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Man faces death penalty in Fort Worth murders

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prosecutors will seek the death penalty in the case of a man accused of killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend and her 7-year-old son.

Tarrant County prosecutor Kevin Rousseau made his intentions public Wednesday after Stephen Dale Barbee, 38, was indicted on a capital murder charge in the deaths of Lisa Underwood, her son Jayden and unborn daughter.

The family of Underwood, who co-owned a Fort Worth

bagel shop, became worried when she didn't show up for her baby shower Feb. 19. The bodies were found three days later after Barbee led police to a shallow Denton County grave.

Barbee remained jailed with bail set at \$2 million. His attorney Bill Ray promised a vigorous defense.

Last week, Ron Dodd, 33, Barbee's co-worker, was indicted in Denton County on two counts of tampering

with physical evidence. He is accused of helping Barbee conceal the bodies.

Because Dodd has a felony conviction, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Barbee was arrested Feb. 22 in Tyler. Authorities said he confessed to suffocating Underwood in the early morning hours of Feb. 19 at her Fort Worth home after they argued about his refusal to leave his wife of two months.

Underwood was seven months pregnant.

Jayden, her son from a previous relationship, ran into the room screaming, and Barbee covered the boy's mouth and nose until he was dead, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Afterward, police reported, Barbee loaded the bodies into Underwood's sport utility vehicle, drove to a rural area near Justin and buried them together.

U.S. House passes bill to restrict abortion access

JUDGEMENT DAY: Bill makes transporting minors across state lines for abortions a federal offense without parental notification.

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Pro-life Republicans made great strides Wednesday when the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that restricts access to abortions for minors. The bill must be passed in the Senate and signed by the president before becoming a law.

The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act would make it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion to circumvent parental notification laws, unless a judge has issued a waiver.

Sarah Wheat, public affairs director for NARAL Pro-Choice of Texas, said Texas has a parental notification law and if the House bill becomes a law, it would affect many teenagers in Texas.

"If you are under the age of 18 in Texas and become pregnant, you have to notify ... at least one parent," she said.

In the 34 states with laws in effect that mandate the involvement of at least one parent in the abortion decision, teenagers who cannot tell their parents must either travel out of state or obtain approval from a judge — known as a judicial bypass procedure — to obtain an abortion, according to the Planned Parenthood Web site.

Wheat said because not all counties in Texas offer abortion services, it often is more feasible for someone to travel to another state than to another county.

"In some places, it's easier to go to another state to have an abortion," she said. "It's not always to avoid the laws."

Supporters of parental involvement laws argue parental involvement is necessary to ensure the best possible counsel and care before, during and after the abortion process, according to www.family.org. Arguments against parental involvement laws include the fact that teens may be driven to illegal abortions rather than tell their parents.

Wheat said the new law would only affect a small percentage of teenage girls who do not tell their parents about their pregnancy.

"Most teens who become pregnant talk to their parents, and those who don't often can't," she said. "For young women who find themselves pregnant and come from an abusive or dysfunctional home, these types of laws pose an incredible threat to their safety."

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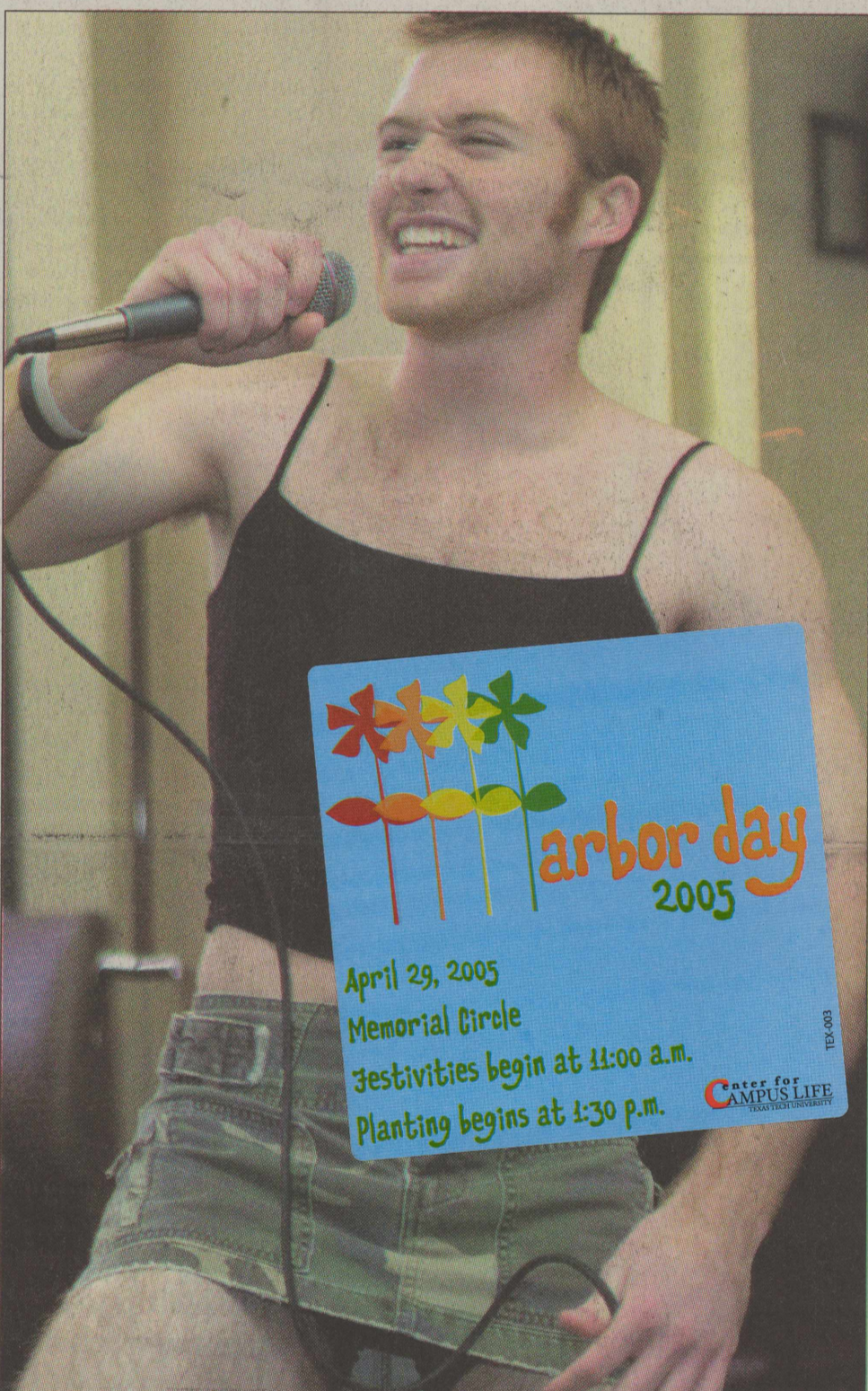
PICKETING PAMPHLETS



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KAKI AUFDENGARTEN, A senior communication studies major from Fort Davis, distributes fliers on bikes Thursday afternoon outside the library, to advertise for the bike rally in support of campus bike lanes Friday in Memorial Circle.

STRIPPING TO SHANIA



VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

COLE WHISENHUNT, A freshman marketing major from Brady, reveals his talent during the Stangel/Murdough American idolesque karaoke competition for free textbooks Thursday evening in The Market by singing Shania Twain's "Any Man of Mine."

Tech students take stage in version of "American Idol"

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Cole Whisenhunt never expected to be called back.

Whisenhunt, a freshman marketing major from Brandy, received three calls to come back to audition from the second annual Stangel-Murdough Idol competition sponsored by the community

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Lubbock officials explain traffic light synchronization

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Nearly every Texas Tech student has or will at some point in their Lubbock life wonder why driving in the city is so difficult or such a slow-moving process.

City traffic engineers are trying to change the negative impression associated with the traffic by synchronizing traffic lights to improve traffic flow.

City Traffic Commissioner Jere Hart said he and other traffic engineers have been working on

synchronizing traffic lights for quite some time.

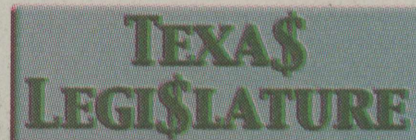
"We had the idea to try to improve the traffic flow in the city," he said. "We have been working on it for seven years."

Hart said the project has been implanted from the area between Avenue Q and Frankford Avenue, and between 4th Street and 82nd Street.

He is confident the project will make a difference in traffic congestion in the future.

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Texas House passes proposal banning same-sex marriages



By Travis Cram/The University Daily

The Texas House of Representatives passed a proposal Monday banning same-sex marriage in Texas.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, proposed the bill to the House that would add Section 32, Article 1 to the state constitution, if approved by Texas voters.

According to www.texasinsider.org, marriage in Texas shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman. The ban passed through the House by a vote of 101-29.

Texas, according to the Web site, would become the 15th state to have constitutional legislation against gay marriages along with neighboring states Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Page Heisser, vice president of the Texas Tech Student Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, said the bill may pass in Texas as a state amendment but may not pass as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"It may create more momentum, but I don't think the American people will let it pass as a constitutional amendment," she said.

Wes Wright, a senior electrical engineering and math major from Austin, agrees there would be momentum created toward a national bill.

"I think there would be a big push if Texas did pass it," he said. "But I really don't think there is a chance in hell that it would pass nationally."

The New York Times recently reported a bill being passed by the Navajo Nation in California that bans same-sex marriages.

According to the Times, the tribal council supported the bill with a vote of 63-0, but still must wait for the approval of Joe Shirley Jr., Navajo Nation president.

The Texas Senate and registered voters must approve the bill before it can become an amendment to the state constitution.

The Web Site www.religioustolerance.org lists the history of different marriage amendments in U. S. history. It was not until after the Civil War that blacks were able to marry anywhere in the United States.

Mixed-race couples could not marry anywhere in the country until the United States Supreme Court ruled on the issue in 1967, according to the Web Site.

Heisser said the issue is similar to the civil rights controversies of the 1960s but something makes it qualitatively different.

"I think there is a lot of fear surrounding

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PAINTING FOR PLANTS



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WORKERS FROM MILLER Pro Audio, Karin Haby of Gothenburg, Sweden, Jason James of Lubbock and Jeremiah Denning of Seattle paint the stage for the Arbor Day celebrations near Memorial Circle Thursday evening.

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Hundreds search for bride-to-be who vanished from Atlanta suburb

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — A 32-year-old woman disappeared just days before she was to be married, and authorities said Thursday they were expanding their search for her.

Jennifer Wilbanks' fiance told authorities she left home Tuesday night to go jogging. When she did not return in a couple of hours, he began looking for her, then notified police.

On Wednesday, more than 250 people searched for Wilbanks, including volunteers and police using helicopters and tracking dogs. Authorities called off the volunteer search but continued canvassing door-to-door for clues

in this northeastern Atlanta suburb.

They were treating the disappearance as a criminal investigation but did not elaborate.

"It's a very real possibility she did get cold feet. I mean, how many husbands have gone out for a pack of cigarettes and not come back," Duluth Police Chief Randy Belcher said.

Earlier, police Maj. Don Woodruff said friends and family believed "this is totally uncharacteristic of her. We don't believe it was a case of premarital jitters."

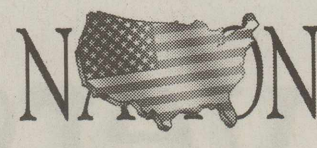
On Thursday, about 100 police officers expanded their search a quarter-mile deeper into woods

near her home. Police had not asked anyone to take a polygraph test, but her fiance has volunteered to do so, Belcher said.

Friends and relatives have told police Wilbanks seemed happy and was looking forward to her wedding Saturday. Her keys, cash, credit cards and identification were found in her home.

"She left out of here with just a radio and the clothes she has on," said Wilbanks' fiance, John Mason. "Everything she owns is in the home. If this is cold feet, it is the weirdest case of cold feet I have ever seen."

The Rundown



Hospital removing man from life support

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man in a persistent vegetative state whose family battled with a Houston hospital to stop his removal from life support is set to be removed from support Tuesday at a San Antonio hospital, his family said.

The family of Spiro Nikolouzos, 68, has vowed to keep him on life support and is trying to get him moved back to the nursing home where he was sent after leaving the Houston hospital.

A nursing home official said Thursday they would take him back. "I'm not going to let someone take his life support away now," said Nikolouzos' wife, Jannette. "They're trying to play God and I won't let them. I'll get him out of there if I have to get an ambulance myself."

A medical ethics committee at Southeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio sided with doctors in a ruling a week ago that further medical care would be futile and unethical. Nikolouzos, who is ventilator-dependent and unable to eat on his own, was admitted with pneumonia to the hospital March 31.

About two weeks before that, he was transferred from Houston's St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital to Avalon Place, a San Antonio long-term care facility. At St. Luke's a doctor said on a scale of 1 to 10 — 10 being the "worst-case vegetative state" — he is a 10.

Nikolouzos' family said he has been an invalid since a 2001 surgery.

Experts have highlighted his ordeal as one of a handful of cases to test a 1999 Texas law signed by then-Gov. George W. Bush.

Bush hosts prime-time news conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican head of the Senate Finance Committee lambasted Democrats and other critics of Social Security overhaul Tuesday, accusing them of offering no ideas of their own on how to keep the system from crashing.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said that doing nothing will trigger at least a 28-percent cut in benefits by 2041, showing why the current Congress should work on changes to achieve "sustainable solvency."

"Those of you that are bad-mouthing every other suggestion out there, suggest your own plans," the 71-year-old part-time farmer exhorted, his voice rising. This came after a panelist at Grassley's initial hearing on the politically volatile issue of restructuring the retirement program suggested that benefit cuts and other changes triggered by creation of personal accounts would be more harmful than projected cuts under the existing structure.

"Doing nothing is not an option, because doing nothing is a cut in benefits," the senator declared. "Grandpa Grassley gets Social Security, but my granddaughter, when she retires 56 years from now, if we do nothing, is going to get this cut that you're talking about. You can rationalize it all you want to, but by golly, she's entitled to what I got, because her dad and younger people are paying for it."

