to the Abilene Reporter-News.

"I think Hope Perez, in addition to showing remorse, has faithfully participated in rehabilitation programs," defense attorney John Young said. "I also believe that Hope can be redeemed, and Hope now has the opportunity to redeem herself."

During the hearing, prosecutor Jim Hicks argued that Perez was not a candidate for probation because she did not attempt to obtain any medical attention after the baby was born.

Bush inspects Isabel's damage in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Surrounded by photographs of Hurricane Isabel slamming into the Atlantic coast, President Bush offered federal help to states that took the worst hits from the storm.

"If you need help, let us know," President Bush said during a video conference briefing Monday by federal officials in Washington and governors on the phone from several states. "If you need equipment, let us know."

The briefing at the Virginia State Police Academy was conducted by Mike Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Tom Ridge, director of the Department of Homeland Security.

Isabel ravaged nine states and the District of Columbia on Thursday, leaving more than a million people without power and at least 35 dead.

Ridge said his agency, which has been charged with protecting the nation against terrorism, has worked with state officials to coordinate the relief effort to "restore the hope and vitality to communities affected."

Ridge told Bush: "Mother Nature threw some terror at you."

Bush said he would honor Gov. Mark Warner's request to expand the state's emergency declarations to 43 additional jurisdictions in Virginia.

Bush said he would also consider such requests from other states.

FEMA officials in Washington showed the president in a conferencing video and presented a brief slide presentation of pictures showing Isabel five days before rainfall and how it tracked across the Southeast.

Bush thanked the FEMA employees for working around the clock to guide emergency relief efforts.

Hurricane Marty hits Baja California

Hurricane Marty hits popular resort area on Mexico's Baja California peninsula; one killed in storm

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Marty battered Mexico's southern Baja California peninsula's southern with winds near 85 mph, knocking out power, flooding streets and flattening trees as it chugged northward toward the Gulf of California. One death was reported.

The category 2 hurricane was expected to weaken slightly as it traveled over land. Forecasters said it could regain strength, however, when it reached the Gulf of California later in the day. Airports remained closed in the region.

Epigmeo Lopez, 52, a resident of Cabo San Lucas, was killed early Monday when Marty's high winds ripped the roof off his humble cardboard and wood shack, state police officer Francisco Solis said.

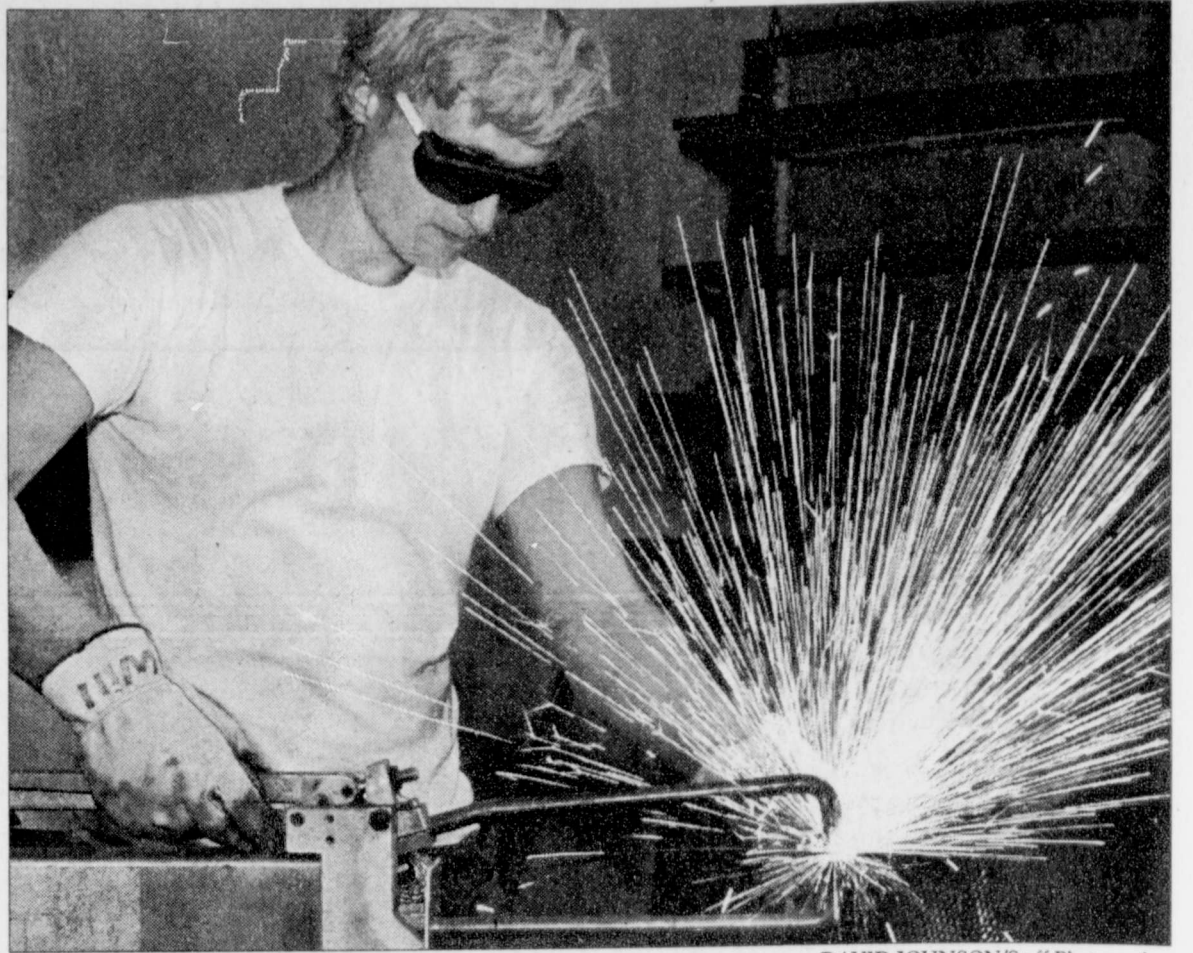
Lopez was living in a makeshift home and sleeping in a hammock when the storm hit. It blew off his roof, carrying him and the hammock with it.

