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Butter's confession to FBI allowed in trial

COURT DATE: Former TTU Health Sciences professor will go on trial No. 3

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings ruled Thursday that Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center former professor Dr. Thomas Butler's statement to the FBI saying he lied about the disappearance of plague vials from his laboratory will be permitted in his trial, which beginning Nov. 3.

Butler faces 69 counts dating back to 1998, ranging from lying to authorities and smuggling goods into the United States to embezzlement and fraud.



Butler

psychological coercion. cial agents interviewed Butler for two hours in the middle at time of trial."

Butler into telling them he had

lied about the 30 missing vials.

cal force to coerce a confession

from the defendant," the court

order stated. "Even though the

"The FBI did not use physi-

Cummings addressed the ac- of the night before he signed the written statement in quescusations that the FBI coerced tion.

> The FBI never denied Butler access to bathroom facilities, food, drink, or rest, and Butler never informed the agents he was tired, which has been alleged, according to

"The statement in question was freely and voluntarily given by the defendant Butler after he had been given the FBI did confront Butler with the Miranda warnings on two occasions and after he waived evidence against him, such con- his constitutional rights," the court ruling stated. "There frontation does not amount to was no overreaching, coercion, or deception on the part of the FBI. The written statement of the defendant Butler According to court documents, three FBI spegiven to the FBI on Jan. 15, 2003, shall thus be admissible

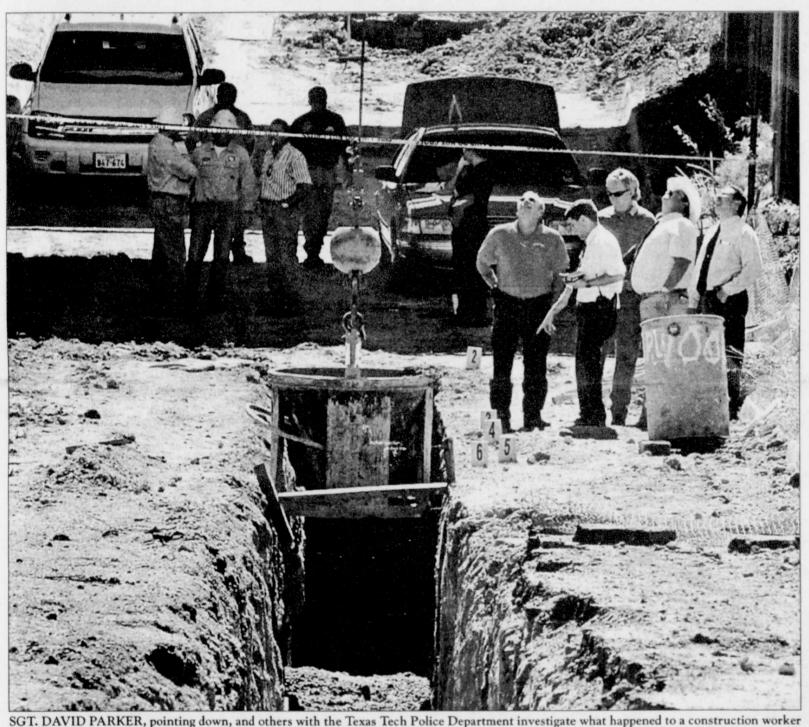
Cummings placed a gag order on the case, and while it is pending, no one is allowed to speak about the case, including U.S. Attorney Dick Baker, Butler's defense team

Butler was arrested in January after he reported 30 vials of live plague bacteria missing from his laboratory. According to FBI affidavits, Butler lied to authorities, saying the vials were missing when he had destroyed them.

According to documents, in Butler's interview with FBI agents he told them the missing plague bacteria could be weaponized, which could be done by a knowledgeable person with the right equipment in as little as seven days.

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LUBBOCK MAN ELECTROCUTED



who was electrocuted while working on the utility trench at the underpass on Indiana Avenue and Brownfield Highway on Friday morning.

Employee of AMCO Electric Co. was pronounced dead at UMC on Friday

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter and photo by Heather Dougherty/Staff Photographer

An employee of AMCO Electric Co. died Friday as a result of an electrical

accident. The accident occurred northeast of the Indiana Avenue and Brownfield Highway intersection.

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The victim was about 40 years old, said Royce Ethridge, district chief of the Lubbock Fire Department. The name of the victim could not be released,

The victim was guiding a cement bucket connected to a crane along a ditch in an effort to cover a pipeline. The whip line attached to the bucket made contact with a power line overhead. The crane operator said he saw the victim being electrocuted, so he moved the crane away from the live power

After the whip line was removed from the primary power wire, the victim fell nine feet into the bottom of the ditch.

The Lubbock Fire Department arrived on the scene and lifted the man out

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with ropes. Lubbock EMS then began CPR.

The victim was pronounced dead at University Medical Center about noon. AMCO Electric Co. is a subcontractor of Deerwood Construction & Excavation. Deerwood has a contract with Texas Tech to relocate the utilities in the area surrounding the Indiana Avenue and Brownfield Highway intersection. This action is in preparation for the Marsha Sharp Freeway construction, Associate Director of News and Publications Sally Logue Post said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, a division of the Department of Labor that investigates accidents on the work scene, took over the investigation at the scene. Chief Investigator for OSHA Steven Gottlob said they have to talk to many more people before they can release a report of

Lubbock Power and Light owned the overhead power line that caused the

Gary Zheng, chief operator of LP&L, said the company was never notified

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Texas comptroller honored by Tech College Republicans

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Friday evening, Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Strayhorn was honored as an "Outstanding Conservative of 2003" by the Conservative Alliance of Texas and the College Republicans of Texas Tech at the inaugural Conservative Legacy Banquet.

Carl Isett, her long-time friend and Lubbock's representative to the Texas House, presented Strayhorn at the banquet. After being presented, Strayhorn discussed topics ranging from education to the future of Texas.

The comptroller said education for Texas children is one of the most important issues in the state.

"I'm the education watchdog for Texas," she said. "I want to put more money back into the classroom. There is nothing more important than education."

Strayhorn said she wants Texas to have the most educated work force in the nation. Creating an educated workforce is one of her 10 principles.

"We can develop an education workforce in the 21st century by presenting higher pay and skillful jobs. We need to outpace the rest of the U.S. with our education," she

Strayhorn said all Texans should

have jobs based on the yellow pages

"There shouldn't be a job that the government is doing that a company in the yellow pages can do," she said.

