

# 'Dodgeball' is a game of hit or miss

One should at least give credit to first-time writer/director Rawson Marshall Thurber for coming up with a unique idea in a time of cookie-cutter sports movies with "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story."

Like a game of dodgeball, however, the film is hit-and-miss.

Vince Vaughn ("Swingers") is Peter La Fleur, a less-than-savvy businessman who owns a small gym called Average Joe's, which is inhabited by a small band of misfits. La Fleur hasn't collected membership fees in months, which has put him in financial trouble. He brushes his teeth in the mornings with "Yoo-hoo!" and drives a car he prays will start every morning.

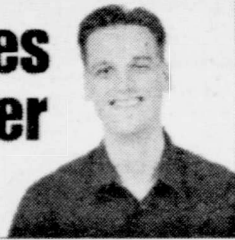
Across the street from Average Joe's is Globo Gym, a multimillion-dollar complex with trainers that dress like WWF wrestlers. Ben Stiller dons big muscles, a porn-star mustache with matching inflatable crotch and wavy hair as White Goodman, the owner of Globo Gym.

It's bad news for La Fleur when a lawyer for his bank, Kate Veatch (Christine Taylor), informs him he owes \$50,000. Veatch also works for Goodman, who wants to buy Average Joe's to turn it into extra parking for his customers.

To save their gym, La Fleur and his band of weirdos enter the national dodgeball tournament for a \$50,000 prize. To combat, Goodman and his team, which includes three muscleheads and a butch, unbrowed Soviet woman, also enter the competition.

To learn about the game, La Fleur and his

**James Eppler**



team watch an old documentary about dodgeball hosted by expert dodgeballer Patches O'Houlihan. Patches, now an old man in a wheelchair, stumbles onto the team and decides to be their coach.

Rip Torn earns huge belly laughs as the crusty O'Houlihan, whose training methods include throwing wrenches.

Vaughn deadpans his line delivery throughout, and he is so relaxed in his performance he almost looks bored. It turns out to be the right decision, because it makes a good foil for Stiller's exasperatingly over-the-top performance.

Stiller has been a busy boy as "Dodgeball" is his fourth film to be released this year, with a fifth to come at Christmas in "Meet the Fockers." He's having a blast in "Dodgeball" with continuous improvisation — especially in a surprise scene toward the end of the credits.

But the real stars of the movie are the strong group of character actors assembled to make the Average Joe's team. Stephen Root (Milton from "Office Space") is often hilarious as the squirrely Gordon with a perpetual wide-eyed glee, as is



COURTESY PHOTO/Twentieth Century Fox  
Ben Stiller takes flight during the ultimate dodgeball competition.

Alan Tudyk ("A Knight's Tale") as Steve, who thinks he's a pirate.

Jason Bateman (TV's "Arrested Development") earns laughs in latter portions of the film as a lazy sportscaster for ESPN 8, the channel dedicated to things that are "almost sports."

The gags in "Dodgeball" don't always work — a scene with Stiller and a piece of pizza is more disturbing than funny, and a scene involving a mix-up of uniforms misfires.

There are, however, some fun cameo appearances in latter parts of the film, which I will not reveal.

"Dodgeball" is better than it should have been and serves as a guilty pleasure that consistently aims below the belt.

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## Senate takes on FCC's challenge

NEW YORK (AP) — Anxious Americans can rest a little easier.

In this age of potty-mouthed talk radio and Super Bowl breast-baring, the U.S. Senate rose to the occasion this week with a measure aimed at punishing media miscreants with stiffer-than-ever fines.

If that proposal becomes law, it will surely guarantee us safety from the Howard Sterns and Janet Jacksons of the world.

Who isn't feeling better already?

But maybe the cure isn't wrapping a "Sanitized for Your Protection" strip around the toilet bowl many people think the media have become. Maybe this crackdown on media indecency is just an artful dodge to distract the public from the underlying cause: government-assisted media consolidation.

"It's not like Janet Jackson's nipple is the only problem with our media system," says media scholar and activist Robert W. McChesney. "It's not like if Howard Stern had never been born, our media system would be great.

"They are both emblematic of prob-

lems that go far beyond that."

McChesney, a professor at the University of Illinois, has recently published a book that shines needed light on how the media really operate.

While it might not be your first choice to carry to the beach, "The Problem of the Media: U.S. Communication Politics in the 21st Century" is highly readable and jammed with "aha" moments. Bolstered by scholarship, it's a treasury of common-sense insights that puncture common assumptions.

For instance: The enduring notion that the media are liberal.