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, agreed that Social Security faced financial problems, but he said the personal accounts would only exacerbate it by triggering more government borrowing to finance the startup costs.

5 killed when police open fire on protest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Police opened fire on a crowd of apparently peaceful protesters demanding the release of detainees loyal to ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and at least five people were killed, U.N. officials and witnesses said.

Wednesday's shooting came as the U.S. State Department confirmed it plans to waive an arms embargo to allow sales of thousands of arms for the Haitian police, whom critics accuse of brutality, summary executions and persecution of pro-Aristide loyalists.

U.S. officials and the interim Haitian government they helped install say the police are outgunned and outnumbered by politically allied gangsters.

Witnesses said police drove up behind demonstrators Wednesday and shot into the crowd as it approached the headquarters of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince.

"The police started to fire," said one witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of his safety. "People started to run and shout hostile slogans at the police."

Five people were killed and an unknown number wounded, witnesses said.

The witnesses said the officers arrived in department pickup trucks and wore police uniforms and masks — standard uniform for the riot squad.

U.N. mission spokesman Damian Onses-Cardona confirmed that police opened fire on demonstrators but had no further information.

U.S. says lesser groups step in to help al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite being weakened by the pressure of U.S. and other forces, al-Qaida remains the main terror menace facing the United States, the State Department says.

At the same time, however, lesser-known terror operations, some affiliated with al-Qaida, others merely inspired by its goals, are taking up some of the slack as Osama bin Laden's network loses central leadership and foot soldiers,

the department said in its first "Country Reports on Terrorism."

"There is a declining role for a significantly degraded al-Qaida and a rising role for groups inspired by al-Qaida," State Department counsel Philip D. Zelikow said Wednesday at a briefing on the document.

The report cited as examples the March 2004 bombings of commuter trains in Madrid and an Algerian terrorist leader's announcement of

fealty to al-Qaida.

The incidents "illustrate what many analysts believe is a new phase of the global war on terrorism, one in which local groups inspired by al-Qaida organize and carry out attacks with little or no support or direction from al-Qaida itself," the report said.

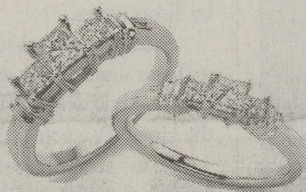
The report expanded on testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee in February by CIA Director Porter Goss. He spoke of gains against al-Qaida and its affiliates but warned that they remain dangerous.

The country reports especially credited Pakistan for its work in curtailing the effectiveness of al-Qaida.

"Al-Qaida leadership was degraded through arrests and ongoing Pakistani operations to assert greater control along the border with Afghanistan where some al-Qaida leaders are believed to hide," the report said. "Numerous al-Qaida and affiliated foot soldiers were captured or killed during the year."

Still, it said, "many senior al-Qaida leaders remained at large, continued to plan attacks against the United States, U.S. interests and U.S. partners."

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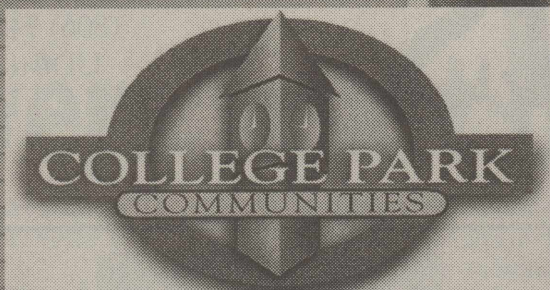
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Study of Bible acceptable if other texts allowed

Odessa's decision to allow Bible studies in school begs the question: To what capacity should the scriptures fill curriculum?

In a voice that rivaled a Smackdown wrestling announcer, the principal said, "Heck no, the Bible represents religion and we can't have our students learn that!"

Yet the student said, "Principal man, let my people know!" Then, the opinions parted and the nation embraced the debate. The citizens wanted to know if they could offer classes that studied the Bible.

Separation of church and state acts as one of the many issues that divide both talking heads and individuals alike. On the left, we can't be separated enough. On the right we are suffocating religious freedom. Of course, there is the majority, which simply wants fairness for all sides.

I say we can reach a middle ground where both Christians and non will not feel too threatened.

On Wednesday, the Odessa school board allowed a Bible curriculum class as an elective. Mike Johnson, a supporter of the initiative, believes the class will not be used to preach, but teach students about the connection between the Bible and historic events.

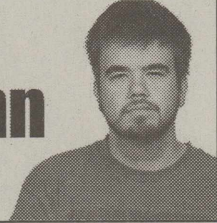
In this context, I agree the class could be helpful in the learning process, but only if other religious texts enjoy the same chance.

The Bible acts as a tool, offering both moral thinking and giving guidance on life. However, many other texts from around the world also act in the same fashion.

Hindus, Buddhist and Muslims share profound teachings society can benefit from, just as Christians do. Because so many texts such as the Quran and Torah share similarities, they cannot be left out of classroom consideration.

Johnson states the Bible is referenced many times throughout history and students would better understand if they

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knew something about the references. I agree with Johnson here as well. Sure, the book is about people who worship God, but this book also served as a tool for change.

A primary reason citizens of England

fled to what is now our nation comes from the fact that people wanted the freedom to follow or not follow the teachings of the Bible. Key items such as the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition and even the Holy Roman Empire all had something to do with a text that started in Genesis. If people simply want to understand the documents mentioned, then more power to them.

Finally, I believe we open new channels by allowing study of a book that came off the first European printing press.

Understanding the Bible and other religious texts allows students to learn about other cultures and what roles certain beliefs played in history.

Perhaps, if we can open the various texts to curriculum foreign language, social practices and world know-how can be common knowledge for the average Joe.

One of the disappointments America faces is we do not know enough about the nations around us.

Young minds cannot comprehend why countries who should be peaceful allies despise our every policy. Breaking open the various religious teachings helps people understand one another.

I'm not here to convert anyone to any religion. That's a decision someone has to make on his own.

I simply believe we can use books such as the Bible as aids for learning tools. Of course, we have to be fair and allow other books the same freedom if we want to use them with curriculum.

I believe it's a good idea because children need to know about the references and it opens new channels in world knowledge. Freedom of religion should not overpower freedom of knowing.

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TECH TALKS BACK

We ride today for bike lanes and trees

We ride today.

We ride today not just as a bunch of longhairs causing you trouble — though we are that — but as concerned members of the Texas Tech community. We bear concern for ourselves as cyclists, surely, as we hate being smashed by cars, but also as students who pay tuition and believe our money is not always used in our best interest.

Now, lest you tire of our persistent complaining, we ride today also in celebration. We celebrate the progress being made in the creation and flourishing of bike lanes, and the new blood pumping

excitedly through the Student Government Association. (Thank you, Ryan.) We ride today to celebrate trees, bicycles and how friendly they are to each other.

So today, Arbor Day, please do Tech and yourself a favor — hug a tree, then find someone with a nice-looking tie and a hefty paycheck, and tell them you want bike lanes.

— *Kaki Aufdengarten, senior communications studies major from Fort Davis, and Josh Justice, a senior electronic media and communications major from Alpine*

Cloning shows human inability to move forward

I recently read an article which mentioned a horse successfully had been cloned at Texas A&M University. While some people would hail this as a scientific triumph, I can't help worry at the danger that looms with the increased knowledge in the cloning field.

From a religious standpoint, this obviously is wrong. People who look up to a higher power are led to believe it is through this higher being all living things are created. It is not through man, not through science, but merely through the grace of God every living thing is on this earth.

But that's easy. Everyone knows this issue is religiously wrong, but what about science, those who strive to make the impossible possible? Well, throughout the world's history, there have been many species and eras come and go. All were different in their own way, all served a major purpose in the evolution of our planet and all had to leave when their time expired.

It is through this evolutionary chain of events our civilization has been able to achieve the balance and cohesiveness that has ensured its survival. To clone extinct animals, dead people or other various living things could seriously jeopardize our current civilization.

The whole concept of evolution is moving forward, not backward. It's about creating new, original beings and civilizations. All cloning can offer is a recreation of the past, something that already has been created, just a duplicate of it. What could a copy of something have to offer that the original could not? They are carbon copies, right? Well, what's the sense in cloning them?

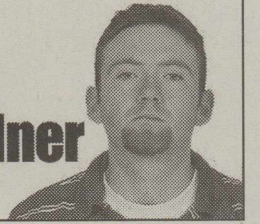
People argue being able to bring back such geniuses like Einstein or Freud would be beneficial to society. I disagree because these people have already made their contributions to our culture. It's up to new, innovative minds to forge ahead and make new discoveries.

If we have to rely on bringing people back who have been deceased for years, it clearly shows our inadequacies in imagination and creativity. Without being forced to move ahead on our own, in the long run, we're going to be left behind.

Cloning people, thankfully, still is in the distant future. Right now, however, the issue of cloning animals is right at the foot of the world's doorstep. It seems to me the cloning issue is more a matter of trying to prove we can do it rather than having a purpose for doing so.

What purpose does a cloned sheep or

Will Gardner



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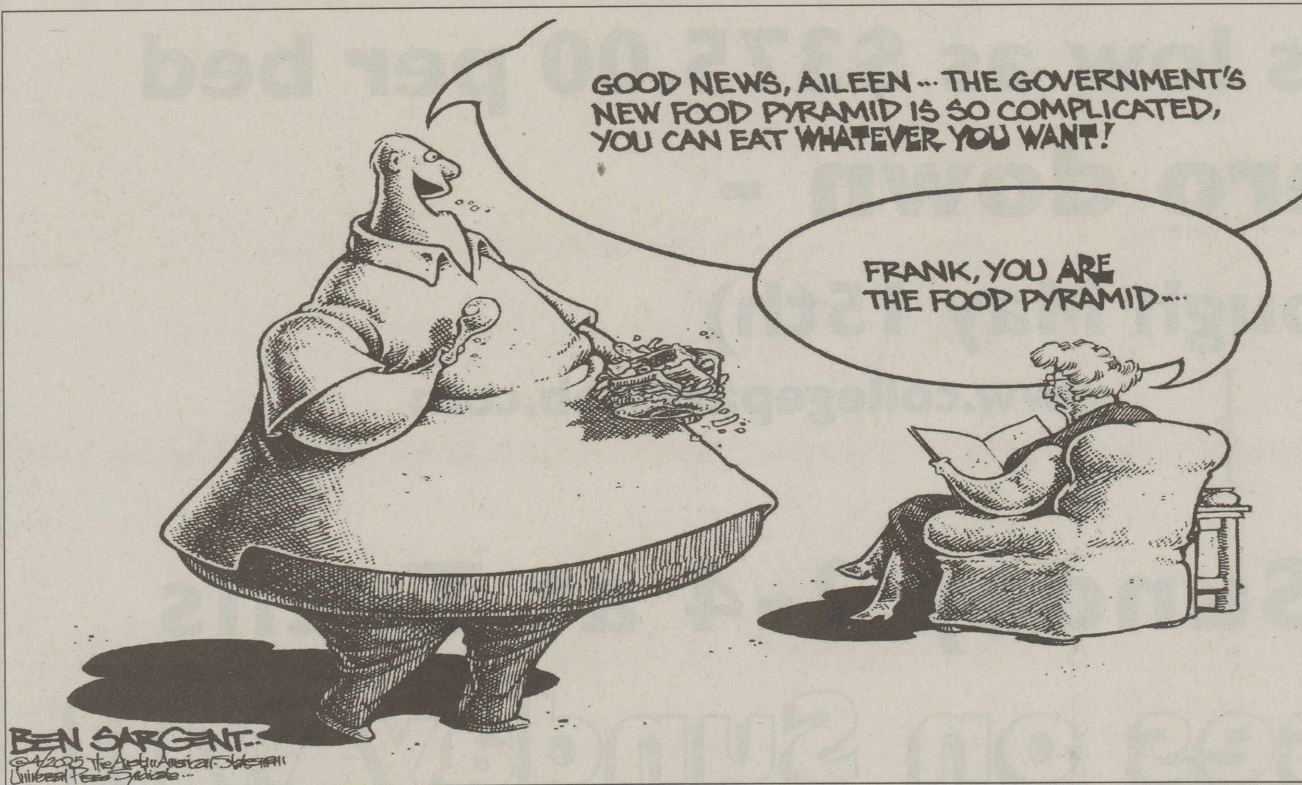
horse serve? Are there not enough sheep and horse already? What about the abused animals who are starved, mistreated and die through suffering? Why not use the money to find homes for them rather than clone versions of specific animals already here?

What it all comes down to: we're tampering with the ecosystem and if we're not careful, we could cause irrevocable damage. The earth has turned just fine for millions of years without man cloning animals to ensure its survival. The normal habit of reproduction does its job well enough. So, like they say, if it isn't broken, why fix it?

The more sophisticated our technology becomes, the more damage we do to our planet. Look at what we've done to the ozone layer, the oceans and ourselves. Sometimes it just isn't necessary to take the next step in scientific discovery.

There is no good, solid reason to clone anything. It seems more for bragging rights than anything else and, as history has shown, the prouder and more egotistical something becomes, the quicker they meet the end.

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Saying an end-of-the-year 'thank you' to the people in my life at Tech

We live in a fast-paced society and getting ahead is the goal. There are ladders to climb, glass ceilings to break and so much to accomplish, both professionally and personally. We go to college to get that extra edge to make that extra cash. That's not to say there aren't other life goals and other reasons for attending institutions of higher education.

But there is one constant among all students — it can't be done alone. We've all had help, from families to friends. But there are so many others. From bus drivers to librarians to professors to janitors — we are only as successful as those who help us.

I have been lucky enough to be guided, supported, enlightened and encouraged by so many individuals.

My first semester at Tech I was a confused,

Sarah Looten



disoriented and overwhelmed freshman who thought she could handle anything. I was wrong. Turns out I knew nothing, specifically, about math, and my teaching assistant knew nothing about teaching it. In tears, I went to the Honors College. From that moment on, they helped me solve any problem. Rebecca Greene found answers she didn't already know. Janet Veal took over for her. Joel Walker and Sharon Gillett help me out a lot, too.