To develop an educated workforce, Strayhorn has created a proposal that would give every high school graduate the opportunity for higher educa-"Every high school graduate can

receive two years at a public commu-

nity college with the state picking up the tab on books and tuition. Many of these students won't have the chance to go to Texas Tech. If they can get some school, then they won't be on welfare later," Strayhorn said. She said she wants to give relief to

local property taxpayers because they are picking up much of the bill for education. However, she said there is a big mountain to climb to reach that

"That mountain is school finance reform and education reform," she

It is important for Texas to have a balanced budget. To do that, Strayhorn said she has to look years own the road.

"To make sure that Texas will have balanced budget, I have to look at the end of this fiscal year. Then I have

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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer TEXAS STATE COMPTROLLER Carole Keeton Strayhorn speaks to the College Republicans Friday night at the Merket Alumni Center about the political climate in Texas.

Lee Sonnenberg, manager of park-

ers, so there are more students with

pus at the same time," he said. "We

are always going to have parking

"All Tech students are not in cam-

stickers than parking spaces.

Tickets can be dismissed if T&P class is taken

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students will be able to get two parking tickets dismissed if they have more than six parking vio-

After the sixth ticket, students educational session about parking and traffic regulations, responsibility and other issues that might stop students from following parking policies.

Raymond Knox, director of parkway for students to learn about traffic and parking regulations so they do not get more tickets, plus it is a way to get

two tickets dismissed.

a class," Know said. "I would not give the class if I was trying to punish you."

Knox said traffic and parking has been trying to understand why stuwill be invited to attend a two-hour are not educated about the regula-

not understand the Tech Police tions. ing and traffic, said the class is a good Department's job is to make sure they

"If they are scared, they should call one of the shuttle busses (742-NITE) or call the police," Knox said. "They "This is not a punishment; this is will be safe if they call any of them."

He said students also get parking you \$50 worth in tickets at the end of citations because they are too lazy to ing and traffic, said there is not a cap walk from the lots to the residence on the number of commuter lot stickhalls or to class.

"There are students who are just dents get so many parking tickets, and too lazy," he said. "They think they the main reason is because students have a God's given right to park anywhere they want to."

In past years, Knox said, traffic and Many students are afraid of walk- parking has been flexible with stuing to their residence halls because dents, but they are starting to be they parked far away, he said. They do stricter in enforcing parking regula-

"It's like if I knew that students were drinking a bottle of tequila a day and killing themselves," he said. "I know alcohol has nothing to do with traffic tickets, but they both hurt you at the end."

He said the increase in enrollment affects parking. There are two main commuter lots, plus a new one located south of the International Cultural

spaces available for students."

"The buses run every 15 minutes; it is a great facility and there are plenty of parking spaces," Sonnenberg said.

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The Rundown



Episcopal gay bishop's Justice Dept. looks Massive nationwide

approval draws fire

ARLINGTON (AP) — Clergy to confirm its first openly gay bishop.

said the national church exceeded its Africa. authority and violated the church as a bishop and approving the blessing of same-sex unions.

"We are here to take a stand for NBC's "Meet the Press." the gospel of Jesus Christ in a time of great dissension and confusion in our church," said Fort Worth Bishop Jack Iker at the special meeting at St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Arlington.

from the convention after a half-hour sermon in which he said the diocese must deal with national actions that Sunday." "have precipitated a serious crisis in the Anglican communion and have eration in the inquiry. created a pastoral emergency in the United States and abroad."

118 lay delegates.

The Texas meeting came hours after Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh delegates overwhelmingly approved a stateand of no effect" in the 20,000-member

WASHINGTON (AP) - The and lay delegates of the Episcopal Dio- Justice Department is investigating across Italy before dawn Sunday, cese of Fort Worth voted Saturday to allegations that White House offi- plunging the nation into darkness, repudiate a decision by the cials revealed the identity of a CIA denomination's national convention agent whose husband had questioned President Bush's claim that the cause Delegates passed a resolution that Iraq had tried to buy uranium from

The matter has been referred to constitution by confirming the Rev. the department, which "will now V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire take appropriate action, whatever that is," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday on people.

She said she was unaware of any White House involvement in the

White House effort to reveal any of this, and it certainly would not be Iker received a standing ovation the way that the president would expect his White House to operate," Condoleezza Rice told "Fox News

A senior Bush administration official, who spoke on condition of The resolution, one of five under anonymity, confirmed that the Jusconsideration Saturday, passed on a tice Department has received a letvoice vote by the 66 clergy and the ter from CIA Director George Tenet to look into the matter.

The department and the FBI now are trying to determine whether there was a violation of the law and, ment declaring the General if so, then whether a full-blown Convention's actions "null and void, criminal investigation is warranted, the official said.

into leak of CIA name blackout hits Italy

ROME (AP) - Power went out police and news reports said. Authorities did not immediately know

There was no official tally of customers without power, but early reports indicated most of Italy's 58 million people could be affected. The Aug. 14 blackout in the eastern United States affected 50 million

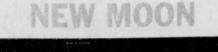
The first Italian power outages were reported around 4 a.m. local time in Rome, where the city was celebrating an all-night festival with "I know nothing of any such museums and restaurants open around the clock.

> Later, the national electricity company ACEA said power was out across the nation, the ANSA news agency said.

"As far as we know it's all across She pledged White House coop- Italy," police official Franca Sesti Miraglia said in Rome. "We don't know the cause vet."

ANSA said that hundreds of people attending the all-night 'White Night" festivities in Rome were stuck in subways due to the blackout. Police could not immediately confirm the report.

"We're not aware of anything really serious. There are some problems," Sesti Miraglia said, without giving details. "With the 'White Night,' there were many people out."





JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

THE FLIGHT TEAM of AEROCARE, bottom left, returns with a patient Saturday night from Portales, N.M., to Covenant Medical Center in the same airspace as the new moon, top left, and the contrails of a plane riding into the sunset.

New poll shows Schwarzenegger a favorite

its final full week, a poll released Sunday showed the Democrat gin and put Arnold Schwarzenegger way ahead of everyone else trying to become governor of California.