Why should (and how could) the media be liberal, McChesney counters, when even the largest media outlets are only small pieces of ever-expanding conglomerates committed, above all, to stockholders' approval and the bottom line? As with any for-profit enterprise, the bigger Big Media grows, the more conservative it tends to be.

Another misconception: That media deregulation would restore the media ecology to its natural state of equilibrium.



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# Organized attacks kill 89 in Iraq

By Hamza Hendawi/  
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BAQOUBA, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents launched coordinated attacks Thursday against police and government buildings across Sunni Muslim areas of Iraq less than a week before the handover of sovereignty. The strikes killed 89 people, including three American soldiers, and wounded 318 people, Iraqi and U.S.

officials said.

Twelve American soldiers were wounded.

Most of the deaths were in Mosul, where 44 people were killed and 216 injured in attacks that included a string of car bombs. Clashes also occurred in Baqouba, Ramadi, Baghdad and other areas.

The extent of the attacks was a clear sign of just how powerful the insurgency remains.

Iraqi police appeared outgunned and unable to hold positions in most of the cities under fire. American troops raced to offer support, using aircraft, tanks and helicopters to repel the guerrillas.

Saad al-Amely, an official at the Iraqi Health Ministry, said hospitals were flooded with the wounded.

The military wing of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, the Tawhid and Jihad movement, claimed responsi-

bility for the attacks in a statement on an Islamic Web site. The statement said that members of the "martyrs' battalion" had carried out a number of "blessed operations."

President Bush, who is appealing to NATO to help quell the escalating violence, updated members of Congress about the situation in Iraq during an hour-long meeting at the White House.

The heaviest fighting raged in

Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, where two American soldiers were killed and seven were wounded, the U.S. 1st Infantry Division said.

U.S. aircraft dropped three 500-pound bombs against an insurgent position near the Baqouba soccer stadium, said Maj. Neal E. O'Brien, a U.S. 1st Infantry Division spokesman.

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## Weather damages Amarillo HSC

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

Damage assessments are under way for the Amarillo Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, after winds exceeding 70 miles per hour and baseball size hail bombarded the Texas Panhandle earlier this week.

All four HSC buildings experienced some damage but are operating as usual, said Michael Hooten, assistant vice president for fiscal affairs at the Amarillo HSC.

The 25-year-old academic building received the most damage Monday night, as the hail broke the first and second floor single pane windows on the north side.

Rain flooded offices inside the building, but Hooten said no faculty, staff or students were relocated because of the flooding.

The remaining buildings also had roof damage and broken windows, although the damage was not as severe. The construction

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## Fueling the Future

By Abby Holcomb/*The University Daily*

Say no to gasoline. Forget hybrid cars. Several Texas Tech students are going straight to hydrogen.

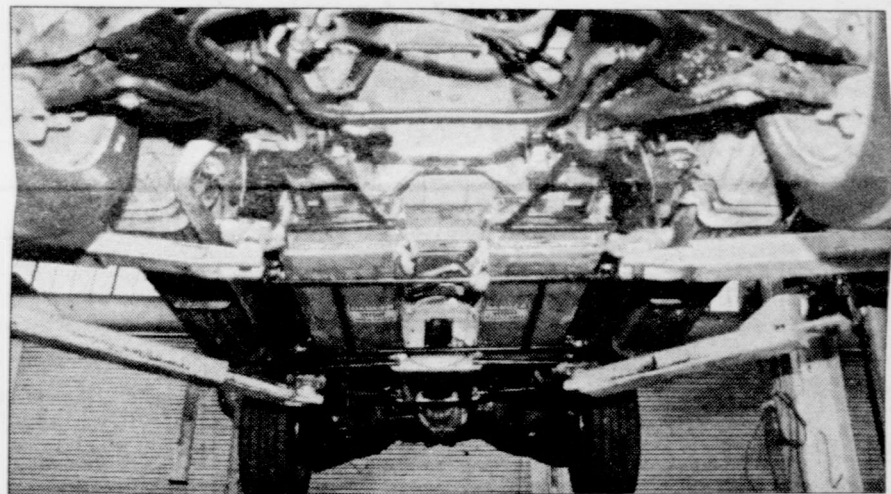
Those students are the members of Tech's Future Truck team, a combination of mechanical and electrical engineering majors who revamped a regular vehicle and got it to run using hydrogen as fuel.

Andrew Leslie, a graduate student studying electrical engineering, led the team, which returned earlier this week from the Future Truck competition in Dearborn, Mich.