Most notable was the attention most students receive from Gary Bell, dean of the Honors College. I had the pleasure of taking two interesting classes with him. But I've also been able to visit with him as a peer and not a professor. He always seems to know what you're doing, and always has words of encouragement. It's nice to know someone that important and busy still has time to be involved with students.

Like others, I changed my major many times. Apparently, at 60 hours, you have to declare a major. I was lost until I took american politics. John Barkdull is the reason I'm a political science major. And after taking comparative foreign politics with him, he is the reason I became an international studies minor. I've always had a moderate interest in politics, but he presented the world in

such a fascinating manner, I couldn't think of anything else I wanted to study.

That was until I took introduction to sociology with Andreas Schneider. He was just as fascinating, but with a German accent. He talked about real-life problems and real-life solutions. I thought class was exciting and I couldn't wait to take more sociology, hence my other major. He also taught me one of the most important life lessons you will ever learn — no matter where you are and what you are doing, if you act like you know what's going on and belong, people will believe it.

I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up, but Joe Duke at the Career Center has been helpful. When I was utterly lost and full of angst, he swooped in and made me feel better about my future and myself.

He's offered me great life advice and career advice.

I could go on about people I need to thank. I could list professors, staff, students and other people who have made my life not only easier, but better. I believe in "thank you's." I believe appreciation is a strong emotion.

I believe in karma and helping others. I encourage you to take a couple of minutes out of your day to send a quick little e-mail, or even a card, to people who have helped you. They'll appreciate it and you'll feel pretty good, too.

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Study finds happiness lowers heart disease

By Andrew Ortiz/
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO — Exams, deadlines, portfolios and student loans — it's the end of the semester and everybody's stress level is high.

As their year closes, some Baylor students are combating a heavier stress load and a fatigued body.

"I'm really stressed," Carley Mann, a Harlingen junior, said.

Mann, who said on top of studying for exams and preparing for her brother's upcoming wedding, said she tries to be happy.

That good belly laugh might be just as good as an apple at keeping the doctor away, according to one British study.

Students should smile — it's good for their heart and just might help them live longer.

Last week, a study released by the University College London discovered a trend that happy people tend to be healthier than the unhappy.

The study's findings showed people who claim or tend to lead happier lives have lower levels of "stress-inducing" chemicals, which raise a person's chances for heart disease and diabetes.

The study discovered even when "happier people experienced stress, they had low levels of a chemical which increases the risk of heart disease."

British civil servants served as the test subjects and had their vital signs, such as blood pressure and heart rate, monitored throughout their days from work, personal time and leisure.

Plasma fibrinogen, a chemical that detects inflammation in the bloodstream, was one substance the study showed was lower in happier people.

Researchers say a high level of the chemical is one indicator of heart disease.

Cortisol, a stress hormone, was another substance found higher in people who were unhappier during their days.

According to the study, cortisol was 32 percent lower in happier people. The hormone has been likened to obesity, type-two diabetes and autoimmune disorders.

"People who are happier tend to be less stressed," Dr. Wade C. Rowatt, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, said. "If you're overstressed for too long, you become more susceptible to illness."

Rowatt cites an article by his colleague Dr. Kristina Deneve, a former Baylor psychology professor, reporting happiness has a strong relation to personal health and social activity.

Deneve's article notes factors such as extroversion and socioeconomic status affect all age groups and their respective personal happiness levels.

Rowatt said optimistic, happy people tend to be less stressed about minor daily hassles and usually experience the benefits of a healthier immune system.

That happiness affects one's health comes as no surprise to JeDonne Williams, a San Antonio junior, who credits setting priorities and goals as both a stress-reliever and source of

happiness.

"I try to get myself ready for stress, and I'm very happy," Williams said. "Your mind is half the battle. You have to set a goal — it eliminates stress."

Health professionals and study researchers recommend stress management and taking the time to relax as healthy measures to maintain happiness and a healthy heart.

University College London professor Jane Wardle, who worked on the study, said in a statement to British press, "All the research to date has been on unhappiness, rather than happiness."

"This research suggests we should aim to maximize the happiness of the population," Wardle told BBC reporters. "Every moment of happiness counts when it comes to protecting your heart."

Mann takes a slightly different approach for her stress relief.

"I like to spend some alone time to reduce stress," Mann said.

Some people prefer to shop or spend time with friends, but some alone time is good for me."

Judy Garland once sang the motivational lines, "Come on. Get happy." Her tune might not only be a classic, but also good health advice. It's not just apples, but also smiles and laughs that keep the doctor away.

"There's good and bad stress," Williams said. "Smile, everything's going to be OK."

BBC News Health contributed to this report.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

COL. JAMES MCGINLEY, professor of aerospace studies and Tech Air Force ROTC commanding officer, passes a guidon from Cadet Lt. James McGinley to Cadet Col. Eric Shneck, the newly appointed cadet commanding officer, during a formal changing of command ceremony held Thursday afternoon in Memorial Circle.

Abbas threatens 'iron fist' against militants who violate cease-fire

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Thousands of Israelis poured into the Gaza Strip's main Jewish settlement bloc Wednesday to protest this summer's planned withdrawal, show support for the settlers and bid farewell to the area Israel occupied for 38 years.

Gaza settler leaders said they expect at least 100,000 people, which would make it one of the largest demonstrations since Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced the pullout plan last year. Turnout was expected to be bolstered by warm weather and the Passover

holiday, when schools are closed and many people are on vacation.

Some settler leaders have expressed hope that the protesters will stay in Gaza to resist the withdrawal. However, Avner Shimon, mayor of the Gaza settlements, said he expected the visitors to leave after Passover.

"People are coming to enjoy themselves, see the place and hug us and to tell us they are with us. I estimate that nobody will remain when it is over," he told Israel Army Radio.

Early Wednesday, the Israeli army closed the main crossing into the

Gush Katif bloc of settlements to private cars, allowing only buses through. Army Radio said 1,500 buses were expected to reach Gush Katif.

Organizers were selling orange flags and T-shirts, symbols of opposition to the withdrawal.

Event organizers planned a march through Gaza's seaside settlements and a rally.

Under the plan, Israel will withdraw from all 21 Gaza settlements as well as four small settlements in the West Bank. About 9,000 Jewish settlers are slated to be evacuated from their homes.

Sergeant convicted of killing fellow soldiers quietly apologizes for grenade

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — An Army sergeant convicted of murdering two officers in a grenade attack on his comrades in Kuwait quietly said he was sorry Thursday before a military prosecutor urged the jury to sentence the soldier to death because he was an ideologically driven killer.

"I apologize for my actions. ... When I did that, I felt my life was in jeopardy, and I had other problems," Sgt. Hasan Akbar told the 15-person military jury.

Akbar spoke for less than a minute, making an unsworn statement that could not be cross-examined. He testified in such a low voice that even prosecutors

sitting nearby had trouble hearing, with one lawyer even cupping his ear.

The defense rested its case after Akbar addressed the same jury that last week convicted him of two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted premeditated murder. The 34-year-old Akbar faces three possible sentences — death, life with parole or life without parole.

Prosecutors have said Akbar launched the attack on members

of the 101st Airborne Division in March 2003 at Camp Pennsylvania because he was concerned about U.S. troops killing fellow Muslims in the Iraq war.

The 101st was waiting to join the U.S. invasion of Iraq that had begun two days earlier.

In closing arguments of the sentencing phase, chief prosecutor Lt. Col. Michael Mulligan urged jurors to sentence Akbar to death and reject claims that the soldier's background caused his actions.



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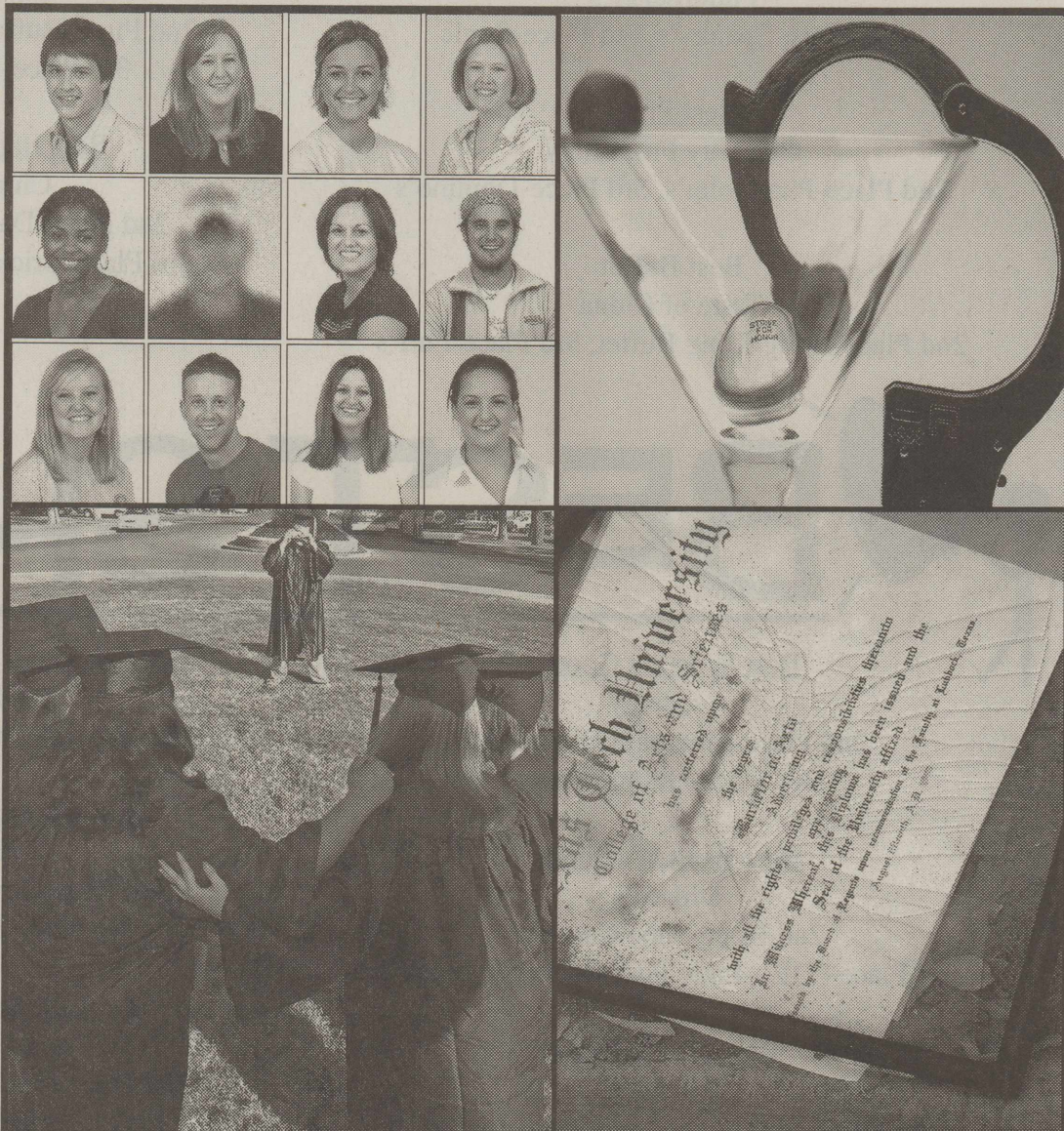
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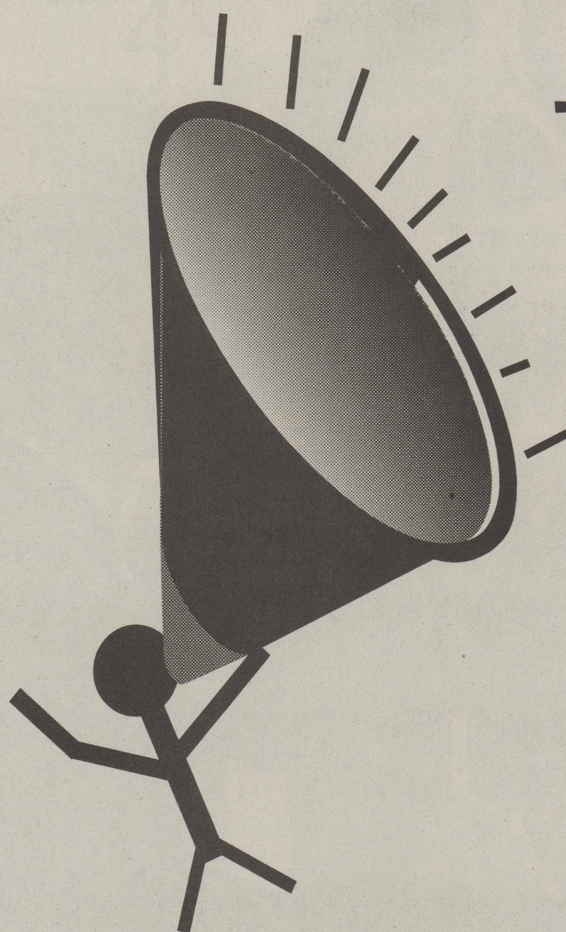
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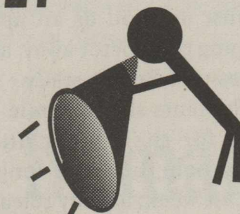
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BEST FOOD & RESTAURANTS

Best Chicken Fried Steak
Cotton Patch
2nd Place-County Line, 3rd Place-Cheddars

Best French Fries
McDonald's
2nd Place-Spanky's, 3rd Place-Chili's

Best Steak
Cagel's
2nd Place (TIE)- Texas Land & Cattle & Outback,
3rd Place-Logans

Best Barbecue
Rudy's
2nd Place-County Line, 3rd Place-Bigham's

Best Hamburger
Fuddrucker's
2nd Place-Spanky's, 3rd Place-Sonic

Best Pizza
One Guy From Italy
2nd Place-Papa John's, 3rd Place-Domino's

Best Buffet
Taste of China
2nd Place-Hong Kong Buffet, 3rd Place-Furr's

Best Mexican Food
Rosa's
2nd Place-Abuelo's, 3rd Place-On The Border

Best Italian Food
(TIE) Olive Garden & Carino's
2nd Place- Orlando's, 3rd Place-Stella's