A number of minor injuries were reported and hundreds of people were evacuated to shelters in Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, both cities in Los Cabos, a resort region known for its golf courses, deep-sea fishing and dramatic seaside desert landscapes.

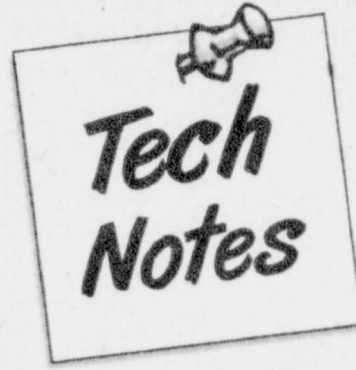
Some sections of both cities were without water and electricity, forcing hotels to rely on candles and generators. Most hotels and businesses seemed to have escaped major damage, however.

"This one wasn't that big of a deal," Dennis Wolf, manager of the Hacienda Beach Resort in Cabo San Lucas, said in a telephone interview.

FLYING SPARKS



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WILL Cannings demonstrates how to use a spot welder to his advanced sculpture class in the metal sculpture building Monday afternoon.



Texas Tech's Study Abroad Fair will be held in the foyer of the Library on Monday.

Banned Books Week will be celebrated in the Texas Tech Libraries throughout the week. The "Can the Ban on Books" display will be in the Library for everyone to see.

Information about Study Abroad options and financial aid will be available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.iaff.ttu.edu or call (806) 742-3677.

Student organizations that still need to register can go to the Student Involvement Area Mon. at 4 p.m.

The Student Organizations Registration Workshop, hosted by the Center for Campus Life, will allow organizations to register, ask questions and talk to staff. More information can be found at campuslife.ttu.edu.

The Center for Campus Life Presents: Hip Hop and the Digital Divide with Chuck D at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Petroleum Engineering building, Room 177. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Texas Tech's Habitat for Humanity will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today. Homecoming, Ha-boo-tat and other topics will be discussed. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. today in Holden Hall, Room 77. Food and door prizes will be available. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, go to www.orgs.ttu.edu/NSCS.

Amateur Radio Society at Tech will have a meeting at 6:30 Wednesday in the Petroleum Engineering building, Room 177. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Doctors, lawyers argue over Proposition 12

By Jeff Lotspeich/Staff Reporter

The Texas Legislature passed a bill in May that put a cap of \$750,000 in awards set forth by juries in medical malpractice suits. Voters then voted to make it an amendment to the Texas Constitution.

The purpose of Proposition 12 is to limit the amount of non-economic awards in malpractice suits in hopes that malpractice insurance will become cheaper and less of a burden for physicians. Once the premiums are lowered, it is speculated that general medical fees will decrease and make health care more available to Texas residents.

Texas is facing a shortage of medical professionals because of the high rates of malpractice insurance in the state.

Steve Levine, a spokesman for the Texas Medical Association, said Texas has a smaller number of physicians per capita than the national average.

Levine said he hopes Proposition 12's desired effects will make Texas more attractive to physicians and graduating medical students.

"The bottom line is to ensure services to Texas residents," Levine said.

Jeremy Granger, a medical student at Texas Tech School of Medicine, said he had not thought about prac-

ticing in Texas because of the high number of malpractice suits and the large settlements. But now with Proposition 12 in action, he is considering practicing in the state.

"I'm even considering obstetrics or neurosurgery, which are normally high risk fields with high insurance rates," Granger said.