Schwarzenegger barnstormed

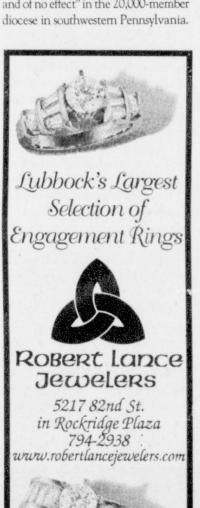
(AP) — With the campaign to jor candidates seeking to replace Davis worth a recommendation," wrote recall Gov. Gray Davis entering gathered for a public forum in Sacra-

could lose office by a wide mar- commercial accusing Schwarzenegger of ducking tough questions and refus-

Some of California's major newspapers made endorsements Sunday, most urging voters to reject the recall around California on Sunday, on Oct. 7 and recommending nobody talking to invited crowds in air- to replace Davis. "Davis is lucky: there Bustamante.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. port hangars, while all the other ma- are no replacement candidates the San Jose Mercury-News.

The endorsements came out as Davis unveiled a new television the poll taken after last week's pivotal candidates' debate indicated sharp differences with previous surveys, which showed a much narrower margin of Californians favoring the recall, and an even race between the Republican actor and Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz



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STDs pose problems for Tech, Lubbock

Nobody is

promoting

abstinence.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Student Health Services and Communication Studies at Texas Tech has started handing out surveys in classrooms throughout campus, questioning students about their health.

Juli Benson, health educator for Student Health Services, said since physicians at Thompson Hall's main job is to take care of students, there is not much attention paid to statistical information about sexually transmitted diseases and other wellness issues college students deal

"We are administering a health survey this year to keep track of this information," she said.

Dr. Miguel Villarreal, staff physician for Student Health Services, said Tech has more of a problem with STDs than other universities

"Lubbock, Texas, has a high prevalence of STDs," he said. "As a result, it makes sense that Tech will have more trouble than other universities."

Elena Rodriguez from the Lubbock Health Department said Lubbock County has a higher rate of chlamydia than the state's national average.

"That means we are higher than the state average than other places with a population of more than 100,000 people," she said.

Villarreal agreed.

"Lubbock used to be No. 1 in the nation for chlamydia," he said.

Rodriguez said in the last year, 421 females ages 20 to 24, and 106 males tested positive for chlamydia. In the same age bracket, 82 females and 74 males tested positive for gon-

"There could have been more," she said, "but we have no way to track those who get a prescription for antibiotics and then turn around and give it to their partner."

Villarreal contributes some of Tech's problem to the lack of sex education in Lubbock County.

Rodriguez agreed.

"We know that an abstinenceonly based curriculum does not work in the long run," she said. "Safer sex prevention does work in the long run."

Rodriguez said studies have shown young adults who receive comprehensive sex education tend to wait longer before having sex, have a lower number of partners and are more likely to use protec-

Jack Booe, assistant superinten-

Lubbock Independent School District, said the district stands by its abstinence-only policy.

"We teach about all venereal. diseases and the dangers of them,

but no contraceptive methods," he said. "West Texas will never condone premarital sex. We are not going to advocate how to avoid these things with contraception."

Many meetings were held last year with groups pushing to change district's policy. Booe said he does not think LISD will change.

"West Texas is conservative," he said. "Nobody is

promoting anything but abstinence. Abstinence is the only way to avoid an unpleasant or deadly situation."

Villarreal agreed abstinence works but is not always practiced.

"The only absolute protection is

dent for secondary education for the abstinence," he said. "But realistically, we're not going to keep the whole college abstinent."

Villarreal said limiting sex education only injures students in the

"Students coming from a school doesn't teach comprehensive sex education anything but are at a disadvantage," he said. "Knowledge is power."

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Abstinence is the Villarreal said students oconly way to avoid casionally have the misconcepan unpleasant or tion that birth control can prodeadly situation. tect them from STDs. Condoms help to prevent

- JACK BOOE Assistant Superintendent for Second Education for LISD

> "Condoms are important," he said. "They're not 100 percent, but unless a condom breaks, it's pretty good protec-

the spread of

STDs, but not

birth control.

Villarreal said he counsels many Tech students each day about STDs.

"I welcome that," he said. "We don't always do a check-up; many times they just want information."

Benson said students should be responsible in looking out for themselves and their partners, making sure to make informed decisions about sex.

"If students choose to be sexually active, they should talk to a health provider to make sure they get up-to-date, accurate information," she said. "A lot of them hear stuff from their friends - they need to get the right information."

Booe said young adults who find themselves in sexual situations should take a deep breath and time to think about what could happen as a result of their decisions.

Villarreal said the STDs he sees most often are viral infections, including genital warts, mollusum contagiosum and hepatitis B, and bacterial infections like gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis.

"Personally, I see less than one case a week," he said. "All the physicians put together probably see a

Villarreal said symptoms for gonorrhea and chlamydia are similar.

"In men, there is usually burning with urination and penile discharge," he said. "Most guys will get

symptoms. Women oftentimes don't."

Villarreal said occasionally women might have low abdominal pain or inflammation of the cervix, causing tenderness in the area. Syphilis presents itself differently. Symptoms of syphilis include a painless sore in the genital area.

"The sore will go away, and the disease will go into latency," he said. "It hides in the body for years in the bloodstream."

Villarreal said bacterial infections are treatable with antibiotics, but if left alone, they could become more serious, sometimes causing pelvic inflammatory disease or ste-

"If left untreated, chlamydia can sometimes leave scarring of the fallopian tubes, resulting in infertility. Gonorrhea can do it too," he said. "But for the most part, it's not going to affect a person's fertility."

Villarreal said viral infections are more difficult to treat than bacterial infections, and in some cases, like with genital warts, the viruses may not be completely curable, only suppressible.

For more information about STDs, contraceptive methods or other health issues, contact Student Health Services at (806) 743-2848.

Protesters demand end to Iraq occupation

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of protesters demanding an end to the occupation of Iraq took to the streets Saturday in London, Athens, Paris and other cities around the world, chanting slogans against the United States and Britain.

The protests, the first major demonstrations since Saddam Hussein was ousted earlier this year, come as the United States tries to gain international help in rebuilding Iraq. The demonstrations were organized in each country by local activist groups that have informal contacts with each other.

London's was the biggest protest, drawing 20,000 people. Demonstrators turned out in a dozen other countries, including South Korea and Egypt.

'No more war. No more lies" proclaimed a banner pinned to the pedestal of Nelson's Column in London's "American Imperialism: Take your rally.

Trafalgar Square, where demonstrators rallied after a march through the city. People of all ages, from gray-haired couples to toddlers in strollers, joined the orderly stream of protesters marching from Hyde Park.

Some young marchers chanted, "George Bush, Uncle Sam, Iraq will be your Vietnam!"

"I don't believe the war with Iraq was right and the proof is we haven't found any weapons of mass destruction," London protester Emma Loebid, 20, said. "I think they should hand Iraq back to the Iraqis and get the troops

Demonstrators, including those in London, also added the Palestinian cause to their campaign.