Best Oriental Food
Shogun
2nd Place-Little Panda, 3rd Place-Tokyo Steak-
house

Best Margarita
Chimy's
2nd Place-On The Border, 3rd Place-Abuelo's

Best Cold Beer
Cricket's
2nd Place-Buffalo Wild Wings,
3rd Place-Bleacher's

Best Happy Hour
Chimy's
2nd Place-Daiquiri Lounge,
3rd Place-Cricket's Draffhouse

Best Fast Food
Rosa's
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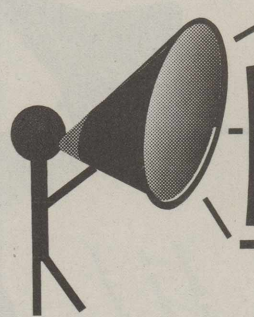
Best All Night Restaurant
Whataburger
2nd Place-IHOP, 3rd Place- Josie's

Best-All You-Can-Eat-Deal
CiCi's Pizza
2nd Place-Furr's Cafeteria, 3rd Place- Mr. Gatti's

Favorite Restaurant
Chili's
2nd Place-Bless Your Heart, 3rd Place-Rosa's

Friendliest Service
Chili's
2nd Place- Sonic, 3rd Place- Bless Your Heart

Best Supermarket
United
2nd Place-Walmart, 3rd Place-Albertson's



BEST SHOPPING

Best Sporting Goods
Academy
2nd Place-Mountain Hideaway,
3rd Place-Outdoorsman

Best Women's Shoes
Dillard's
2nd Place-Shoe Carnival
3rd Place (TIE) -Lady Foot Locker & Baker's

Best Men's Shoes
Dillard's
2nd Place-Foot Locker, 3rd Place-Journey's

Best Department Store
Dillard's
2nd Place-JC Penny; 3rd Place-Malouf's

Best Jewelry Store
James Avery
2nd Place-Kay Jewelers,
3rd Place-Robert Lance Jewelers

Best Western Wear
Cavender's
2nd Place-Dollar Western Wear,
3rd Place-Boot City

Best Discount Store
Target
2nd Place-Walmart,
3rd Place (TIE)-Saver's & TJ Maxx

Best Consumer Electronic Store
Best Buy
2nd Place-Circuit City, 3rd Place-Walmart

Best Convenience Store
7-eleven
2nd Place-Town & Country,
3rd Place-Sam's Place

Best Bookstore
Barnes & Noble
2nd Place-Double T Bookstore,
3rd Place-Varsity Bookstore

Best Clothing Bargains
Old Navy
2nd Place-Target, 3rd Place- TJ Maxx

Best Tire Store
Discount Tire
2nd Place-Firestone, 3rd Place-Pep Boys

Best Women's Traditional Clothing
Dillard's
2nd Place-Banana Republic, 3rd Place-Old Navy

Best Women's Casual Clothing
American Eagle
2nd Place- Gap, 3rd Place-Target

Best Men's Traditional Clothing
Dillard's
2nd Place-Abercrombie & Fitch,
3rd Place-American Eagle

Best Men's Casual Clothing
American Eagle
2nd Place-Abercrombie & Fitch, 3rd Place-Gap

Best Shopping Center/Mall
South Plains Mall
2nd Place-Kingsgate,
3rd Place-Memphis Place Mall

Best Internet Provider
Cox
2nd Place-SBC, 3rd Place-AOL

Best Place to Buy Jeans
Old Navy
2nd Place-Gap, 3rd Place- (TIE) American Eagle
& Abercrombie & Fitch

Best Tattoo Shop
Inkfluence
2nd Place-Big Buddha, 3rd Place-Piercecution

Best Travel Agency
Expedia
2nd Place-Travelocity, 3rd Place-AAA

BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS

Best Place to Buy CD's & Cassettes

Best Buy
2nd Place-Hastings, 3rd Place-Walmart

Best Local TV News Team

KCBD-TV New Channel 11
2nd Place-KJTV-TV Channel 34,
3rd Place- KMAC-TV Channel 28

Best Local TV Sportscaster

Pete Christy - KCBD-TV
2nd Place-Vinnie Vinzetta, KJTV-34, 3rd Place-
David Collier, KMAC-TV

Best Local TV Weathercaster

John Robison - KCBD-TV
2nd Place-Ron Roberts, 3rd Place-Bryan Hughes

Best TV Show

The OC
2nd Place-Desperate Housewives, 3rd Place-CSI

Best TV Commercial (TIE)

Geico & Budweiser
2nd Place-Sonic, 3rd Place-Ralph's Records

Best Local Radio Personality

Kidd Kraddick
2nd Place-Dina & Chris,
3rd Place-Big D & Bubba

Best Local Radio Morning Show

Kidd Kraddick - 100.3
2nd Place-Chris & Dina - Z102,
3rd Place- KFMX-94.5

Best TV Station

KCBD/NBC/Ch. 11
2nd Place- KJTV-34, 3rd Place-KMAC-28

Best Radio Station

Z102 102.5 - Ashley
2nd Place-Mix 100.3, 3rd Place- KFMX 94.5

Best Movie (TIE)

Hitch & The Notebook
2nd Place-Napoleon Dynamite,
3rd Place-Incredibles

Best Movie Theater

Tinseltown
2nd Place-Stars & Stripes,
3rd Place-Cinemark Movies 16

Best Video Rental Store

Blockbuster Video
2nd Place-Hollywood Video, 3rd Place-Hastings

Best Local Band

Moya
2nd Place-Scott McCurry, 3rd Place-(TIE)-
Locked & Loaded, Thrift Store Cowboys

Best Local C&W Band

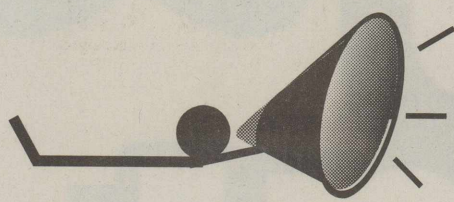
Thrift Store Cowboys
2nd Place-Down 1450,
3rd Place-Cross Canadian Ragweed

Best Soap Opera

Days of Our Lives
2nd Place-Passions 3rd Place-All My Children

Best Internet Website

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2nd Place-www.google.com,
3rd Place-www.yahoo.com



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Best Place to Study

TTU Library
2nd Place-Student Union Building,
3rd Place-Daybreak Coffee

Best Place to take a Date

Cafe J
2nd Place-Stars and Stripes,
3rd- Coldstone Creamery

Best Place to Work

TTU
2nd Place-TTU Rec Center,
3rd Place-South Plains Mall

Best Night Club

Wild West
2nd Place-Daiquri Lounge, 3rd Place-Library

Best Bar

Library
2nd Place-Cricket's Draffhouse,
3rd Place- Bash Riprock's

Best Business at the Business at the Strip

Doc's
2nd Place-Double T Liquor Store,
3rd Place-Crossed Keys

Best Cleaners

Briteway
2nd Place-Comet, 3rd Place-\$1.99

Best Carwash

Quick Quack
2nd Place-X-treme Wash, 3rd Place-Sundance

Best Car Repair

Gene Messer
2nd Place-(TIE) Collision King & Walmart,
3rd Place-Big Daddy's

Best Haircut (TIE)

Aalon Salon & Toni & Guy
2nd Place-Supercuts, 3rd Place-Sophisticuts

Best Tanning Salon

Body Bronze
2nd Place-Super Tan, 3rd Place- Always Tan

Best Apartment Property

Sterling Fountains
2nd Place-Raider's Pass, 3rd Place- Aston Pointe

Best Place to Buy Flowers

College Flowers
2nd Place-United, 3rd Place-University Flowers

Best Church

First United Methodist Church
2nd Place- St. Elizabeth's Catholic,
3rd Place-First Baptist Church

Best Bank

Wells Fargo
2nd Place-Bank of America,
3rd Place-American State Bank

Best Pharmacy

Walgreen's
2nd Place-CVS, 3rd Place-Thompson Hall

Best Romantic Dinner

Café J
2nd Place-Olive Garden 3rd Place-Carino's

Best Health Club

TTU Recreational Center
2nd Place-Body Works, 3rd Place-Reaction Fitness

Best Hangout

Starbucks
2nd Place-Daybreak Coffee, 3rd Place-Spanky's

Best Coffee Shop

Starbucks
2nd Place-Daybreak, 3rd Place-Coffee Haus

BEST OF TECH

Best Residence Hall

Stangel/Murdough
2nd Place-Chitwood/Weymouth,
3rd Place-Horn/Knapp

Best Tech Tradition

Carol of Lights
2nd Place-Guns Up, 3rd Place-Victory Bells

Best Men's Sport

Football
2nd Place-Basketball, 3rd Place-Baseball

Best Women's Sport

Basketball
2nd Place-Volleyball,
3rd Place-(TIE) Track & Field & Soccer

Best Professor/Instructor

Dr. Bill Dean
2nd Place-Robert Wernsman, 3rd Place-Dr. Eade

Best Student Organization

Delta Gamma
2nd Place-Alpha Phi, 3rd Place- Delta Delta Delta

Best Class

History of Jazz
2nd Place-Intro to Cinema,
3rd Place-Human Sexuality

Best Major

Journalism
2nd Place-Accounting,
3rd Place-(TIE) Psychology & Marketing

Most Helpful Department

Human Sciences
2nd Place-Mass Communications
3rd Place-Business

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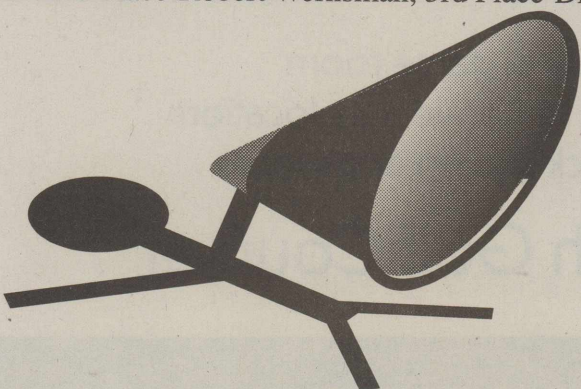
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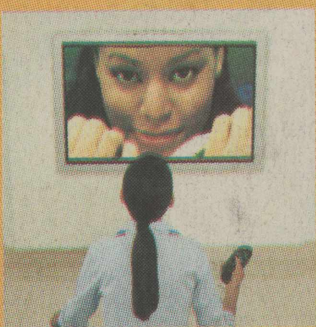
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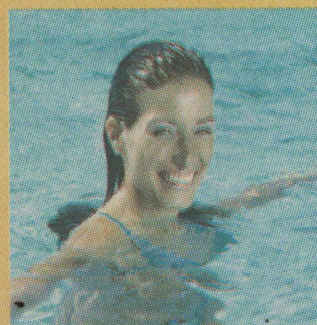
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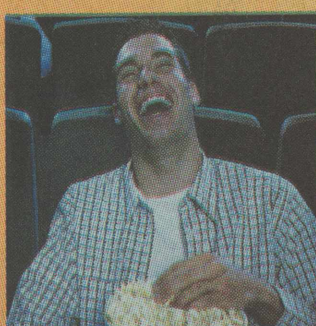
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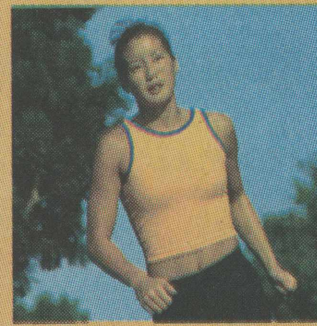
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Photos of soldiers' coffins released by military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon, under pressure from open-government advocates, released hundreds of images Thursday of flag-draped coffins of American soldiers.

The Pentagon had previously refused to release such images, which were taken by military photographers. Nor has it allowed the news media to photograph ceremonies of soldiers' coffins arriving in the United States, saying it is enforcing a policy installed in 1991 to respect the privacy of families of dead soldiers.

Some critics have contended the government is trying to hide the human cost of the war.

The Pentagon provided the images without context, so it was unclear where and when most of them were taken and whom they portrayed. The military also obscured the faces and identifying badges of many of the soldiers pictured in the ceremonies. A Pentagon spokesman said the pictures were edited out of privacy concerns.

Most of the photographs showed soldiers carrying or saluting flag-draped coffins.

Signs in the background of a few pictures identified their location as Afghanistan.

The photographs released Thursday were in response to a Freedom of Information request and lawsuit by Ralph Begleiter, a professor at the University of Delaware and a former correspondent for CNN, who argued the photographs were a public record.

Begleiter's request sought all military photos of caskets containing the remains of American soldiers taken since the U.S. launched its attack on Afghanistan in October 2001.

Jim Turner, a Pentagon spokesman, said the photos released were taken for historical or training purposes. He said military photographers now are taking pictures at such ceremonies less frequently.

Last April, the Air Force released scores of photos taken at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware in response to another FOIA request. The pictures included shots of some of the coffins of the astronauts who died last year on the space shuttle Columbia. The Pentagon later called that release a mistake.



IN THIS PHOTO released by the Department of Defense Thursday, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, soldiers drape U.S. flags over the caskets of members of a Black Hawk helicopter crew prior to off-loading at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. The Black Hawk, part of the 158th Aviation Regiment, 5th Battalion, 12th Aviation Brigade, Giebelstadt, Germany, crashed during a night training mission in Kuwait, killing all four crewmembers.

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Tons of uranium byproduct waste headed to West Texas

(AP) — Tons of uranium byproduct waste from a government plant in Ohio will be stored in West Texas as part of a \$7.5 million agreement, the Ohio contractor cleaning up the site announced Thursday.

The waste, enough to fill as many as 800 railroad cars, will come to the site Waste Control Specialists operates near the New Mexico border and about 30 miles west of Andrews, a town of about 10,000.