Texas Medical Liability Trust is the state's largest medical liability insurance provider and one of four liability insurance companies left in the state. It has already announced a rate reduction of 12 percent in its premiums. The reduction will go into effect January 2004.

"Proposition 12 is a line in the

sand against health care lawsuit abuse in Texas; if it fails, so will our state's health care system," said W. Thomas Cotten, TMLT president.

Cotten said if the bill did not pass, lawyers would have challenged the states new non-economic damage caps in a process that could last up to five years.

"That would prevent the state's new non-economic damage limits from lowering liability rates and would force more doctors out of their practices and more emergency rooms to close their doors," Cotten said.

Lawyers are the cause of the state's patient crisis, Cotten said. He blames lawyers' lawsuit lottery men-

talities in Texas whereby aggressive lawyers file as many suits as possible against doctors in the hope of getting rich off non-economic awards."

Cotton said the dismissed 87 percent of claims against TMLT doctors is proof that lawyers are abusing the system.

Many lawyers have taken offense to Proposition 12 and its implications against the American court system.

"It's a direct assault on the jury system as we know it," said George Nelson of the George Nelson Law Firm. "It not only allows legislature to set a limit on non-economic damages on malpractice cases, it also says

legislature has the power to set limits on all law suits."

Nelson said the bill is a forfeiture of citizens' right to a jury of their peers.

"Overall, the major effect is you've taken the determination of damages out of the hands of jurors and into the hands of legislators," said Nelson. "In order to save on your premiums, you gave up your rights."

When the proposition goes into effect, Nelson expects the legislative sessions to become flooded with lobbyists arguing for lower settlement caps.

"It will cut down on settlements and ultimately do away with the jury system," he said.

University of Missouri horn player performing at Tech

By Brent Young/Staff Reporter

Marcia Spence, associate professor of horn at the University of Missouri, will be in Lubbock today to perform a horn recital that is open to everyone, said Chris Smith, assistant professor of music at Texas Tech.

The recital will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall in the music building. Spence and others will be premiering a new piece written for horn and piano by Simon Sargon. The recital will feature Spence on the horn and Sargon on the piano. Smith also will be offering a guest performance. In addition to the premiere of Sargon's piece, the two will be playing works by other world-renowned composers.

"We are very excited to have someone of her stature visiting Tech," said David Bohls, a senior music performance major and horn player from Carrollton. "It is unfortunate that she has to leave so quickly, but we certainly understand she has a busy schedule."

Bohls said it is refreshing to see

someone who has played all over the world and with the orchestras that she is still doing recitals for Texas public institutions.

"The fact that she is playing for college students and faculty is a reflection of her dedication to teaching," he said. "She could be doing so many other things."

Smith said Spence is touring Texas universities and will arrive from the University of North Texas, where she previously earned her doctor of musical arts degree. As soon as she is through with her recital she will be leaving to continue her tour.

According to information obtained from the University of Missouri, Spence is a world-traveled musician who has toured throughout the United States, Europe and South America as a performer and conductor, as well as a musical scholar.

She splits time as a teacher, soloist, recitalist, clinician, adjudicator, music editor and free-lance performer.

As a professor at Missouri her duties include teaching applied horn

and high brass techniques, conducting the Missouri Horn Choir, coaching student ensembles and performing in faculty ensembles.

She has performed professionally with the Colorado Mahlerfest Orchestra, the Waco Symphony, the Oklahoma City Symphony, the Kansas City Symphony, the Denton Bach Society Orchestra, the Wichita Falls Symphony, the Dallas Wind Symphony, the Breckenridge Chamber Orchestra, the Missouri Chamber Orchestra, Missouri Brass Consortium and the St. Louis Cathedral Brass Choir.

She also placed second in an International Solo Competition for brass instruments in 1997 and she has recently been appointed editor of the International Horn Manuscript press.

Beyond her doctorate of musical arts from UNT and her musical dealings, her scholarly pursuits also include a master of music degree from the University of Colorado, and a master's of business administration degree from American University.

Crime

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detectives talk to all people involved with the crime and determine a motive, there is no way of knowing what specific charges will be brought against the suspects once they are apprehended.

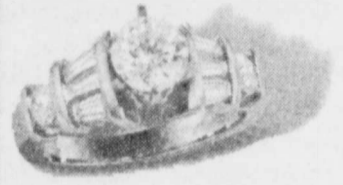
Several witnesses saw the two suspects flee the scene of the crime, Gribben said.

One of the suspects is a 19- to 21-year-old Hispanic male. He is between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 4 inches with a thin build.

The second is a 20- to 30-year-old Hispanic male. He is 5 feet to 5 feet 2 inches with a heavy build. He is dark-complected with a goatee and mustache.

Anyone with information about this crime can call Crimeline at (806) 741-1000.

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