Some 3,000 people marched in Paris, where a wide banner read,

bloody hands off the Middle East." Others held posters that read "Wanted: George W. Bush -- War Criminal."

In Beirut, thousands of Lebanese and Palestinian protesters demanded that U.S. forces leave Iraq and that Israel to stop its attacks in the Palestinian territories.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, addressed the crowd by phone from his headquarters in the West Bank city of

"Together with you until victory and together until (we liberate) Jerusalem," Arafat said, his voice blaring over loudspeakers.

Outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens, demonstrators hurled bottles and yogurt at riot police. About 3,000 protesters, chanting "Occupiers Out" and "Freedom for Palestine," joined the

News Briefs

Suicide victim found in park

Two city of Lubbock Parks and Recreation employees found the body of a 26-year-old carnival employee hanging from a tree in Mackenzie Park Thursday, in what police investigators say was a sui-

Lubbock EMS pronounced Ralph Lavelle dead at the scene at 7:55 a.m. The location of the scene was south of Parkway Drive on the west side of the lake. It was west of the Outdoor Learning Center on Park Road 18.

According to the police report, a bed sheet was tied around the tree limb and looped around Lavelle's neck. Police found items of clothing and a garbage can that had been turned upside-down west of the tree.

There were no signs of foul play, according to the report.

The carnival hired Lavelle in Omaha, Neb., but did not say how long he had been an employee. According to the report, the last time Lavelle was seen was Tuesday when he was paid.

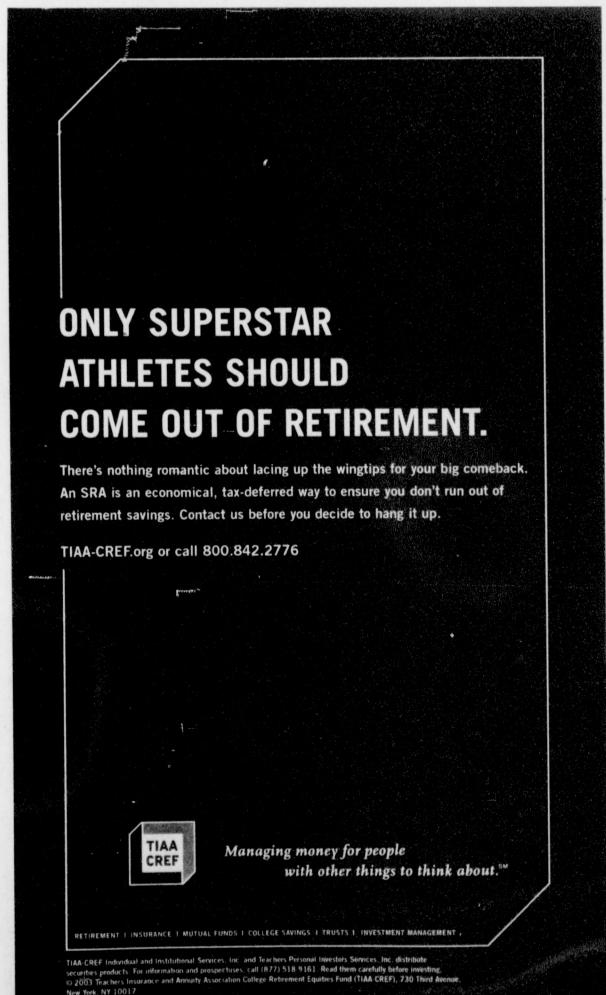
Sgt. Tony Gribben of the Lubbock Police Department said Lavelle might have been wanted for a homicide in

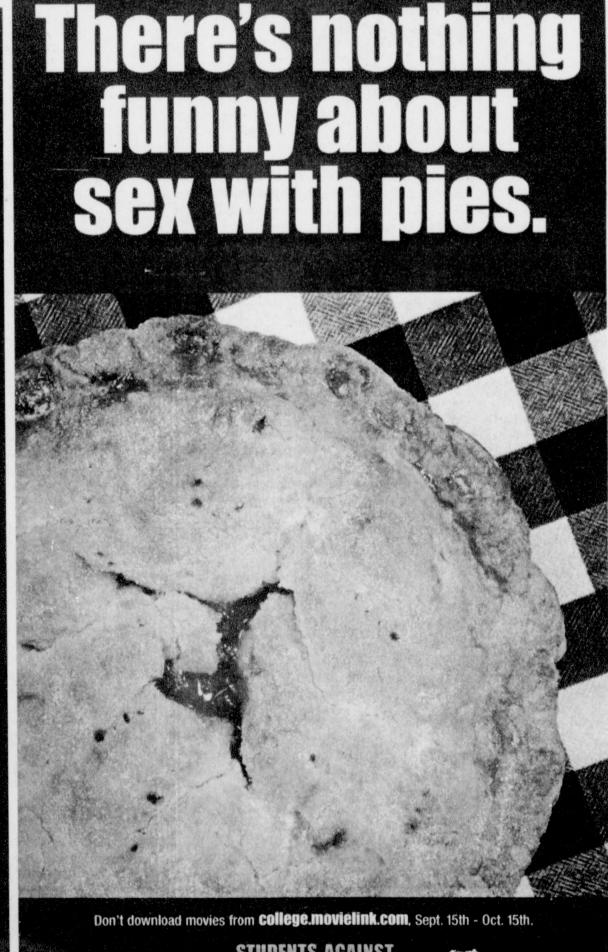
The case is still under investiga-

Worker falls down shaft

A worker fell down an elevator shaft at Jones SBC Stadium Friday while servicing an elevator at the recently completed facility.

Adolfo Valdez of Montgomery Elevator fell about 15 feet down the shaft, Associate Director of News and Publications Sally Logue Post said. He was taken to University Medical Center. He was not listed as being at UMC on Sunday, according to the house supervisor.





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Principal's office not just for kids

roommate and I recently got busted for having alcohol on campus, not something I would

Getting busted for alcohol is not the most enjoyable experience A) because they take your beer from you and B) because you get this nice letter on office stationery that says "you need to schedule a disciplinary hearing".

Are they going to prosecute me and send me to the land of beer banishment because I brought a few beers on campus?

Texas Tech's Student Mediation Center sends you a letter with "Confidential" in big bold letters across the top of it. Then the letter proceeds to inform you that you messed up, big time - in this case Part IX, Section B, Number 1a of the Student Affairs Handbook 2003-

The scary part about receiving this letter is not the letter itself but the red brochure you get with it.