The agreement, announced in Cincinnati by Fluor Fernald, is worth \$7.5 million and covers two years of interim storage at the site.

"It's obviously something we've been working toward for some time," said George Dials, president of Waste Control. "We're quite excited."

Cyrus Reed, a spokesman for the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, said the environmental group was not surprised that the contract went to Waste Control "since no other state is willing to put its citizens at risk to take this highly volatile and radioactive waste."

Specially designed flatbed trucks carrying two containers each of the Ohio waste could begin their trip to West Texas as early as the end of May, Fluor Fernald spokesman Jeff Wagner said.

Workers in Ohio will blend the waste with flyash and cement to create a loose grout that will be loaded into half-inch-thick cylindrical carbon steel containers. In all, there will be 5,000 containers, each weighing an average of 20,000 pounds. The shipments, which must meet U.S. Department of Transportation requirements, should be completed by the end of the year, Wagner said.

The canisters being used have been rigorously tested, Dials said. "This is one where the containers are robustly designed and

demonstrated to be safe," he said.

In February, state health officials approved a license amendment that expanded the company's storage capacity from 250,000 cubic feet to 1.5 million cubic feet. The change made the company eligible to receive the waste from the abandoned Fernald plant, just northwest of Cincinnati.

The Sierra Club has requested a hearing on behalf of members who live in the area to contest the amendment. No date has been set.

Reed said Fluor Fernald is "jumping the gun" because the hearing is pending.

"We will continue to use this and other legal methods to prevent this waste from coming to Texas either for storage or eventual disposal," Reed said.

The energy department still owns the waste, which will remain at the site for two years as the department looks for a long-term storage or disposal arrangement.

Waste Control has an application pending with the Texas Department of State Health Services to dispose of the waste. A decision could come early next year.

Waste Control also is seeking a state license from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to dispose of low-level radioactive waste. That would include contaminated clothing or tools, most from commercial nuclear plants.

Now, it can treat and store the waste but must send it elsewhere for disposal.

The Fernald plant processed and purified uranium metal for use in reactors to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons from the 1950s until it ended production in 1989.

Fluor Fernald, with corporate headquarters in Aliso Viejo, Calif., has received \$12 million under a Department of Energy contract to clean up waste at the 1,050-acre Ohio site.

Town shocked by 10-year-old boy being suspect in shotgun slaying of father

HUMBOLDT, Kan. (AP) — When Carolyn Moore answered the light knock on her front door Sunday night, she was greeted by a boy wearing only burgundy underwear and holding a shotgun.

"There stood this poor, scared, half-naked little boy saying 'Help me, help me. Hide me. They're after me,'" Moore said. "I could see the fear in his eye. He said, 'They're going to get me and spank me hard.'"

On Wednesday, Allen County authorities said the 10-year-old boy was charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his father, Robert D. Hamlin, 43, was found dead Sunday night at his home near Humboldt.

"The child said, 'I done something really bad,'" Moore said, recalling their conversation. "And I said, 'What did you do?'"

"He said, 'I shot my dad.'"

The boy, whose name was not released, was charged as a juvenile and could be held until age 23 if convicted. A closed juvenile court hearing was conducted in the county seat of Iola, eight miles north of Humboldt, and a judge ordered the case sealed.

The father, according to Moore, "would do anything in the world for you. He was an extremely hard worker and took care of his family." She said he worked at a local factory.

Hamlin was sitting on the living room couch when he was shot in the back of the head with a 20-gauge pump shotgun.

His wife, Debbie, and two younger children fled to another neighbor after the shooting. Two other children were coming out of the house when deputies arrived, Sheriff Tom Williams said. He said he did not know the other children's ages.

The boy then walked up the road to Moore's home, carrying the

shotgun with one unfired shell, authorities said.

"We believe it to be the weapon, and we'll be testing evidence to show conclusively that it was the shotgun," Williams said before the hearing Wednesday. "We are investigating this as a criminal offense. We are looking at anything that relates to motive."

During Wednesday's hearing, windows on the courtroom door were covered with paper, Judge Dan Creitz ordered all parties not to talk about the case.

Allen County Attorney Jerry Hathaway said the order would prohibit any public comments about the matter and that no announcement would be made of court proceedings.

The boy did not stand out at Humboldt Elementary School, according to Superintendent Bob Heigele.

"He fit in well with our school, and he didn't have any more problems than any other student in the fourth grade," Heigele said. "He was a typical boy. I saw him around and it appeared he was well-liked."

Until now, this town of nearly 2,000 was known mainly as the birthplace of pitching legend Walter "Big Train" Johnson, inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.

It's a quiet town, about 100 miles southwest of Kansas City, where people have trouble remembering the last murder. Some say it was in the 1960s; other think it was earlier.

Many residents expressed sympathy for the boy, as well as the family. "The little guy did something really wrong, but he needs help," said liquor store owner Janie Hutson. "He probably needs treatment more than he needs punishment."

Defense: Mocking voices led man to buy gun before highway shootings

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The man on trial in a series of highway shootings heard mocking voices from the television for years, leading him to drop wood and bags of concrete off overpasses and then to buy a gun, his attorney told jurors Thursday.

Charles McCoy Jr. "believed people could read his mind" and would use those thoughts to make fun of him, Mark Collins said as he opened the defense case.

McCoy, 29, is charged with 24 counts in 12 shootings on and near Columbus-area highways, involving vehicles, houses and a school, over five months in 2003 and 2004. One woman was killed.

The defense concedes McCoy was the shooter but wants to convince jurors he had severe, untreated paranoid schizophrenia that kept him from knowing right from wrong.

McCoy would be hospitalized if jurors accept his plea of innocence by reason of insanity, though defense attorneys are not allowed to tell the jury that. He could face the death penalty if convicted of aggravated murder in the November 2003 death of Gail Knisley, who was shot while riding in a car on Interstate 270, which circles Columbus. She was the only person struck in the string of shootings.

Collins said he will show that McCoy became progressively bizarre and sometimes threatening to his relatives. On a 0-100 scale on the severity of his paranoid schizophrenia, medical experts will testify that McCoy ranks between 85 and 95, the attorney said.

His mother, Ardith McCoy, testified that he was a star high school football player, with many friends. "The phone rang off the hook," she said.

Two die as small plane crashes in West Texas

MIDKIFF (AP) — Two people died Thursday when their small plane crashed in a pasture near the West Texas town of Midkiff, authorities said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig said the Cessna 172 was operated by American Patrols Inc. of Midland.

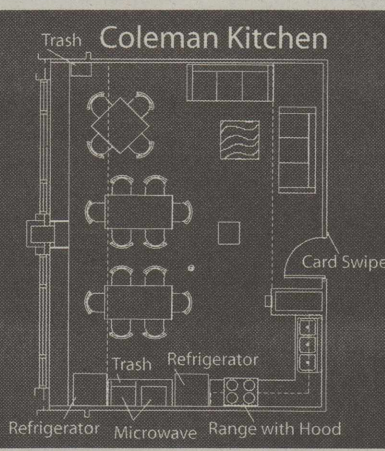
The company had no immediate comment.

Midland Fire Department Battalion Chief Russ Conley confirmed both people on board died.

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Idol

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advisers of the two residence halls. "All three judges told me I was horrible and I should never sing again in my life," he said. "I guess it is all about performance. I like to sing, have a good time and make people laugh. I have tricks up my sleeve for this performance."

He sang the Shania Twain song "Any Man of Mine." He practiced by himself in front of his mirror Thursday before the performance.

During the performance, he stripped from a long-sleeved black T-shirt and camouflage fatigue pants to a spaghetti strap tank top and a camouflage mini-skirt.

Sarah Sadka, a freshman retail major from Houston, sat in the front row laughing and clapping while Whisenhunt sang.

"He's definitely wearing my tank top and skirt," Sadka said. "He's a good friend of mine. It's amazing, original."

Whisenhunt kicked his pants off and threw them to a crowd of laughing, screaming girls.

"I knew I had to make up for my voice with my performance," he said. "I wanted to make the whole place in a riot."

The contest, held in The Market dining area, drew a large crowd from several residence halls. Cody Charles, resident hall programming assistant, said the judges held a weeklong selection process to find the top "Idol" performers.

"It is pretty much a spin off of 'American Idol,' except it's karaoke," Charles said. "We had three days of auditions and picked the top 10."

The contest was a fun way to get students together in a place where they would not lose a lot of time during one of the busiest parts of

the semester, he said. "We've had a lot of people participate," he said. "It's a program we do as a stress reliever at the end of the semester. We get everyone to come out of their rooms and have fun."

Antionette Murphy, a senior music major from Austin and a community adviser on the contest committee, performed "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You." She was the second contestant in the contest.

"I feel a lot better than I did before," she said after her performance. "It's just fun. It's just karaoke, so it takes a lot of pressure off. Who can't have fun with karaoke?"

Andie Smallwood, a sophomore architecture major from Hampton, Va., said he watched the first two seasons of "American Idol." When Murphy performed, he became involved in the competition as a cheering spectator.

"That's my favorite song ever," Smallwood said. "(The performance) was pretty good. I like this type of thing here because you can see who has talent and who doesn't."

Olivia Taylor, a freshman nursing major from Carrollton, also became involved in the competition because of a presentation of Antonio Hardy's recital of "You Got it Bad" while she ate dinner.

"This competition isn't just about singing," she said. "You have to get the audience involved." Taylor never misses "American Idol" on television, a show she hopes to be a contestant on some day. Hardy's performance was unique because he played harmonica during the song, she said.

Hardy, a freshman marketing major from Arlington,

said he believes he did a good job of getting the audience members, like Taylor, who stood up to sing and dance during his performance, involved in the competition. At the end of the competition, he received fourth place.

"I was really nervous," Hardy said. "I am really used to performing, but I still get really nervous though. I was all shaking. I get butterflies." Mieheal Gunn, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life and judge for the competition said the judges were looking for the total package — a performer who could sing.

"We look for someone who can sing and work the crowd," Gunn said. "We are looking for performers with personality. You have to play the crowd. It's hard because it's karaoke format. We hope they go all out."

He said the contestants did a good job performing a working the crowd.

"The students that know a song do a lot better," he said. "They do better than the ones with strong voices that carry the song."

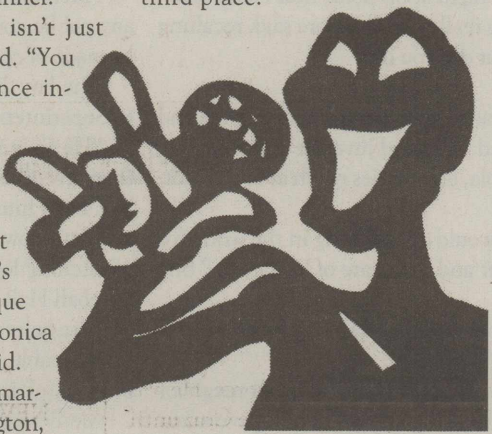
Lauren Hoying, a freshman marketing major from Arlington, sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The judges named her the first place winner and the recipient of one year of free textbooks.

"Mom will be happy about the textbooks," she said. "I am so excited. I never thought I would've won. I had all my friends here for support to even get me up there to do it. I couldn't even concentrate today in class because I was thinking about it."

Tim Sayles, a senior zoology major from Mesquite, received second place, and Claire Lightfoot, a freshman pre-pharmacy major from Houston, received third place.

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— ANDIE SMALLWOOD
Sophomore Architecture Major from Hampton, Va.



Abortion

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If the House bill becomes law, it will harm the small percentage of young women it affects, Wheat said.

"These are the ones who need our support the most," she said. "They don't need additional roadblocks to making healthy and safe decisions."

The House bill includes a judicial bypass provision that allows a minor to get a waiver from a judge if she is in an abusive home. Wheat said that judicial bypass clauses are common in

laws such as the House bill.

"The courts have always said their has to be a judicial bypass built in," she said.

Rachel White, a freshman psychology major from Dallas, said she is pro-life and is happy the bill passed in the House.

"I think it's a good thing," she said. "I think you should have your parents' consent. You should be able to talk to your parents."

Wheat said she agrees with the judicial waiver option and believes this will help young women in special circumstances.

"I think that'd be a good thing because not everybody has the perfect family where they can talk

about anything," she said.

White said she believes this new law will help the Republican Party in its fight to make abortion illegal.

"It's not making it illegal, but it's making it a lot harder," she said. "It's a big step ... for the Republican Party to making it illegal."

This is the third time since 1998 the House approved a similar bill. The Senate has never taken up the issue, but is expected to this time. Since the election in November, Republicans have gained more pro-life support in the Senate. Supporters of the new bill are optimistic it will be passed in the Senate.

Traffic

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"I know it will work," he said. "I've seen it in practice."

Hart said he believes the new traffic light synchronization eventually will reduce the number of people who drive faster than the speed limit as well.

Tech students do not feel quite as confident in the new system, but many say it might be caused solely by hesitations about driving in Lubbock in general.

Florencio Moreno, a junior political science major from San Antonio, said he is not a fan of driving in Lubbock.

"I hate it," he said. "Everybody's in a hurry — myself included, and there are a lot of stop lights."

Moreno said he believes traffic lights cause people to be overcome by road rage, and he is not sure the idea of the lights being coordinated will be effective.

"I don't think it will work for me personally," he said. "But, I don't go the speed limit. I guess it would depend on the (amount) of traffic if it will work for everybody else."

Moreno said he has nearly been hit or almost hit someone else several times because of quick stops at traffic lights.

Officer Mickey Chambliss of the Lubbock Police Department said he believes the new system will only work as well as the actors in it.

"I'm not sure this will stop speeding. People who are going

to run the lights will run the lights," he said. "It's just like putting a lock on your door; it's going to keep the honest people honest, but the people that would have broken into your house probably still will."

Chambliss said he can attest to the fact that there are numerous red-light runners in Lubbock and hopes the light synchronization will decrease the problem.

Although he cannot make a technical comparison between the prevalence of Lubbock drivers who run red lights and other comparably sized cities, he believes the problem will be lessened with the enactment of the new process.