Leslie said the competition was a good experience for everyone who was involved. "It was a lot of fun. There were some new guys on the team and we got to work hand-in-hand with Ford engineers," he said.

The competition began on June 9 and concluded on the 17th at Ford's Michigan Proving

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**ABOVE: TECH'S FUTURE** Truck looks normal underneath, but the Ford Explorer runs off of hydrogen instead of fuel. **RIGHT: Andrew Leslie**, a second-year graduate student from Lufkin studying electrical engineering, works underneath the vehicle.



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# Melanoma, skin damage can develop from too much tanning

By Abby Holcomb/*The University Daily*

During the hot days of summer more people want to soak up the rays and get a tan, but as the sun becomes more dangerous, more people are turning to tanning beds to obtain their summer tans.

But the question remains if tanning beds are any safer

than the sun.

Cisti Greenwalt, a member of the Lady Raiders basketball team, recently had a melanoma spot removed and is beginning chemotherapy in July. She said the most likely cause of this was her trips to the tanning bed since she was in junior high.

The American Academy of Dermatology reported there will be an estimated 95,880 new cases of melanoma in 2004.

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. It is the only type that can spread to other areas of the body. Melanoma is the eighth most common cancer in the United States, and it is blamed for 1 to 2 percent of all cancer deaths.

According to the Food and Drug Administration-Center

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WATERY WORKOUT



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**ROBERT LANGE**, A senior mechanical engineering major from Garland, keeps in shape while having fun as he swims in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Aquatic Center Thursday afternoon.

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# Students lobbying for education help

**MONEY MATTERS:** Taxes and interest rates are among the topics the group is addressing.

By Abby Holcomb/  
*The University Daily*

A group of students from Texas Tech traveled to Washington, D.C., this week to lobby for changes that could affect the pocketbooks of all students in higher education.

The group is comprised of three graduate students and three undergraduate students. The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students sponsored the trip.

The Student Government Association funded and organized the trip. The group will be in Washington speaking with senators until Saturday.

The main goal of the trip is to discuss HR 3412 under the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act.

This bill would help make higher education more affordable by changing what students pay for, according to the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students. The changes would include making student loan interest fully tax-deductible.

They also are working to raise the tax deductible to \$115,000 for singles and \$250,000 for couples for students who file income taxes as independents.

The bill would also include room and board as an educational expense when it is paid from a scholarship. This would broaden the tax-exempt status of graduate students and students with scholarships.

This, however, is not the first lobbying trip to Washington. A group of students went last February, and since then the NAGPS has received support from

Congress.

Alisa Abuzeineh, SGA vice president of graduate student affairs, said this is a good opportunity to speak with representatives.

"Letter writing and phone lobbies are great, but it's nice for them to actually see the face and talk to the people this truly does affect," she said.

The Higher Education bill is not the only issue the group plans to discuss. The Higher Education Act reauthorization also is on the agenda.

This act governs all Federal student aid programs including Stafford loans, pell grants, and Perkins loans. The act must be reauthorized every five years or it will expire. The act contains the consolidation loan program, which is the only fixed-rate federal student loan program.

Some members of Congress are talking about eliminating the loan program, Abuzeineh said, and if that happens interest rates will not be fixed and banks can charge whatever rate they select.

"If that happens, then we're all kind of in trouble because if they're not fixed then they will have the power to set

the interest rate," she said.

These issues will affect everyone who is in higher education, and Abuzeineh said students should be aware of them.

"The resolution deals with issues that concern undergraduates and graduate students, as far as affordability," she said.

Justin Scott, president of the agriculture education and communication graduate student association at Tech, originally researched these issues and jumpstarted the effort after his student

loans were bought and sold by banks without his knowledge.

Scott will meet with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and Chet Edwards D-Waco.

The lobbying efforts are giving Tech a national presence in Washington, Scott said, because Tech is the only school representing Texas.

"We're giving this school a national presence," he

said. "If we can show that we have a motivated student body, especially with the opinions that they have of college kids anyhow, that we are motivated for change and trying to do what we can to increase our potential, that does more than anything."

The group will meet with representatives today and return Saturday.

Abuzeineh said all students can do their part to let senators and representatives know what they think about the bills by writing letters and calling their local representatives.

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# Doctor: Herbal remedies not healthy alternative

By Megan LaVoie/  
The University Daily

Before popping an herbal supplement to cure a headache or lose those last five pounds, doctors say to take a closer look. While herbal remedies stress pureness and naturalness, most herbals are not as pure as they appear.

Dr. Alan Kaye, professor and chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said consumers need to be wary of herbal supplements because the supplements are not regulated or put through the rigorous tests prescription and over-the-counter drugs undergo.