"So what happens now?" is a nice pamphlet that explains to you the types of punishment you could receive for violating the Student Code of Conduct.

After reading it, you begin to wonder how bad is it to bring a little beer on campus? What's the worst that could happen? It's just a few Coors Lights or Lonestar.

Expulsion. That's the worst that could happen. Although it's not likely you would get expelled for having alcohol on campus, it's still pretty scary to see that in your list of possible sentences.

I entered my hearing questioning the purpose of the Student Judicial Program.

Why do need we one? Why can't dents sent to the dean? That

would be more fun. It would feel like junior high again, getting sent to the principal's office because you were chewing gum or some-

thing miniscule. But these people actually serve a purpose and do it quite well.

SJP sees countless cases every year pertaining to misbehaving students from alcohol to academic dishonesty, drug possession/distribution, harassment and everything else related to the Student Code of Conduct.

Of those cases about 65 to 70 percent on that issue.' involve alcohol.

No wonder the administration is looking into making it legal for 21-year-olds to have booze in their residence hall rooms. Maybe that would cut down on of expulsion in your mailbox. the number of alcohol-related cases.

Jennifer Hammat, associate director of the Student Mediation Center, said in the fall of 2002 the department saw 250 cases involving alcohol with students under 21.

Those cases ranged from minor in pos-



Expulsion.

That's the first thing that could happen. Athough it's not likely you would get expelled for having alcohol on campus, it's still pretty scary to see that in your list of possible sentences

session to driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated and public in-

That's a lot of alcohol to worry about. Wouldn't you get tired of listening to sob stories from freshmen about why they had beer in their residence hall room, or why

they drove home from the pledge party they weren't even supposed to be drinking A Beer

No. wouldn't, and neither do they.

It's educational for the students, said Ken Gassiot, assistant director. They look at it as an opportunity to help students make

better decisions. I think it would be downright funny to hear those stories.

"You were trying to bring a keg up the stairs at Coleman, and you thought you could get away with it how?"

"Well, the elevators have cameras." "Right, and going up six flights of stairs would have been stealthily done, how?"

"What's stealthily mean?" Or how about this one.

"I thought they had passed that new rule where you could have alcohol if you were of age in the dorms."

"No, they decided to wait on voting

Oops. That's my fault, but if you think you can get away with breaking the rules,

Just wait until you get the red brochure

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Dr. Phil's new book predictable

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op psychologist Dr. Phil has put a new psychobabble spin on weight loss with his book, "The Ultimate Weight Solution," introducing his weight-loss challenge

But the real challenge will be actually finding something unique in the 300-plus-page, self-help hoax.

And the only weight it may be effectively used for is a paperweight.

David Letterman said it best in his Top Ten list of Dr. Phil weight loss tips

"Once you find your authentic self, haul its ass in to get some liposuction," he sarcastically said.

America has an overwhelming epidemic on its hands.

population is overweight or obese. Smoking, in our nation. An estimated 65 percent of the

Weight loss isn't just an issue of appearance; it is also an issue of health. Being overweight puts a tremendous strain on the body that often leads to health problems.

It's a shame that being overweight is the second leading cause of preventable death, next to smoking, in our

But it's also a shame that Dr. Phil uses this epidemic to write yet another predicable weight-loss book.

Dr. Phil's Web site claims, "It's not just Dr. Phil's latest book - it's the beginning of a movement that will revolutionize America."

Puh-lease!

the "keys to weight

loss freedom", he

shrink spin like

"right thinking,"

"healing feelings,"

and "set up a no-

fail environment."

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According to a book review done by Phil Lempert, if you've read one Dr. Phil book you've read them all.

"You can practically here McGraw's firm but soothing drawl reading the book telling you what to do," he wrote. Calling them

It's a shame that being overweight is the second leading cause of preventable death, next to But it's also a shame that Dr. Phil uses this epidemic to write yet another predictable weight loss book.

There are many reasons why people are overweight, which we have all heard

Dr. Phil says, "Get real. Get smart. Get going."

Come on, Dr. Phil - get real. America is still heading toward a crisis, and your version of a possible solution needs to get smart ... and you can get go-

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success won't work for everyone.

Choosing 12 candidates (and later a lucky number 13), he has set these people up on a ten-month schedule to lose weight.

He hopes people will be able to see themselves in one of the candidates and be inspired to also take on the challenge.

While this might work for some people, it's not likely to work for most. We've all seen it before - all the

weight loss wagons such as Jared and the Subway diet. Though it seems this is just another program for overweight dieters, Dr. Phil tosses in an additional element... in or-

der to succeed you have to want to Of course that is true of most things, so what makes this different?

Nothing.

If you want something bad enough, you have a better chance of achieving it than if you don't.

I think Dr. Phil has good intentions for the nation, and I support those who take on the challenge to lose weight.

But there has been research after research finding ways to help those who are overweight get down to a healthy size; the only thing different recently is publicity, and even that isn't all that new.

I don't think that this "challenge" is a bad thing, but it's been done before, and obesity is still on the rise.

We constantly see new commercials and advertisements talking about their new low-fat menus, etc. While this is good and all, just because something is low fat doesn't mean that it is healthy, and even if it is healthy, we can't stop

Exercise is also a factor in losing weight. It's one thing to eat healthy, but if you do nothing but sit around your butt all day, your health can still be at risk.

If we really want our country to realize the extreme need to lose weight, we need to push the health risks that are in-

It's working with smoking - the amount of public service announcements that has raised awareness to the health risks of smoking are slowly helping to lower the number of those who smoke.

How about instead of promoting a new fancy paperweight and plastering Dr. Phil's face on everything from news programs to nutrition bars, we inform the nation about the risks to their health through constant announcements.

We should put a Surgeon General's warning similar to that on a pack of cigarettes on candy bars saying, "Caution this could be a hazard to your health."