Grace Thorpe, a graduate student from Lubbock studying counseling, said she also believes traffic is a problem in Lubbock, but said she believes the new system is a positive idea.

"I definitely think it's a good idea," she said. "I'm thinking if drivers are driving slower, it will be better and they won't be hitting lights."

Thorpe said she has always had a difficult time figuring out why traffic moved so slowly, but hopes this new system will better the previous driving situation.

Samantha Bhoodram, a senior zoology major from Midland, said she also has noticed problems with Lubbock driving and said the situation is often frustrating.

"A lot of people drive pretty reckless," she said. "It seems like they don't know how to drive."

Bhoodram said she too believes the light synchronization will be beneficial to the community. "Considering the size of the town, it seems like traffic is pretty bad," she said. "I think it might make the streets safer if people ultimately follow the rules."

Marriage

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same-sex marriages and same-sex adoptions," she said. "That fear is very similar to how people felt about civil rights issues."

Some couples can purchase marriage licenses in cities like San Francisco or towns in New Mexico and New York, according to the Web Site, but no same-sex couples are allowed to register marriages in those states.

In 2003, the 78th Legislature approved the Defense of Marriage Act, which declares same-sex marriages or civil unions contrary to Texas public policy and are void.

According to the legislature, Texas public policy prohibits the state and any agency or political subdivision from recognizing a same-sex marriage or civil union granted in Texas or in any other jurisdiction or any legal rights asserted as a result of such a marriage or union.

Ryan Poe, vice president of Queers and Allies, said it is more of a matter of church and state.

"I think marriage is a religious thing, and the government should stay out of it," he said.

Poe said his beliefs in marriage are more about whether his religion says he may marry a partner and not about his government's say.

The bill, according to the state legislature, would be presented to the voters Nov. 8. The ballot would state, "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman."

"I don't agree with it," Wright said. "But it's not something I dwell on."

The vote in November, according to the legislature, would allow the citizens of Texas, not the courts, to decide how state law defines marriage.

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7 AM	Body Electric	Today On Location in Las Vegas	Early Show	Believers Voice Life Today	Good Morning America	Animal Rescue Spin City
8 AM	Bears			Petkeeping	Roseanne	Roseanne
9 AM	Dragon Tales			Judge Joe	Home Delivery	Becker
10 AM	Sesame Street	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe	The View	Ambush
11 AM	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Starting Over
12 PM	Router	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Hollywood
1 PM	Sewing	Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
2 PM	The Lions	Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Animal Adv	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Dharma & Greg	Jane Pauley	Fear Factor '30
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Montel Williams	Fox 34 News
5 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	News	Malcolm
6 PM	Nightly Business	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	World News	Simpsons
7 PM	Washington	Dateline NBC	CSI: Crime Scene	Enterprise 'n a Mirror, Darkly'	Funnest Home Videos	'Spider-Man' (12, Fantasy)
8 PM	Now	Third Watch 'End of Tour' (HD)	JAG (HD)	Americas Next Top Model	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith
9 PM	Trains of the American West	Law & Order: Trial Jury (HD)	Numbers 'Sacrifice' (HD)	King of Hill	King of Hill	Fox 34 News@Nine
10 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	News	News
11 PM	Destinos	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	David Letterman	Magnum, P.I.	(35) Nightline	Seinfeld
12 AM	Charlie Rose	(35) Conan O'Brien	(35) Late Late Show	Blind Date	Paid Program	Frasier
12 AM	Off Air	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Color 925	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	Cheers

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2005

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7 AM	(6:30) Off Air	Today	(6:00) Saturday Early Show	Paid Program	Good America	Mew Mew
8 AM	Bob the Builder		Scout's Safari	Paid Program	Lilo & Stitch	Winx Club
9 AM	Jay Jay	Rebecca's	Little Bill	Automax	Even Stevens	Sonic X
10 AM	Baking Magic	J. Corwin	Croc Files	Paid Program	So Raven	Ninja Turtles
11 AM	RS' Europe	Trading	Darcy's	Paid Program	Phil of Future	One Piece
12 PM	P. Allen	Hawaii	Paid Program	Paid Program	Lizzie McGuire	Shaman King
1 PM	Workshop	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWE After Burn	Kim Possible
2 PM	Woodwright's	Paid Program	Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans (Live) (HD)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
3 PM	Antiques Roadshow	Track and Field Penn Relays (Live)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
4 PM	Fast 'Go Fish'	Health	NBC News	CBS News	World News	Raymond
5 PM	Destinos	News	Paid Program	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston (Live)	News	CSI: 'Play with Fire...'
6 PM	Lawrence Welk	Crossing Jordan (HD)	Without a Trace 'Risen' (HD)	CSI: Miami 'One Night Stand'	News	Cops
7 PM	As Time Goes	Law & Order: SVU 'Hooked' (HD)	Law & Order: 'ObSESSION' (HD)	48 Hours	X-Files 'End Game'	Cops
8 PM	Globe Trekker	News	KLBK 13 News	Maximum Exposure	News	Seinfeld
9 PM	Austin City Limits	Saturday Night Live 'Hillary Swank; 50 Cent'	I Love Lucy	Unexplained Mysteries	Paid Program	Mad TV
10 PM	Independent Lens	The Practice 'Part IV'	Paid Program	Outer Limits 'Glyptic'	Paid Program	Just Shoot Me

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2005

STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXZ 5 PBS Lubbock	KCBD 11 NBC Lubbock	KLBK 13 CBS Lubbock	KUPT 22 UPN Lubbock	KAMC 28 ABC Lubbock	KJTV 34 FOX Lubbock
7 AM	(5:00) Off Air	Today	LazyTown	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
8 AM	Boothbah		Spider's	Awakening	Lord's Way	Paid Program
9 AM	Buster	Texas Reporter	Sunday Morning	Paid Program	Feed Children	Believers Voice
10 AM	Arthur	First United Methodist Church	Paid Program	Prophecy	Eddie Trice	FOX News Sunday
11 AM	Maya Miguel	Meet the Press	Nation	Amer. Athlete	FOX News Sunday	Encounter Truth
12 PM	Destinos		Hour of Power	Outdoorsman	Si se puede!	Encounter Truth
1 PM	Tina Fuentes	Paid Program	Extra	Stephanopoulos	Paid Program	Auto Racing
2 PM	Tavis Smiley	Heads-Up Poker Championship	Paid Program	Polard Ford	NASCAR Nextel Cup in Talladega Ala. (Live) (HD)	NASCAR Nextel Cup in Talladega Ala. (Live) (HD)
3 PM	SmallBusiness	Arena Football Orlando at Philadelphia (Live)	Gymnastics NCAA women's championships (T)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
4 PM	Religion Ethics	McLaughlin	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston (Live)	Game Time	NBA Playoff A (Live)	Paid Program
5 PM	Jazz 'The Adventure 1955-1960'	Ironman Triathlon From Hawaii (T)	Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans (Live) (HD)	First-round game (Live)	Bob Vila's Homes	Paid Program
6 PM	Jazz 'A Masterpiece by Mid-night'		World News	She Spies 'Love Kills'	World News	She Spies 'Love Kills'
7 PM	Lawrence Welk	Dateline NBC	60 Minutes	Ultimate Poker	Funniest Home Videos	King of Hill
8 PM	Nature	Contender	Cold Case (HD)	Field of Dreams' (89) 'Voice prompts man to build ball field.'	Desperate Housewives (HD)	Family Guy
9 PM	Mystery!	Law & Order: CI 'No Exit' (HD)	★★ 'Riding the Bus with My Sister' (05) Two sisters bond. (HD)	Enterprise 'n a Mirror, Darkly'	(02) Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Fox 34 News@Nine
10 PM	Colonial House 'The Outsiders'	Crossing Jordan (HD)	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	News	Larry Hays
11 PM	As Time Goes	S. Wine	(35) Inside Ed.	Larry Hays	(35) Entertainment Tonight	CSI: 'Inside the Box'
12 AM	American Family (HD)	(35) Dateline NBC	I Love Lucy	Blind Date	Paid Program	Seinfeld
12 AM	Off Air	(05) News	Paid Program	Mutant X 'Reality Check'	(35) American	Just Shoot Me

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Studying strategies

THE FINAL STRETCH: Red Raiders share tips for successfully completing the semester.

By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Final exams begin next week, and some students probably are already thinking of putting on the coffee pot, stocking up on Red Bull or popping unprescribed Ritalin.

Collin Holt, a sophomore marketing major from Dallas, said students sometimes need to refrain from ingesting chemicals for exams, instead of ingesting new ones.

“The test and maybe the day before you study,” he said. “But when it’s dead day and they have all those parties, that doesn’t really work.”

“Try hooking up with a lady the night before the test.”

— LYLE PATMAN
A Sophomore Business Major from Dallas

Wes Skipwith, a broadcast journalism major from Dallas, disagreed, saying getting drunk at dead day parties should not have a negative effect on test scores.

“You have the whole day to sober up,” he said. “Just go to the sauna and sweat it all out.”



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ERIN MAHLER, A senior civil engineering major from Olney, and Erika Norstom, a junior civil engineering major from Lubbock, work on a hydrology project in the lobby of the University Library.

Lyle Patman, a sophomore business major from Dallas, offered another tip for better final grades.

“Try hooking up with a lady the night before the test,” he said. Skipwith, laughing, agreed. “Yeah, seriously,” he said. “It relieves anxiety.”

Though Holt said he tries to study for about 10 hours for each test, he typically leaves himself with one day to prepare.

“I usually just study the night before straight through,” he said. “Sometimes it doesn’t help much.”

Brenda Winn is the coordinator for XL, a program at Texas Tech that teaches students successful study habits. She offered a few studying tips of her own, stressing that cramming for finals is not an effective way to study.

Sleep is a key element in retaining knowledge, she said. By studying straight through the night without taking a break, a student is wasting several hours of time. A student begins studying alert and aware of the material, but as the night progresses, his or her attention span begins to diminish until the morning, when test

anxiety usually will provide a burst of adrenaline and awareness.

“You get the first hour of studying and the last hour,” she said. “All that in between is useless.”

Because sleep is so essential to the learning process, she suggested studying the most important facts for the test immediately before going to bed and then again before the test.

But the real key to final exam success, she said, is time management. She suggested students plan backwards from the test date to see how much time they realistically have to

spend studying instead of procrastinating until the night before.

“You can see exactly how much time you have that you can waste,” she said.

She also advised students to study in shorter increments, with a short rest every hour.

“When you’re rereading the same information over and over again, nothing’s getting through,” she said. “It’s time to take a break.”

Another key to higher test scores, she said, is diversifying study methods. In addition to reading a textbook chapter or reviewing lecture notes, Winn suggested students make note cards, rewrite notes in their own words, make annotations summarizing their textbooks page by page, and discuss possible test information with friends or other students in a study group.

“Review, review, review,” she said. “Studies have shown and any advertising major can tell you that in order to remember something you need to have seen it at least six times. It’s best if you see it in different ways.”

Though the final in a class is often counted the same as every other test, Christen Cozart, a freshman history major from San Antonio said she worries and prepares more for the exam at the end of the semester. Students often expect a good test score to make up for half a year of sappy study habits.

“I know I should study more consistently throughout the semester,” she said. “The final’s just kind of that last ditch effort to raise your grade.”

Report: ‘American Idol’ finalist faced drug charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “American Idol” finalist Bo Bice was arrested twice in the past four years on drug charges, a Web site reported Thursday — but Fox TV is standing by the long-haired rocker.

“From the beginning, Bo was honest and forthcoming in revealing his previous indiscretions and their outcome,” the network said in response to the report on thesmokinggun.com.

His participation with the show will be unaffected, Fox said Thursday.

The hit talent contest, among TV’s top-rated programs, has been roiled this season by tabloid allegations about one judge’s behavior and by ABC News’ vow to examine “explosive” claims in a special next week.

Several past contestants were booted for failing to disclose arrests, but those who have been forthcoming haven’t been penalized.

Scott Savol, who with Bice is among the top five finalists, told the series’ producers and Fox he had been arrested on a domestic violence charge and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count.

TheSmokingGun.com, citing court documents, said Bice, 29, of Helena, Ala., was arrested in 2001 on a felony cocaine possession charge.

That charge, as well as a marijuana possession charge stemming from a 2003 arrest, were both dismissed after Bice completed a program for first-time offenders, the Web site reported.

The series’ finale is set for May 24-25.

Tom Cruise dating Katie Holmes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise has a new girlfriend — actress Katie Holmes.

Cruise, 42, and Holmes, 26, have been dating a few weeks, Cruise’s publicist and sister, Lee Anne DeVette, said Wednesday.

The pair were photographed this week together in Rome, where Cruise on Friday will receive a lifetime achievement award at the Italian equivalent of the Academy Awards, the David di Donatello Awards.

Holmes’ public relations firm — Baker Winokur Ryder — confirmed the two were dating.

Both actors have had high-profile relationships.

Cruise’s first two marriages, to actresses Mimi Rogers and Nicole Kidman, ended in divorce. He was dating actress Penelope Cruz until the pair split last year.

Holmes and actor Chris Klein recently called off their engagement after dating five years.

Cruise in his nearly 25-year career has starred in such films as “Rain Man,” “Jerry Maguire” and the upcoming Steven Spielberg remake of “War of the Worlds.”

Holmes is best known for starring in the TV show “Dawson’s Creek,” and the movies “Wonder Boys” and “Pieces of April.”

She will co-star with Christian Bale in this summer’s “Batman Begins.”

New York mayor asks Conan to bring ‘Tonight’ show back home

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg tried to get a promise from Conan O’Brien Tuesday to bring the “Tonight” show back to New York when he takes over as host from Jay Leno in 2009.

“It’s not up to me, I work for the man. If he says ‘yeah,’ we’re fine. So we’ll talk,” O’Brien told Bloomberg, who appeared on his current NBC show, “Late Night with Conan O’Brien.”

The “Tonight” show, with Johnny Carson as its host, moved from Rockefeller Center to Burbank, Calif., in 1972.