"Companies who produce herbals have no reason to put the herbals through tests to insure purity and standardization because they are not monitored by the Food and Drug Administration," he said. "The problem with herbals is that most people don't know what they are getting when they take them."

Studies have shown 95 percent of herbal products do not contain the right dosage or ingredients they are supposed to, Kaye said.

"We have done studies at Texas Tech and we have found tremendous impurities and inconsis-

tencies — buyers of herbal products need to be aware that they are usually not getting what they bought," he said. "The biggest problem with herbals is that people think they are all natural, so they are benign to the effects taking herbals can have."

Billie Earle, owner of the Alternative Food Company, said the big debate about herbal supplements is happening because pharmaceutical companies are trying to take over people's rights.

"Doctors get their kick-backs by saying herbals are bad for you, but most people don't realize that pharmaceutical drugs are the top fourth cause of death in the United States," she said.

The U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 3377, identified as the Dietary Supplement Access and Awareness Act, in November 2003 calling for a strict regulation on products containing herbs and other ingredients that are not vitamins and minerals. The bill was referred back to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. If passed, it would instill

strict regulations on the herbal products industry, including calling for a list of ingredients on all labels and a listing of the active ingredients.

Earle said people like herbals better than drugs because they address the root of the problem.

"Drugs address the symptoms, and every drug has a side effect," she said. "Herbals address the root problem or even prevent the problem with no side effects."

Kaye disagreed.

"Herbals are definitely drugs," he said. "What do people think they are — bubble gum? Herbals contain the same botanicals as one-third of the drugs on the market today."

Kaye said not all of the 29,000 herbals available are dangerous.

"Some herbals are good, some herbals do nothing and some herbals are very dangerous, but

we never hear about the dangerous herbals because less than 1 percent of adverse outcomes from taking herbals are ever reported," he said.

The most lethal outcome from taking herbals, Kaye said, is when patients do not inform their doctors they are taking them.

"Herbals can especially cause problems when patients are having surgery or they can interact with the drugs their doctors prescribe them," he said. "Seven out of 10 people don't tell their doctors they are taking herbals, so if we prescribe them something that will have adverse effects with the herbals they are taking, we won't even know why they had the bad outcome."

Earle said she tells her customers to turn to their doctors for advice if the herbal supplements are not curing their problems.

"I always tell the customers if they don't see results in two or three days to contact their doctor," she said.

The bottom line is people need to know what is in supplements before they take them, Kaye said.

"There should be a science to the regulation of herbal supplements," he said. "Manufacturers owe it to everyone."

Earle said she takes supplements and will continue even though some professionals are wary of the practice.

"I am 63, and I do not take any drugs. Most people cannot say that," she said. "My mother is 82, and she doesn't take any drugs, just herbs to keep her health up, and that is remarkable."

## Truck

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Ground near Detroit.

The goal for the teams was to achieve at least a 25 percent higher fuel economy without surrendering performance, safety and affordability that consumers demand, according to the Future Truck Web site.

The competition was initiated five years ago to address the increasing demand for SUVs and the environmental and energy related issues they bring with them.

The U.S. Department of Energy and Ford Motor Company were both headline sponsors for the competition.

The teams competed using a variety of alternative technologies, including advanced propulsion systems, lightweight materials, hybrid electric designs and alternative fuels such as hydrogen, ethanol and biodiesel.

Tech won the Lowest Regulated Tailpipe Emissions event. The team also received second place for the most innovative use of virtual instrumentation. The team brought home a total of \$2,750 and a trophy. The money will go back into the program, Leslie said.

Chad Turner, a senior computer science and electrical engineering major from Floydada, said the competition was a good experience for Tech.

"I think it gives the university good publicity, it gets our name out there," he said.

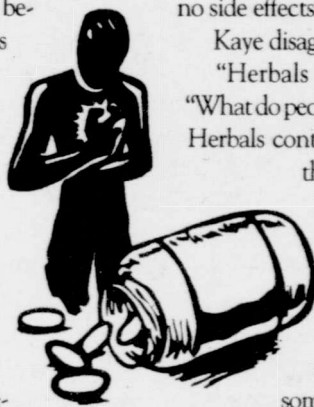
The overall winner was the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which has won the past two years.

Turner said the atmosphere was competitive because every team wanted win, but that did not hinder the spirit of cooperation and innovation. Turner

said all the teams helped each other with problems that came up.

In 2003, Tech became the first team to use hydrogen as a fuel.