Granted, these changes won't be an easy task, but like people always say: "Anything worth having, is worth fighting for"

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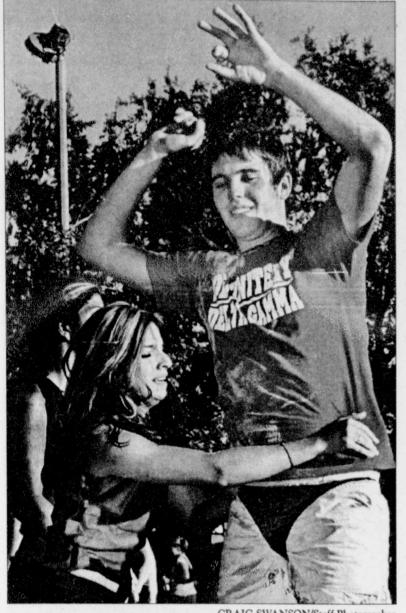
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IT'S A THONG THING



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

NIKKI DEL CASTEIO, a sophomore from Houston and Delta Gamma member, shows Derek Glasen, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Temple the proper dance moves during their routine Friday afternoon at Wagoner Park at 27th Street and Flint Avenue. The two participated in the annual Fiji Olympics.

Parking

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students that park there."

He said students can not park at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center parking lot without a parking sticker. They will be able to use the pay stations, which will be installed some time in the spring.

"We have people that make sure students are following the rules," he said. "They do not work on commission, so they are not trying to get you so they make a profit."

Sonnenberg said after 10 unpaid citations, students can be towed.

Sgt. Kenny Evans said there are more students at Tech than there are officers, and students can help keep the streets safe.

He said the speed limit on campus varies between 10 and 30 mph.

"Many students wonder why they can't drive faster on Flint," he said. "The answer is, because it would be impossible to drive 30 miles per hour in front of the BA. It is just too busy all the time with students crossing the street."

Evans said in the past year there have been 94 hit-and-run accidents at Tech. Most have been from student drivers hitting parked cars.

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"When you're driving, size does

matter," he said. "Don't try to park

your F450 into a little space because

you will hit the car next to you. Use

common sense." Evans said the police also have been called to investigate forgeries in-

volving parking passes. Forgery is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a \$4,000 fine and confinement in jail of no longer than a

vear, he said. "They are not perfect, he said, but very close," Evan said. "We do find them, and we do punish the people

Psychology intern Jared Dinehart said the session is not to guilt-trip students, but to help them understand they are breaking the rules.

"It is human to think you can do it one time and you won't get caught," he said. "The problem is once you get to the habit stage; that is where it gets difficult to stop."

Dinehart said students do not realize little things add up, and something like a parking ticket can cost students a lot of money at the end.

"We have to recognize that small pleasures such as parking closer to campus can affect us in the long run," Dinehart said. "Sometimes it's better to think about the long term effects than the short terms."

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that construction was occurring below the line. If they had known in advance, they would have taken down or covered up the 12,000volt line, he said.

Zheng said he emphasized the importance of safety when dealing with electricity. As a safety rule, the electrical company should have been notified prior to the construction taking place, he said.

"We hate to see this happen," Zheng said. "This could have happened anytime, anywhere."

LP&L removed the wire following the accident.

OSHA will determine whether the company broke safety rules and if the accident was caused by neg-

Butler

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He told them equipment would include an incubator, flasks, growth media and a freeze drier.

According to documents, the agents requested a list of people who had access to his laboratories, which totaled 16 people. Next, Butler added three people he called an "adversarial list", whom he thought had something against him and would possibly want to tamper with his work.

Butler has been terminated by HSC, but he will remain on the payroll until the Board of Regents makes a final decision.

The 69 counts facing Butler carry a maximum imprisonment of 469 years and up to \$17 million in fines.

Award

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the end of this fiscal year. Then I have to go ahead and look at the end of the next fiscal year," the comptroller said.

At the end of the last session of the Texas Legislature, the state was \$186 million from being balanced, she said. Strayhorn said she believes Texas can have a balanced budget through a no deficit, pay as you go system.

She said she believes that the state should have fewer mandates.

"I am adamantly against a state income tax. I do believe in the state sales tax. We make \$60 million a day in the sales tax," Strayhorn said.

The sales tax holiday is a winwin situation for the state of Texas,

Strayhorn said. The revenue from the holiday will boost the economy.

In the future, Strayhorn said, she would like to expand the sales tax holiday to things like backpacks, helmets and car seats.

Another thing Strayhorn sees for the future of Texas is tax reform in a fair way. She said she would like to see more money for education coming from different sources.

"I support a dollar increase tax on cigarettes. That is a possible \$1.5 billion that could help educate kids," she

Strayhorn said she wants the citizens of Texas to have a close watch on the proposals the legislature is trying to put into law. She said the senate planned to impose a sales tax on bank fees and babysitters.

"I would hate to be the one to collect that tax from those babysitters," she said.

Republicans' proposed energy bill favorable to industry

WASHINGTON (AP) -Congressional Republicans are cobbling together an energy blueprint substantially more favorable to industry than a Senate-passed bill hailed by Democrats as a victory this summer.

From drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge to electric utilities' use of renewable fuels, pro-industry views are winning consistent support in negotiations on a final bill.

Democrats are complaining about being shut out from decisionmaking as the talks move toward a conclusion - possibly by the end of this week - on the first overhaul of the U.S. energy agenda in a decade.

Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the House-Senate negotiations, dismisses the Democrats' complaints. The GOP staff has "worked closely" in "open and bipartisan negotiations," said Domenici, R-

But he also said he wants to avoid the type of gridlock that prevented passage of a bill last year.

A senior Democrat involved in the talks said he is dismayed at the way Republican leaders are putting together the bill after the House and Senate approved different versions this year.

"Republicans ... expect (us) to ratify a final product that we have not yet seen," said Rep. John Dingell of Michigan.

The emerging plan reflects a greater tilt toward the energy industry, is more to the White House's liking and more represents the priorities of conservative House Republicans.

It is largely replacing the legislation passed by the Senate in July when GOP leaders, facing an impasse over their bill, resurrected a measure approved in 2002 when Democrats were in the majority.

Domenici promised to rewrite the Senate-passed bill in negotiations with the House - and that is what he is doing with Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., head of the House delegation.

"This bill will be a Christmas wish list for the oil, gas, coal and nuclear industry," predicts David Alberswerth, a natural resource spe-

cialist for the Wilderness Society. As an example, Democrats point to the Senate bill's attempt to spur use of renewables in electricity generation. The Senate had approved, despite vigorous opposition by the industry, a requirement that electric utilities produce 10 percent of their power from renewable fuels. This plan, however, never made the drafts during negotiations and will be aban-

Senators from both parties had supported a ban on the gasoline additive MTBE, which has been found to contaminate drinking water. A four-year phase-out was in the Sen-

ate bill, though not the House's. Leading House members, including Tauzin and Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, insisted on dropping



troleum-based additive a liability waiver in water contamination law-

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Steinmetz takes care of business, friends

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

Her roommate describes her as a funny person who likes to play pranks. A co-worker describes her as a caring individual who encourages those she works with.