NBC announced last fall that O’Brien will succeed Leno.

“The rumor is you’ll get a new show one of these days,” Bloomberg hinted to O’Brien, who moments earlier had been pestering Bloomberg to help him secure a park permit for the “Late Night” softball team.

In exchange for a permit, Bloomberg told O’Brien he couldn’t leave New York, and the studio audience cheered.

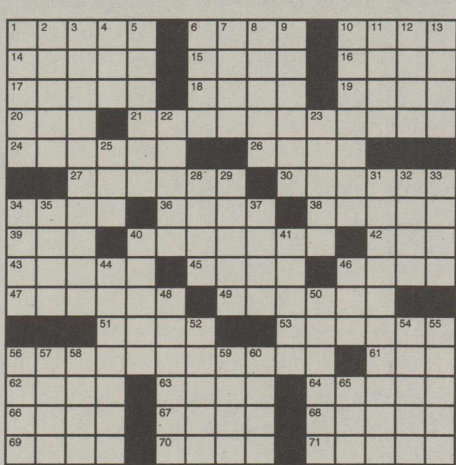
O’Brien said he might need more incentives to sweeten the deal, such as renaming the Holland Tunnel “The Cone Zone.”

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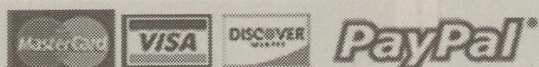
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**Boys' plea to save Looney Tunes from
 'Loonatics' gets Warner Bros. attention**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Eleven-year-old Thomas Adams thought Warner Bros. had gone daffy when he saw the company's plans for a new cartoon called "Loonatics," based on Bugs Bunny and his Looney Tunes pals.

The grimacing, hollow-eyed, power-fisted prototypes of a futuristic Bugs, Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner struck the boy as dark and scary. In the words of Daffy Duck, he found them "deth-picable."

Now, nearly two months after starting an Internet petition drive against the TV series' fall debut, Thomas has gotten their attention.

Warner Bros. Entertainment spokesman Scott Rowe said his company wants the thousands of fans upset by the made-over characters unveiled in February to know "that's NOT all, folks."

Those "early drawings" have been revised into characters that are softer and less menacing, he said.

"We heard the outcry from fans, including Thomas," Rowe said. That is enough to draw an emphatic "YESSS!" from the lanky fifth-grader who started the stir with fewer than 20 signatures on a piece of paper at his private school.

Thomas could not figure out what was up with the plans to turn the old Looney Tunes gang into their Japanese anime-styled descendants. The prototypes depicted sword-eared superheroes, such as "Buzz Bunny," battling evil in the year 2772.

"Those weren't the Looney Tunes I know," said the boy, whose favorite classic character is the Tasmanian Devil "besides Bugs, of course."

Thomas' parents, Rachel and John Adams, suggested he might have more success by taking his drive to the Web. A family friend who runs an Internet design business was willing to help.

Between piano lessons and shooting hoops, the boy pedaled his bike to the friend's house over several evenings to work on the site's content. On Feb. 28, www.saveour-looneytunes.com came online.

The petition asked Warner Bros. to create entirely new characters for the series instead of "ruining" the old ones.

Within days, the response had overwhelmed the family's home computer. By late March, more than 25,000 people from around the world had signed the petition. After a CNN story on Thomas aired in mid-April, the site had tallied 80,000 signatures and 95,000 hits, the family said.

"Keep up the fight," fellow fans urged in their e-mails, calling the

boy an inspiration.

The passion of fans for the old characters is understandable, said Bob Bergen, the voice actor behind Porky's stutter and Tweety's "putty tat" the past 15 years.

"They've been around since the 1930s," he said. "They've been around as long as classic motion pictures."

Bergen, who decided at age 5 he wanted to be Porky Pig and "just pursued it," is not involved in the new series' development, but he cautions fans against rushing to judgment before it airs.

"The kids who are going to be seeing this are not as versed in classic Looney Tunes as these fans are," he said. "Let the target audience be the judge."

The "Loonatics" — scheduled to air Saturday mornings come fall on Kids' WB! — is aimed at 6-to-11-year-olds. Test... groups loved it, Rowe said.

It is not intended to replace the original characters, which appear in new episodes on Cartoon Network and classic shows on the network's station Boomerang.

"We just wanted to create something that would be accessible and fun to a new generation of kids," he said.

He said the redrawn characters will be unveiled at a later date but that "Loonatics" will remain an action-adventure show.

Thomas, who has dreams of becoming a cartoonist or comedian, hopes Warner Bros. also will continue to create new episodes for the old Looney Tunes gang.

Thrilled to have made a difference in a way his mother calls "a David and Goliath story," the young activist is considering a new protest.

"I was thinking about doing one against homework," he said.

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Jackson's ex-wife takes stand for second day

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The mother of two of Michael Jackson's children described the pop star as a "good father, great with kids" Thursday during a tearful testimony in his child molestation trial that again turned the tables on prosecutors who called her to the stand.

Jackson's ex-wife Deborah Rowe also depicted the entertainer as a victim of "opportunistic vultures" in his inner circle who sought to make millions from his troubles.

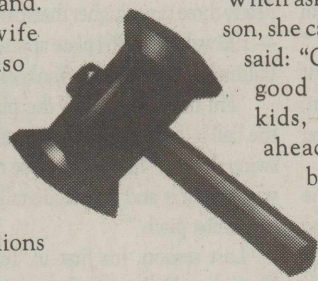
By portraying Jackson as a victim of his associates, Rowe may have undermined the prosecution's child molestation case. That is because she was called to bolster a charge that the singer and the associates conspired to hold the accuser's family captive to make a video praising him.

Rowe also delivered potentially damaging testimony to the prosecution a day earlier during comments about a video she made praising Jackson.

Her testimony Thursday was sometimes teary, sometimes salty and sarcastic. At one point she said, "Damn you" to prosecutors

in an apparent misunderstanding about a question.

She seemed to lament the state of her relationship with Jackson when a defense lawyer asked if she still considered Jackson a friend. "Yeah," she said, adding, "if he'd talk to me."



When asked to describe Jackson, she caught her breath and said: "Generous to a fault, good father, great with kids, puts other people ahead of him. Brilliant businessman."

She later became teary-eyed when she described her about Jackson, who at one point dabbed at his eyes. Rowe only spoke positively of her ex-husband and reserved expressions of ill will for a group of men now named as unindicted co-conspirators with Jackson.

She said they recruited her to make a video praising Jackson, then sold it for millions and kept the money. She said the organizer of the video, Marc Schaffel, bragged to her about how much money he was making off Jackson.

"He was out to hurt Michael and in addition would hurt my

children," Rowe said.

Asked what she thought of Schaffel and two other unindicted alleged co-conspirators, Rowe said, "I think they're opportunistic vultures."

Rowe was a nurse for a Jackson doctor when they married in 1996, and they had two children together — 8-year-old Prince Michael and 7-year-old Paris.

The couple filed for divorce after three years of marriage, and Rowe now is locked in a family-court dispute over visitation with their children, who are in the singer's custody. Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has remained anonymous.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer patient in February or March 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring

to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the "Living with Michael Jackson" documentary, in which the singer said he lets children sleep in his bed.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon had said Rowe would tell the jury that her remarks were scripted in a separate rebuttal video she made praising Jackson.

But Rowe denied Wednesday that her remarks were scripted or rehearsed. She said she agreed to make the video because she wanted to help the singer and she also hoped to see their two children.

Rowe also testified that she had not been truthful about everything in her videotaped interview.

Rowe's second day of testimony came after Jackson's lawyers tried to abort her appearance with a

“Generous to a fault, good father, great with kids, puts other people ahead of him. Brilliant businessman.”

— DEBBIE ROWE
Jackson's Ex-Wife

motion to strike everything she said on Wednesday — a move they dropped after Thursday's questioning elicited more positive testimony about Jackson. Their reason for the motion was not made public.

When asked by District Attorney Ron Zonen about how she felt about doing the video, she said, "I was excited to do it. I would get to see the children and could renew a relationship with Mr. Jackson."

At the end of his direct examination, Zonen asked, "What was your motivation for participating in this interview?"

"To see my children," she said.

Zonen also asked a question designed to show she had no recent knowledge of Jackson's parenting skills at the time of the interview.

"How long had it been since

you had seen your children?" Zonen asked.

"About 2 1/2 years," she said. But under cross-examination by Thomas Mesereau Jr. she said she did not blame Jackson for keeping her away from the youngsters but felt his advisers and lawyers had interceded.

The prosecution announced it probably would rest its case Tuesday.

As Jackson left court at the end of the day he was asked if it was good to see Rowe again.

"Yes," he said.

Schaffel is suing Jackson on claims that he hasn't been paid more than \$3 million in loans and fees.

A Santa Monica judge on Thursday rejected Schaffel's request to place a lien on Neverland until after the criminal trial, Schaffel's attorney, Howard King, said in Los Angeles.

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SOFTBALL

Tech, Wilson enjoy productive week

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

Red, white and blue served as the theme of the Red Raider softball team this week, differing from the traditional red and black.

On Tuesday, the Raiders (22-22, 3-13 Big 12) traveled to Austin and split a two-game series with No. 6 Texas, taking the first game 3-0 against U.S. Olympian pitcher Cat Osterman.

Tech took a step coach Teresa Wilson said was a major accomplishment for the team and its progression for the future.

"That was a big turning point for us," she said. "As the game went along we tried to make small adjustments and be more efficient. Any time you face a pitcher of that caliber you just try to take it late in the game and see what happens, and that's exactly what did happen."

Prior to the Raiders win over the Longhorns, on Monday USA Softball

announced Wilson was named as a coach of the 2005 USA National Team.

Wilson was one of eight nominees chosen out of a group of 16 of the top coaches around the country. It marks the second time she has been honored with the opportunity to serve the organization.

"It's a different level of focus, a different level of intensity and a different level of professionalism," Wilson said. "I think it's what every coach aspires to their collegiate team as close to as possible."

Wilson said she is proud to have another opportunity to represent America.

"It's an honor any time you get to work with that level of athletes and that level of coaches," she said. "Plus it's always an honor any time you get to wear the red, white and blue."

SOFTBALL

TECH VS. KANSAS
When: 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday
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This weekend the Raiders will face another challenge, this time only featuring the red and blue as the Kansas Jayhawks (24-19, 5-7 Big 12) come to Lubbock on a six-game winning streak.

The Jayhawks are led at the plate by Destiny Frankenstein who posts an average of .347 with 10 homeruns and 22 RBI.

Leading Kansas in the circle is one of the hottest pitchers in the Big 12 in Christina Ross. Ross has run her record to 11-6 on the year with a 1.73 ERA and 94 strikeouts in 113.1 innings.

The Raiders leading offense performer all season has been freshman Jennifer Corkin. Corkin is hitting .302 on the year with 11 doubles, 5 homeruns and 35 RBI.

Junior Erin Crawford has led the Raiders on the pitching mound and is coming off a 10-inning complete game shutout over Texas.

The teams will clash 2 p.m. Saturday and again noon Sunday with both contests taking place at Rocky Johnson Softball Complex.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Delucci has become walkman for Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP)—Outfielder David Dellucci is seeing the ball better after eye surgery during the offseason, when he also got the security of signing more than a one-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Still, that does not really explain why Dellucci suddenly became a walkman and tied for the American League lead with 18 walks his first 16 games.

"I just think right now, just the way it's falling is that they're not throwing pitches for strikes for me," said Dellucci, who has a new two-year contract. "That's probably the bottom line. I'm an aggressive hitter, and I'm not trying to look to get a walk."

Ahead in the count 3-0 in his first at-bat Wednesday night against Seattle's Ryan Franklin, Dellucci got a pitch up and in, likely ball four. But he swung and fouled it off before walking on the next pitch.

Dellucci went into Thursday night's game against the Mariners tied for the AL lead in walks with Derek Jeter, who had played in five more games as the leadoff hitter for the New York Yankees. Dellucci had not batted higher than fifth in the Texas lineup.

"I try not to get too overanalytical about it," Rangers

manager Buck Showalter said. "He's in a real good mind-set right now, and had a lot of good at-bats... David's gone through periods like that. Hopefully, he'll be able to maintain it."

Dellucci's .492 on-base percentage would be second-best in the AL if he had four more plate appearances to qualify among the leaders. He was hitting .298 (14-for-47) with four home runs, 11 RBIs and 18 runs, tied for third in the league.

The 18 walks came in 65 plate appearances, meaning a base on balls 28 percent of the time he went to the plate. That is nearly three times higher than his career average of 10.1 percent — 190 walks in 1,864 plate appearances over nine seasons with Baltimore, Arizona, the Yankees and Texas.

"I'm more relaxed at the plate, which causes me to see the ball a lot better, be able to make better decisions before I swing the bat," he said. "Maybe two or three weeks from now, you look at it and people are talking about how I'm swinging at the first pitch."

Last season, his first in Texas and fourth playing for Showalter, Dellucci had a career high with 47 walks in 387 plate appearances, and set career highs with 17 homeruns and 61 RBIs in 107 games.

FOOTBALL

Hawkins, Glover get free agent contracts

Two more Red Raiders are headed to NFL training camps after signing free agent contracts. Receiver Nehemiah Glover signed with the Buffalo Bills and will head to the organization's first rookie camp next week.

Tight end Joey Hawkins also is headed to rookie camp soon, but he will join three other rookie Raiders at Indianapolis. Hawkins made his presence felt on the field as a 6-foot-

10 receiver. Glover is in the history books as one of the most productive receivers at Tech. Somewhat undersized, he tallied 2,725 yards and 21 touchdown receptions. He finished his career one short of tying the school record for touchdown catches. He also was a vital part of the offense that became the first in NCAA history to record three receivers with 1,000-plus yards and five receivers with at least 70

catches. Hawkins joins Dylan Gandy, Cody Campbell and Sonny Cumbie in Indianapolis. The Colts bolster one of the NFL's most productive and threatening offenses, which these Raiders should be familiar with after playing for the NCAA's No. 1 passing offense three years running.