Leslie said the public will probably see the new innovations later in the future but not anytime soon.



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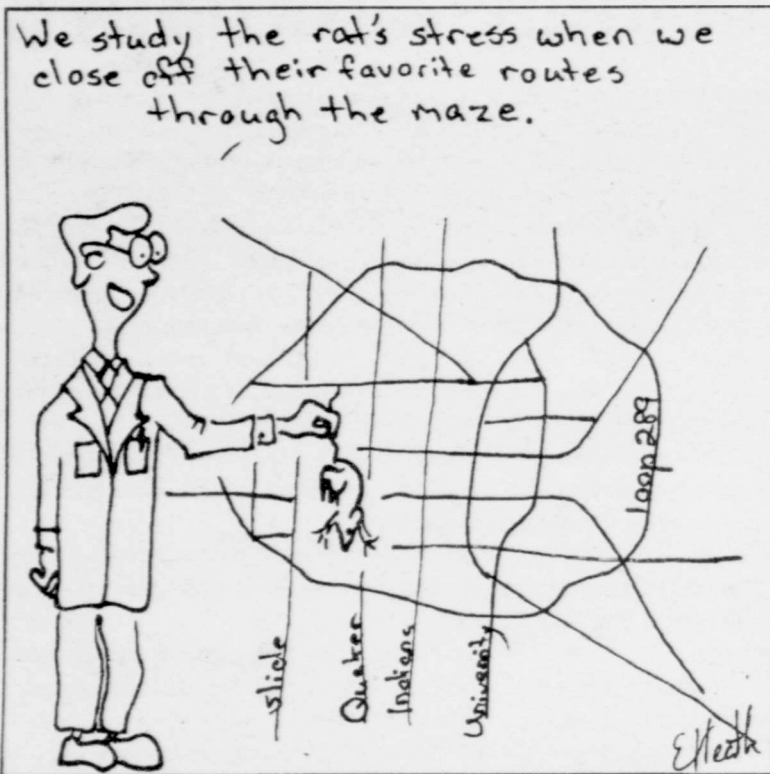
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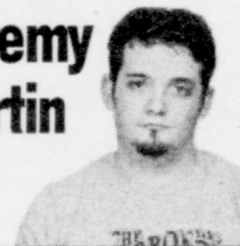
**T**ick. Tick. Tick. Hear that, Iraq? The clock's ticking. It's counting down to June 30, when we give you your lousy, war-ravaged country back. That's what you've been crying for, isn't it? Yankees, go home. Good news, Iraqis; these Yanks are hitting the road. We're giving you back your precious sand trap. We've made your bed, and now you get to lie in it.

The truth is, this is the last thing we wanted. We would have been happy to take care of you until you got back on your feet. Oh Iraq, how we long to nestle you deep in our bosom like a lost and lonely child, but you keep pushing us away. Well, I hope you're happy, because we're leaving. There comes a time when we have to cut the apron strings, and that time is June 30.

You thought you were so clever with your little grenade launchers and suicide bombings, didn't you? You can't bite the hand that feeds you forever, and in this case you can only bite it for a few more days. After that you can just bite us, because we don't care anymore.

Have fun trying to make a democratic government out of the leftovers of a brutal dictator. Good luck trying to fix all those buildings that got hit by missiles. Just don't come crying to us about it. We'll be watching "Spiderman 2."

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*Just don't come crying to us. We'll be watching 'Spiderman 2.'*

Do you think we wanted this war? Do you think our military wanted to use all those cool new weapons on you? Do you think Halliburton wanted to haul a bunch of employees and equipment halfway around the world just to help you get all that pesky oil out of the ground? Just who do you think you are, Iraq? The sun doesn't rise and set in Baghdad, you know. We have our own problems we could have been dealing with. We could have been focusing on our weak economy or our skyrocketing unemployment, but instead we worried about you. And after all that, this is the thanks we get?

But you're a big country now, aren't you? You can take care of yourself. How silly of us. You don't need us to protect you anymore, even though your mili-

tary has been annihilated and it's looking more and more like your old friends in Iran have nuclear weapons. Good luck with all that, Iraq! Bet you wish you actually had some of those weapons of mass destruction now, don't you?

We're willing to admit we've made some mistakes in the past. We aren't perfect. If we had it to do again, we probably wouldn't have given Saddam Hussein all that money and weaponry in the '80s, but it's time to work past that. Maybe you feel you're being punished too harshly for minor things while Saudi Arabia seems to get off scot-free for beheading civilians and crashing airplanes into buildings, but we only punish you out of love. If we've been harder on you it's because we see the potential you have to become a quality country. If we're guilty of anything, it's loving you too much.