Jackie Steinmetz describes herself as a normal college student who loves

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are where they need to be, that the paperwork is ready," she said. "And Freshman Council and Freshman Advisory Committee all fall directly underneath the vice president."

On an average day, Steinmetz said

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ernment Association as internal vice she likes to get to the office before class Steinmetz is. president and also is president of the to check e-mail and phone messages. After class she does the same thing and usually has two to three meetings a "I make sure that all the senators day. More meetings with the Senate and Freshman Council keep her busy in the evenings.

Although her schedule is packed, Steinmetz sets priorities for the most important things in her life: God, her family, friends, school and work.

Steinmetz said she is adamant about attending a weekly Bible study with Campus Crusade for Christ.

"I'm so passionate about it. No matter what, I make time for that," she said. "I feel really strongly that you have to make priorities, so one of mine is that every Tuesday I attend that."

In the last couple of months, Steinmetz said there has been a strain on her friendships because she is busy but works to ensure that she still has time to spend with her friends.

"Sometimes, if they're going to dinner and I have to get work done, I'll go with them and just stay later (in the office)," she said. "I want so badly to be involved with everything, but I can't."

Steinmetz's roommate, Brynn Hefner, said she understands how busy

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"(Last week) I went up to her office to hang out with her because she's very, very busy," the senior accounting major from College Station said. "Anytime we're both here, we're not in our own rooms - we're watching TV together and talking."

One way she keeps in touch with her friends and family is by writing cards and notes, Steinmetz said.

SGA President Jeremy Brown echoes this and said Jackie always is en-

"She always leaves me notes saying, 'You're doing a great job,' or 'Keep up the good work.' And she does this with Colton (Batchelor) and the other SGA members as well," he said. "It's very important to have somebody in that position that is very caring."

Student body president of her high school in Fort Worth, Steinmetz decided to join Freshman Council her first year at Tech.

"I thought, 'Well, I need to put those skills to use," she said. "I was kind of passive about it; I didn't run for any positions, but I was where I needed to be. Freshman year's a time to kind of feel out things.

Steinmetz served on the Senate her sophomore and junior years, and during this time she decided to run for internal vice president.

One of the main reasons Steinmetz wanted to be internal vice president was to help first-year senators, she said.

"For first-year senators, the involvement level is minimal, and it's an intimidating environment. They run (very quickly), and they run in like a foreign language," she said. "I saw a huge need in student government to cater to first-year senators and try really hard to educate them so they feel confident and bold about being a bad thing, but you learn how things elected."

Brown said Steinmetz is very personable, which makes her a great internal vice president. She is approachable and welcoming, and her main concern is that



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JACKIE STEINMETZ, STUDENT Government Association internal vice president, oversees the senate at her first meeting last May.

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the senators do a good job, he said.

"She's more concerned that everyone feels welcome and understands what's going on. That everyone feels a part," he said. "I think she'll do a great job of trying to close that gap between old and new senators and make everyone feel a part."

Steinmetz said she always is learning something new by being in SGA.

She joked that recently she learned how long it takes to get labels printed

to send a mailing to freshmen.

"I thought it would take two days, but it doesn't. It takes a week and a half," she said. "You just learn the protocol and the red tape, not that that's have to be done."

Steinmetz will graduate December plans to stay in Lubbock to pursue a life. You begin to see the beauty in it."

corporate communications or public relations career.

"I love Lubbock. I think it's so fun and people are so nice and friendly," she said. "I think it's the perfect environment for someone right out of col-

After a couple of years of working, Steinmetz said she might go to law school. Being a lawyer always topped her list of what she wanted to be come.

Even though Steinmetz still has high aspirations, she said she realizes that a career is not the most important thing in life.

"Now that I've matured in the last two to three years, I know that you can have a very meaningful and purposeful life without being a corporate gi-A communications studies major, ant," she said. "I would love to be a mother and wife and have a family. You 2004. After she graduates, she said she kind of start to love the slower-paced

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FRESHMAN FORWARD JENNIFER Vasquez moves the ball upfield during Tech's 3-2 victory against the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday at R.P. Fuller Stadium. The victory was Tech's first conference win since 2000 and its first victory at home in two years. Tech will face Colorado Friday at home and will finish out the weekend against Nebraska at home.

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Soccer wins season's first conference game

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

The victory bells rang throughout Texas Tech campus Sunday afternoon following the soccer team's first Big 12 win since the year 2000.

Head coach Felix Oskam said hearing the sound that has been absent for so long was pleasant.

"It is nice to hear," he said. "After coming off a big loss to Oklahoma State, this was a great big win for the team."

Tech traveled to Stillwater on Friday, resulting in Oklahoma State's ninth win of the season and a blowout 6-0 against the Red Raiders.

The Cowboys racked up 24 shots total to Tech's five. Realizing the importance of Sunday's game, Oskam said he was wondering which players would play their best against the Kansas Jayhawks, a 9-1 team going into the match-up.

"I didn't know who was going to show up and play after a big loss," he said. "But that just shows the character of the team itself."

Kim Warren, a sophomore for-

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ward, assisted senior forward Catie Arsenault on the first goal for Tech. Arsenault managed to get the goal after beating Kansas' goalkeeper Meghan Miller one-on-one.

Kansas had a total of five corner kicks, one of which resulted in a goal for the Jayhawks. Midfielder Michelle Rasmussen scored once again for Kansas to put them ahead of Tech, 2-1.

Tech junior defender Jordan Wicker managed to sneak a goal from the right side of the field after senior midfielder Kerri Campbell made a stretch pass to her from the middle.

After tying the game up with her goal, Wicker said the feeling was overwhelming.

"It felt so great to get that goal," she said. "To tie it up and help us win the game felt awesome."

With over 15 minutes remaining in the game, Warren got the winning goal from teammate Arsenault's assist. Sophomore goalkeeper Megan Knauss kept the Kansas offense from getting the tying shot after saving three shots in the second half.

Although Kansas out shot Tech 17-10, the three goals that slipped past the Jayhawks' goalkeeper allowed

the Raiders to get the victory. Arsenault said chills went up and down her spine as the final ten seconds

ticked off the clock versus Kansas.

"I can't explain how awesome this feels," she said. "Nobody thought we could do it, and we put it together. Friday, we were disappointed because we knew we could play better than that, and we felt like we gave it to them."

After the death of teammate Allison Horn last year to an automobile accident, Wicker said the entire season as well as the win against Kansas was dedicated to her memory.