—David Wiechmann

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Good buddies Hudson, Mulder to face each other for first time

ATLANTA (AP) — Former partners in pranks as Oakland teammates, Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder may feel as if the joke is on them when they face each other Friday night.

Teammates in Oakland the last five years as two of the starring jokers — with Barry Zito — in the Big Three pitching rotation, Hudson was traded to Atlanta and Mulder was sent to St. Louis after the 2004 season.

Friday night, in the opening game of the Braves-Cardinals series, Hudson and Mulder will meet for the first time as opposing pitchers. Since they now are in the National League, they also hit. They say that sets up the most intriguing — and potentially hilarious — part of the matchup.

The two talked on the phone Monday. "We laughed about it and said how this figures," Mulder said. "Who's going to be able to keep a straight face? That might be the hardest part. I know I'm going to start laughing. What are you going to do?"

Hudson and Mulder were lead players in the frat-house atmosphere of the Athletics' clubhouse. The two were almost as well-known in Oakland for their kidding as for their winning.

Once Hudson and Mulder put white shoe polish around the perimeter of a sunflower seed bucket that former A's pitching coach Rick Peterson liked to use as a stool, Hudson and Mulder then laughed while Peterson walked around with a white ring on his gray uniform pants.

Oakland players also were known to race remote-controlled cars around the clubhouse. It may be difficult for Hudson or Mulder to keep from laughing when looking down from the Turner Field mound at the other standing in the batter's box.

Hudson said he and Mulder talked about the possibility of facing each other even before they left Oakland.

"We were just joking about if we got traded," said a smiling Hudson. "I told him, just laughing, whatever you throw at me, I'm going to throw at you. If he starts breaking out his nasty stuff early, I'm going to have to do the same."

Added Hudson, still smiling: "Obviously, if guys are on

base, that's one thing. But if I come up with nobody on, two out and he starts breaking all this stuff on me, I'm going to do the same."

Because they know each other so well, each respects the other's hitting ability. Hudson was the Southeastern Conference's Most Valuable Player at Auburn University for his hitting and pitching. Mulder also was a strong hitter at Michigan State.

"Oh, yeah, he can hit," Hudson said. "He's a real good hitter. He hit cleanup for his college team. I know he can swing the bat. Yeah, man, I'm going to have to pitch him."

Mulder did not reveal the specifics of what he said are many side bets with Hudson, but neither wants to give up a hit to the other.

"It'll be fun," Mulder said. "It should be. I hope so. ... We'll total it up at the end. There's no point in worrying about it now."

Even if they were not good friends and former teammates, this would be a matchup to watch.

Mulder is 2-1 with a 3.10 ERA after pitching a 10-inning shutout to beat Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros 1-0 Saturday. He was picked as the NL Player of the Week.

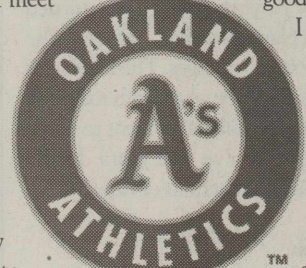
Hudson also has been as good as promised, going 2-0 with a 0.96 ERA in his first four starts with the Braves.

Mulder averaged 18 wins the last four years, including a 21-8 mark in 2001.

Even with a dip to a 12-6 record last season, Hudson averaged 16 wins the last five years. He left as Oakland's career leader with a .702 winning percentage, and he has never lost more than nine games in a season.

Braves first baseman Adam LaRoche said Hudson has brought a relaxed presence to Atlanta's clubhouse, where Bobby Cox's players have been known for being low-key but businesslike.

"He's so relaxed and laid back. He's a pitcher that on the day he's pitching, you can joke around with him," said LaRoche, Hudson's clubhouse neighbor. "He's not sitting there sweating, thinking about what he did the game before."



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TIM HUDSON Pitcher Atlanta Braves

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tech defeats ISU, advances to next round

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

For the Texas Tech women's tennis team, the second win is just as sweet as the first.

No. 63 Tech played Iowa State in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament in Austin Thursday, winning 4-1.

Tech swept the doubles matches and clinched the win with three singles wins, finishing the dual before Red Raiders Lakann Wagley and Erin Hunter had a chance to finish their singles matches.

"In the Big 12 (Tournament), as soon as you have the win, they stop all the matches," Tara Browning said.

Browning and Wagley played at No. 1 doubles to beat their Cyclone opponents 8-4. In the second slot, Janet Durham and Cigdem Duru won 9-7, while Hunter and teammate Katja Kovacic won 8-2 to finish the sweep.

"It was a relief that we were able to

get it under our belt quickly," Hunter said. "We're not usually the ones that are done first."

While Hunter did not finish her singles match because Tech clinched the win before she could, Tech won three out of the four singles matches they did complete.

At the No. 1 position, Duru won 6-2, 6-1, while Durham lost at No. 2 6-1, 6-0. At the No. 3 slot, Browning won 6-4, 6-2 to give Tech a 3-1 advantage until Kovacic finished at the sixth position 6-1, 6-0 to give the Raiders their win.

"I really do think that that was the hardest match to get through," Browning said. "I think we're playing some good tennis."

With a win in the first round, Tech continues on to the second round at noon today to face Texas A&M.

Browning said the Raiders are looking forward to the match as underdogs against the Aggies.

"We have nothing to lose," she said. "A&M has everything to lose."

The last time these two teams met was in College Station April 9. The Aggies ran away with a 7-0 win against the Raiders, and Browning said the Raiders are not going to let them get away with it again.

"We are not ready for our season to be over by any means," she said. "That's just one down, three to go as far as we're concerned. There's a long road ahead of us."

Hunter said she is excited to play A&M because of the familiarity between the players.

"The girl I'm playing, I grew up playing," she said. "I am very excited, pumped up."

Browning said the tournament this year has been better than last year, when Tech lost in the first round to Kansas.

"It's all pretty exciting right now," she said. "Anything can happen. The season's not over yet."

VOLLEYBALL

11th Annual Spring Fling grass volleyball tournament Saturday

Red Raiders and Lubbockites looking for some fun, 4, girls doubles in 18-under, girls 15-under and girls 12-under groups. Red Raiders and Lubbockites looking for some fun, a chance to be the best this weekend have that chance in the 11th Annual Spring Fling hosted by the Texas Tech volleyball team.

The annual grass volleyball tournament serves as a fundraiser for the Raiders and has categories for every age group and multiple formats.

Sign-ups begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with play beginning at 9 a.m. in the field at 19th Street and University Avenue.

Teams can register in men's and women's doubles, co-ed 4-on-4, co-ed doubles, corporate 4-on-



The co-ed doubles will play Sunday with sign ups on Saturday. Players can sign up for \$20 and will receive a T-shirt, PowerAde and snacks.

Tech players and coaches will be at the event the entire day.

Musical entertainment will be provided by KLLL, KMMX, ROCK101 and 104.9 The Beat throughout the day.

—David Wiechmann

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BASEBALL

Tech wants to stay error-free against Bears

By Bryan Wendell/
The University Daily

Throw out the old adage "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" for the Red Raider baseball team as it heads to Baylor this weekend.

That is because Texas Tech wants to force errors while not allowing Baylor to do the same.

The two teams will meet as Big 12-leading Baylor hosts the Raiders in a three-game series beginning today in Waco.

"We're a good team, and if we cut down errors, we're pretty hard to beat," said junior right fielder Brent Thomas.

Tech has struggled with errors during several games this season, giving opponents additional at bats in which a total of 46 unearned runs have been scored. In Wednesday's 11-4 win against the College of the Southwest, the Mustangs scored three runs in the fourth inning thanks to two Tech

errors. The Red Raiders are 19-4 on the season when committing one or no fielding errors.

Tech coach Larry Hays said the occasional defensive lapse coupled with shaky pitching has been giving opponents free runs.

"The way we've been it really doesn't make any difference how well the other team hits; we've been creating offense for teams," Hays said. "I'm not worried about the other team's hitting; I'm worried about our pitching."

Hays and the Raiders (27-14, 7-9 Big 12) do not want errors on their own stat sheet, but they would not mind hanging a few on the Bears this weekend.

With his swift base running, Thomas forced an error in Wednesday's game as the shortstop could not field

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the ball cleanly to get Thomas out at first in time; a slower runner might have been out on the play.

"Like they always say, speed kills. Look at Ichiro with Seattle, you know, I look up to him and I try to play my game like his, almost," Thomas said. "You hit

a ball on the ground, the infield knows that you can run, and that's already in their head. 'OK, this guy can run so we've gotta stay solid.' My job is to put the ball in play and put pressure on the defense to make those plays."

Hays said he is anticipating Baylor (28-16, 13-5) will provide tough matchups on each day of the three-game series.

"The thing they're doing better than everybody else is they've got five pitchers," Hays said. "They've got three starters getting deep in the game, and

everybody says their two relievers are better than their starters."

Going into previous series, Hays often has discussed the need of his team to not take its opponents lightly.

After losing two of three to then-last place Kansas State April 15-17 and dropping a game to last-place Kansas last Saturday, Hays knows the importance of this series against the Big 12's best will be understood by his team.

"This will be a good series; they're the real deal," he said. "I won't have to brag them up."

Senior third baseman Carey Avants said his outlook on this weekend's conference series is somewhat different from previous weekends.

"Mentally, it makes me want it more to go in as the underdog," he said. "It makes you want to prove something not only to Baylor but to the whole conference."

For Thomas, the name on the front of the other team's jersey is unimportant to him; instead, he focuses on

playing the game he loves.

"I don't really know much about Baylor, all I know is I'm not worried about playing Baylor; I'm worried about playing baseball," he said. "The game never changes. The baseball is still going to be white with red laces, and you're still gonna want to swing the bat. You've still gotta do the simple fundamentals of baseball."

Notes:

— Saturday's game is on Fox Sports Net (Cable Channel 20). This is Tech's first regionally televised game of the season.

— Tech currently is sixth in the Big 12 standings and must finish in the top eight in the conference to compete in the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City.

— Tech boasts the second-best offense in the conference with a .315 batting average, but Raider pitching is the worst in the league with a 5.38 ERA.

MEN'S TENNIS

Red Raiders enter Big 12 Tournament as No. 4 seed

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

All those who feared Texas Tech would make it an entire calendar year without a Big 12 title may be able to put those fears at ease as the No. 10 Red Raider tennis team travels to Austin to battle in the conference tournament.

Should the Raiders (23-2, 5-2 Big 12)

be able to ride the momentum of a historic season to a first place finish, it would mark the only conference championship captured in any Tech sport this season.

Because of the conference tiebreaker formula, the second-place Raiders dropped to the four seed behind No. 1 Baylor, No. 2 Texas A&M and No. 3 Oklahoma State.

The Raiders open play against the

fifth-seeded Texas Longhorns, who lost to Tech in Austin 5-2 April 8.

Tech will clash with the Horns in first round action at 3 p.m. today at Penick-Alison Tennis Center in Austin.

In his weekly e-mail address to Tech tennis fans, coach Tim Siegel addressed the difficulty of defeating a Big 12 opponent on their home court twice in one season.

"They are going to be very motivated

to exact their revenge for their regular-season defeat in front of their home crowd," he said in the e-mail. "Our team will need to play with the confidence they've had all season; playing with intensity and focus is even more crucial in tournament play."

Assistant coach Toby Hanson emphasized the team's need to neutralize their opponent in a hostile environment.

"Obviously we need to play well, the first match is going to be very hard and very key for us," he said. "If we can take out the crowd then we should have a good chance of repeating our victory over UT."

Texas (11-8, 2-5 Big 12) comes into the match after losing its final conference match of the season to A&M on April 23.

The Raiders are coming off last weekend's victories against Nebraska and Colorado, and senior Esat Tanik said the team is aware of what it is capable when

playing to its potential.

"We've always been confident, not cocky, but confident because we believe in our abilities," he said. "It's going to be the same as other weekends, we're going to go in expecting to win no matter who we're playing."

Playing on the road has yet to faze the Raiders this season as their lone two losses to Baylor and Oklahoma State took place at McLeod Tennis Center in Lubbock.

Tech is led this season by sophomore Radek Nijaki who is ranked No. 20 in the nation and has compiled an overall record of 12-4 and 6-1 in Big 12 play.

"All the wins we've had this season recently against A&M and Texas, and earlier against Washington we showed that we're really capable of beating top teams and that's why we're ranked No. 10 in the Nation," he said.

INSIDE SPORTS...

Which Texas Rangers outfielder is seeing the ball well enough to lead the American League in walks after offseason eye surgery?



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Former Oakland teammates, pitchers Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder will face each other tonight in a National League matchup — only this time they'll both be batting, too.



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Women's tennis survived Round 1 of its fight for the Big 12 title; who must the Red Raiders beat next to keep their hopes alive?



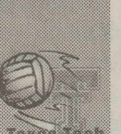
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Two more Raider football players got picked up in NFL free agency. Details inside.



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The Tech Volleyball team is hosting its 11th Spring Fling grass volleyball tournament this weekend. Information on how to register inside.



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SPORTS ON TV THIS WEEKEND

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MLB BASEBALL:
— St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves, 6:30 p.m. TBS
— Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros, 7 p.m. WGN

NBA BASKETBALL:
— Phoenix Suns at Memphis Grizzlies, 8 p.m. ESPN2
— Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers, 7 p.m. ESPN

SATURDAY

MLB BASEBALL:
— St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves, 6 p.m. TBS
— Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox, 6 p.m. WGN

NBA BASKETBALL:
— Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards, 2 p.m. TNT
— Dallas Mavs at Houston Rockets, 4:30 p.m. TNT
— Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m. ESPN
— S.A. Spurs at Denver Nuggets, 9:30 p.m. ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL:
— Texas Tech at Baylor, 2 p.m. FSN

SUNDAY

MLB BASEBALL:
— St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves, noon TBS
— Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros, 1 p.m. WGN
— Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers, 1 p.m. FSN
— N.Y. Mets at Washington Nationals, 7 p.m. ESPN

NBA BASKETBALL:
— Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers, noon ESPN
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