We're leaving you now, but we want you to know it's breaking our hearts. If that was your goal, then mission accomplished. We just hope someday you'll invade a country as ungrateful and stubborn as you, so you'll know the pain we feel right now.

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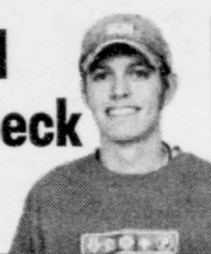
# School improvement needs to happen now, before it's too late

**I**t seems sometimes the hallmark of any government is the absolute willingness to promise spending on every single "important" program under the sun. The next day, budget cuts deflate the hopes of every poor sucker with a dream, only to be reinflated the next day as government commits to bigger, better financial pledges. Unfortunately, as long as money is finite, some visions are doomed to lack funding for a long time. The thing is, education should not a hopeless pipe dream. School improvement needs to happen now, because the future — found in today's children — is a lot closer than anyone thinks.

Depending on who you ask, the No Child Left Behind Act is either landmark legislation or absolute bunk. Frankly, no matter what the bill promises for the "next 10 years" in "improved teacher quality" and "accountability for results" (I read the whole thing, so you don't have to), the lack of immediate, positive results is disheartening.

I think if America had suddenly achieved a 100 percent literacy rate or passing rate on high school exit exams, I would have heard about it,

**Michael Hallenbeck**



*Education shapes the future of our nation, and it should be a No. 1 federal priority.*

right? I'm only partially kidding. I know it takes time to work with kids, and it takes time to achieve results. But setting our goals for the year 2015 seems a bit absurd, because what that means is until then, America is churning out 10 graduating classes that aren't up to the standards we want.

And naturally, all of our problems aren't financial. Many times, it is a bored teacher, an uncaring parent or a corrupt administrator that ruin a child's chances to rise to full potential. Still, money talks,

doesn't it? Ask any college student aspiring to become a teacher why they're entering the field. Press the issue of money, and they'll most likely blush and mumble something like, "If I wanted to become rich, I wouldn't become a teacher."

These people actually want to become teachers, because they care. But sometimes it's difficult to care so much about hundreds of volatile, angry teenagers to the tune of \$25,000 a year. Maybe a little extra cash in teachers' pockets would lower the turnover rate. And while we're at it, poorer schools could use the money to improve academic and extracurricular programs.

With little federal funding in place, the problem is most schools get most of their funding from local property taxes. Of course, in rich communities, property taxes are high, so the schools get a lot of funding. In poor or rural communities, the local school district may not have much to work with. The actual funding systems, of course, vary from region to region. The ultimate point here is if a school can't get enough cash to give kids an important and marketable education, we need to

give them that cash as soon as we can find it. Else, we run the risk of sending more young adults into the world without the tools they need to succeed.

By no means am I a proponent of the Robin Hood method (taking from rich districts to give to the poor). I'm convinced wealthy districts have earned their income. But still, the money needs to come from somewhere, and soon.

Once again, it is tremendously obvious the problems in schools are not limited to financial burden. Parents, students, teachers, politicians, businessmen and everyday citizens must get involved in education to determine the future of American society. However, the first step to securing that future is ensuring we have the funds to do it. Education shapes the future of our nation, and it should be a No. 1 federal priority. Our government needs to roll up its sleeves, get dirty and find a way to make this happen.