"I cried after we won," she said. "It is not only our team's first Big 12 win in a few years, but mine as well."

Coming into each game as the underdog, Wicker said the team showed that anything can happen on any given day.

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Symons' 661 yards lead Raiders to Win

Symons could not be stopped Saturnation's worst pass defenses.

Symons threw for 661 yards - a school and Big 12 record - and six touchdowns as Texas Tech beat Mississippi 49-45 on Saturday night.

Symons, who broke both passing records last Saturday against North

Carolina State when he threw for ranked 116th in the nation against 586 yards in a loss, completed a the pass at 331.3 yards per game. nine-yard touchdown pass to Symons said he was not sur-Carlos Francis with 1:04 left to prised that he threw for more than problems," said Ole Miss coach

Symons was 44-for-64 with one day night - at least not by one of the interception for the third-best passing yardage performance in Di-

vision I-A history. Symons' six touchdowns tied a school record set by Kliff Kingsbury in 2002.

Texas Tech came into the game averaging 40.3 points and 439.3 passing yards, while

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) - B.I. give Texas Tech (3-1) the victory. 600 yards with the quality of Texas David Cutcliffe. Tech's receivers.

> said. "Last week, it was a record in 8:01 remaining, but Symons led Cutcliffe said. 'I've been involved a loss, so for it to happen in a win Texas Tech on makes me feel like I actually con- a drive hightributed something. This is the best lighted by a day of my life by far."

Ole Miss (2-2) had one last shot Wes Welker, to win, but Eli Manning's pass was who had 10 intercepted by Ryan Aycock on a receptions for throw near the Texas Tech goal 131 yards and line intended for Mike Espy.

Manning was 29-for-49 for 409 yards and three touchdowns, and a Jonathan Nichols kicked a school- scheme and a record six field goals - also tying a good quarter-Southeastern Conference mark - back," said but the Rebels allowed Tech to Texas Tech come from behind.

"Obviously, we've got some lineman

The Rebels took a 45-34 lead

22-yard pass to a touchdown.

"They had good defensive Duckett. "(Manning) hit us for several big plays. He really

picked on our

corners tonight. It just came down game throughout, but Texas Tech to who made the plays in the had an opportunity to seize control fourth quarter."

Welker's catch inside Ole Miss territory led to a 21-yard touch- 21-13 late in the second quarter down pass from Symons to Jarrett and threatening to score from the Hicks, and the Red Raiders added Ole Miss 23 when the Rebels came a two-point conversion to cut it to up with a big play. 45-42 with 5:01 remaining.

Ole Miss failed to move the ball son broke through the line to preson its next possession, and the Red sure Symons, forcing him to throw Raiders took over with about three a pass to the flat that was picked minutes left. Symons threw a 21- off by Kelvin Robinson. Robinson. yard pass to Welker with 1:53 left ran 80 yards for a touchdown - the to move the ball to the Ole Miss first of his career - to cut the lead 24 then threw a 15-yard strike be- to 21-19 with 3:28 remaining in tween two defenders to Welker to the first half.

set up the winning TD.

"I've never been involved in "It feels really good," Symons on Nichols' sixth field goal with something quite like that,"

in some wild games, but this was certainly a Last week, it was plays." a record in a loss, so "We knew we

could make would have portunities," said Texas Tech moving the ball that we could continue to do that and create

those opportuni-

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The Red Raiders were leading

Defensive end Charlie Ander-

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in the first half.

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Ole Miss took the lead after another Texas Tech turnover, Carlos Francis' fumble on a handoff on a reverse. Oliver recovered, setting up Nichols' 33-yard field goal to put Ole Miss ahead 22-21.

"Turnovers shift the momengame with wild tum," Duckett said. "It felt like and significant Ole Miss had the momentum the whole game. We had to play four quarters to win."

Manning threw a 14-yard things happen touchdown to Kerry Johnson with and that we 4:23 left in the third quarter to give Ole Miss a 39-27 lead, but the some more op- Rebels managed only two field goals the rest of the way.

"We should have scored more coach Mike than 45," Manning said. "You Leach. "We kept can't play a game and kick six field goals. We were in the red zone so well, and we felt many times and didn't put the ball in the end zone. The whole team is frustrated. Nobody likes losing."

Chris Collins broke the Mississippi career reception record on the Rebels' opening drive. Collins' catch gave him 143 career recep-

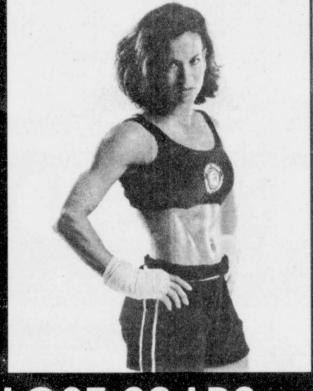
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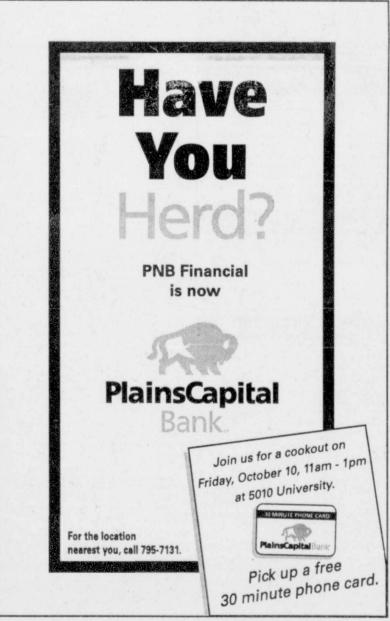
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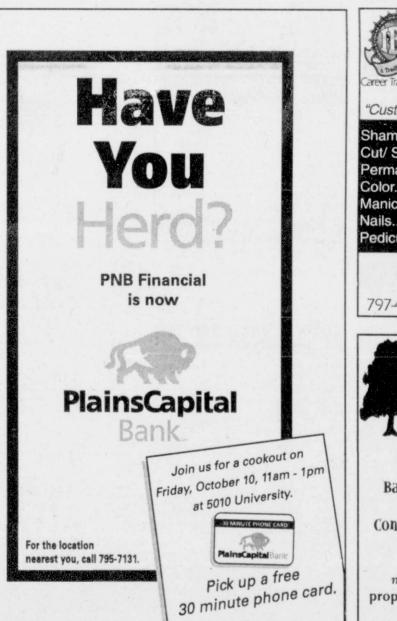
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