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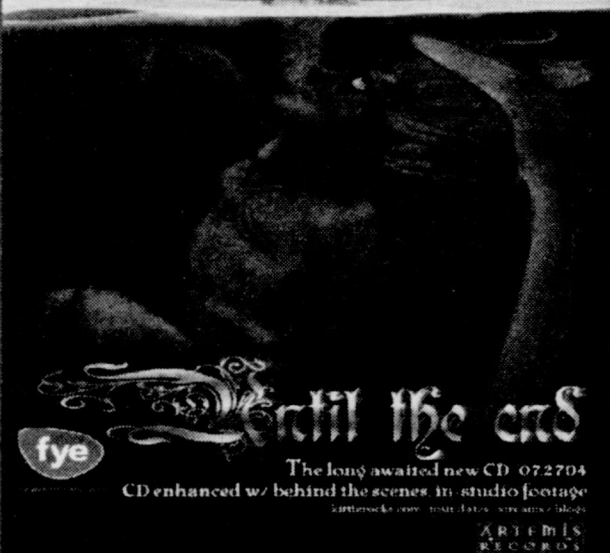
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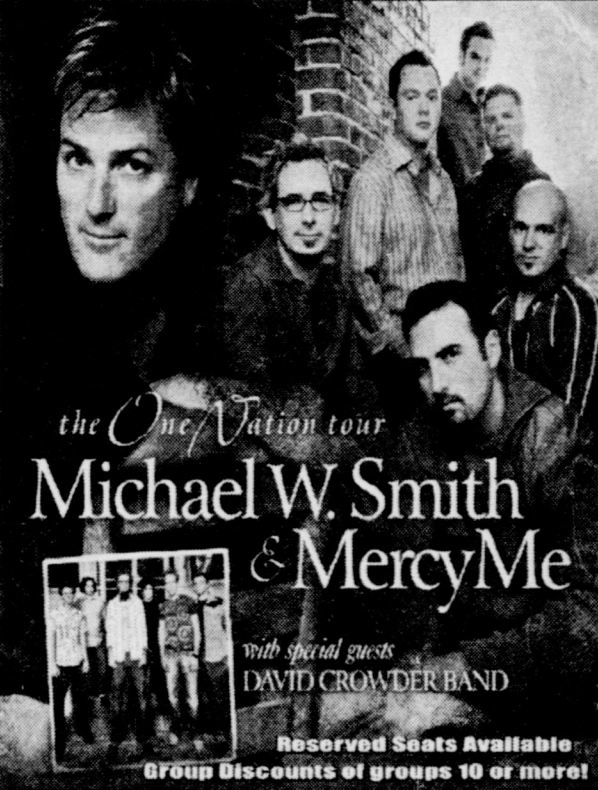
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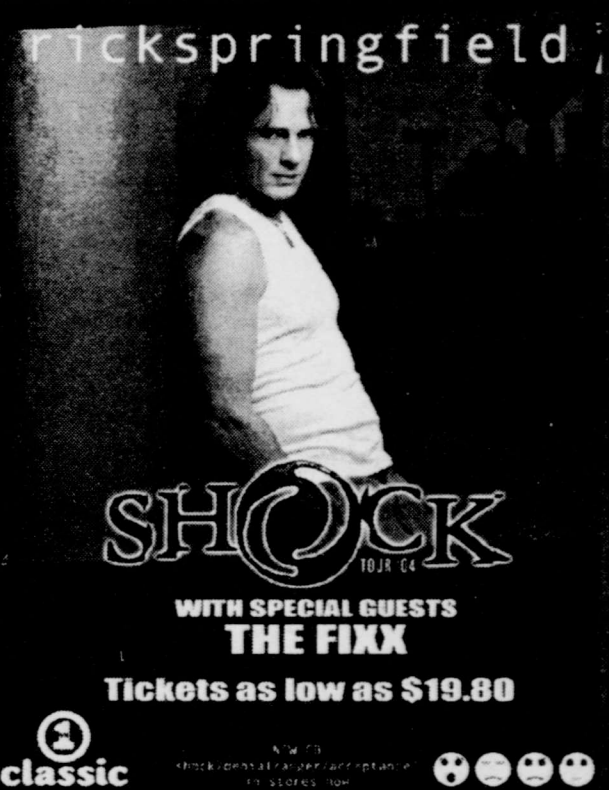


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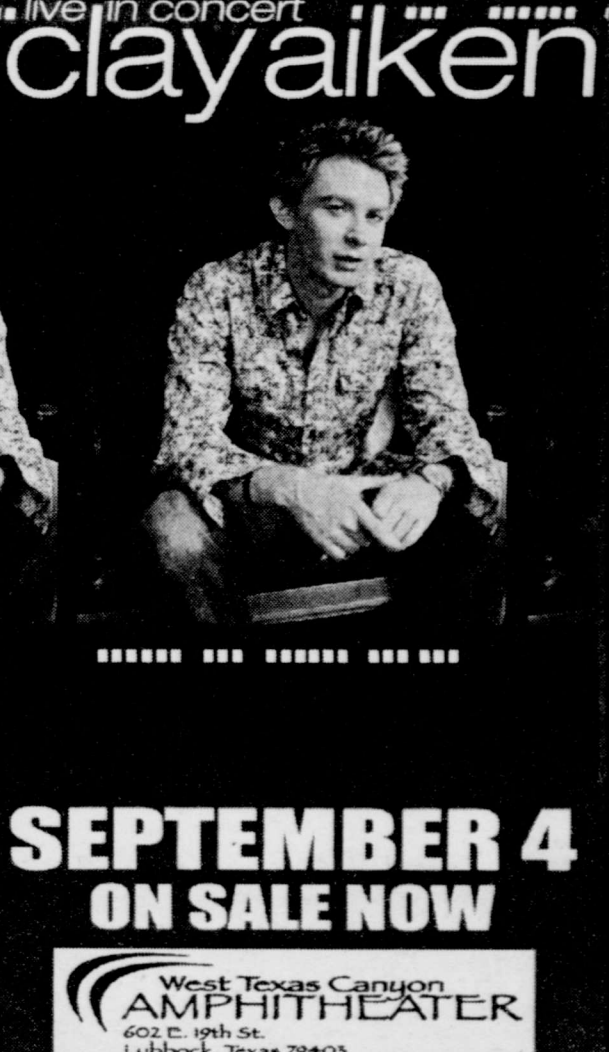


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## Tanning

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for Devices and Radiological Health, although tanning beds emit UVA rays, which are less likely to cause a sunburn, that still does not make tanning beds any safer than the sun.

Recent findings have uncovered a link between malignant melanoma and UVA rays. In addition, UVB rays might also be linked to immune system damage, according to the FDA.

Tanning can cause premature aging of the skin, which can produce a wrinkled, leathery appearance that usually shows up after years of exposure.

Susan Holmes, head nurse at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center said she thinks most people believe tanning beds are safer, but they actually are not.

"They're just as dangerous because you're getting UV rays just like the sun," she said.

Tanning beds may be worse, Holmes said, because they are in a closer proximity to the skin than is the sun.

Some arguments in favor of tanning beds include the belief that it is healthy to be tan because the body will produce vitamin D. However, only a small amount of sunlight is needed for the body to produce the vitamin.

Dr. Richard Hope, a dermatologist at the Lubbock Dermatology and Skin Cancer Clinic, said there are no physiological health benefits from tanning.

"There are no legitimate health benefits from tanning in the sun; people get more vitamin D in their diets," he said.

People should protect themselves from the sun because melanoma is a rising problem.

"The word is starting to get out that melanoma is not just a disease in grandparents, it can happen in young people," he said.

Sunscreen with an SPF of 30 and wearing hats are some things Hope said can help protect people from the sun.

## Iraq

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Insurgents roamed the city with rocket launchers and automatic weapons, seized two police stations, and destroyed the home of a local police chief.

A man dressed as an Iraqi policeman detonated a car bomb near a checkpoint manned by Iraqi and American soldiers in the southern Baghdad district of Dora, killing four Iraqi soldiers. Three U.S. soldiers tended a wounded American soldier as he lay on the road, his helmet nearby. Black smoke and flames rose from a burning pickup truck.

Attackers also set off an explosion as a military convoy passed in Baghdad, injuring one soldier.

Also in Baghdad, insurgents attacked four Iraqi police stations using mortars, hand grenades and AK-47s on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Weather

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surface of the School of Pharmacy building had pock marks from the wind and hail. There was no structural damage to the buildings, Hooten said.

"I wouldn't even begin to estimate (the damage costs)," he said. "We're working with the university system to get an assessment. We're moving pretty quickly here."

The Amarillo National Weather Service confirmed at least two tornadoes in the Amarillo area Monday night.

Rick Davis, hydrological meteorological technician, said one report was of a touchdown three miles north of Bushland, while the other was one mile south of the same community.

"There were reports of several other touchdowns that appear to be the same funnel," he said.

The tornadoes did not cause any damage, Davis said.

The storm hit the Amarillo area about 4 p.m. Monday from northeast New Mexico with large hail and strong winds. It moved southeast toward Canyon, and dissipated as it moved into the South Plains, he said.

"It's going to be multimillions where large hail went down-town," Davis said.

The total damage estimate is in excess of \$10 million. Davis said the storm caused more than \$10,000 in individual damage to several hundred vehicles in car dealerships.

Nurses and doctors moved patients in the eight-story Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital into hallways to protect against the flying glass from shattering windows, Hooten said.

Gary Skwira, meteorology intern with the Lubbock National Weather Service, said most of the reported weather incidents of late are of high wind gusts, large hail and flooded roadways. No tornadoes were reported inside the county during the most recent storm.

Despite the frequency of storms and reported tornadoes in the spring, the weather can be just as variable throughout the year. Skwira said people should remember safety tips such as seeking shelter during bad weather.

The last tornado in Lubbock County was Nov. 14, 2001, said Warning Coordination Meteorologist Ed Calianese.

"A tornado can occur any month of the year at any time of the day," he said. "Mother nature doesn't have a watch or calendar."

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