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## Possible candidates step forward to fill seat

**FILL IN THE BLANK:** Local politicians, citizens vie for House seat being vacated by Rep. Larry Combest.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Two weeks ago U.S. Rep. Larry Combest was re-elected in a landslide election. One week he announced his resignation, and today possible replacements for him are still up in the air.

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who was considered a strong candidate for the position, decided not to seek election but to stay where he was. Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal said his name was mentioned as a

possible candidate, but he was not interested in the job. Former Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton and Speaker of the House Pete Laney declined as well.

However, several local politicians are considering the position with interest. State Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, formed an exploratory committee Monday to contemplate a run for the seat. Former Lubbock Mayor David Langston is looking into the possibility of running, as are Lubbock County Judge Don McBeath and Lubbock

businessman Randy Neugebauer.

Isett, who is serving a month-long stint in Southeast Asia as a logistics officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves, has not decided he will run, but he wants to investigate the idea.

Isett has received overwhelming support encouraging him to run for Congress, according to a news release from Isett's office. He will consult further with his family and do a little praying before he comes to his final decision.

"Serving my country has always been an important part of my life, whether it's in the Naval Reserves, the Texas Legislature or possibly the United States Congress," Isett said in the release.

Isett has served as the District 84 representative since 1996 and was just elected to his fourth term. He currently serves on the House Committee on Public Safety and the House Committee on Corrections, according to the release. In addition to his congressional appointments, Gov. Rick Perry appointed him to the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security.

Langston, who is currently a Democrat but will run as a Republican if he does enter the race, said he has not decided yet if he will run. He will not run under the Democratic ticket, he said, because the National Democratic Party is increasingly shifting to the left, and to properly represent this area

he needs to be conservative.

He has talked to people from every area of the district, both geographically and from many political spectrums, about his candidacy, he said.

However, it is too early to announce candidacy because the situation is still fluid, Langston said. Names of possible candidates come up and then drop out, and many names are still emerging.

"There will be a large number of qualified candidates who will eventually throw their hats in the ring and want to be considered," he said.

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## Man illegally enters residence hall room

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

At about 3:30 a.m. Nov. 11, a man entered the room of two female Texas Tech students in Wall Residence Hall, according to police. Capt. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police said the man's intent for entering the girls' room is not clear, but it was possibly theft.

The man apparently entered Wall by following a resident through the door, the police reported.

Hoffman said they have identified a suspect.

"(The suspect) took some clothing garments, but we've gotten them back," Hoffman said. "Some specifics will have to wait until we file the case."

Hoffman said there is no reason for

residents of Wall Hall or other residence halls to fear a similar incident occurring again.

"We're investigating; we have a suspect, and we're taking (the case) to the criminal district attorney office," Hoffman assured. "As far as him being an on-going threat, I don't think he will be."

Residence Assistant Area Coordinator for Wall Hall Sarah Nessler said she and other Wall staff are unable to comment or discuss the incident.

One of the room's residents, who at this time wishes to remain anonymous, recalled the incident.

"I woke up to see a man standing between my bed and my closet," she

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## SGA hosts student, senator meeting day

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The annual Student Government Association Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Union Courtyard.

SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said students will have a chance to meet their college's senators, ask questions and voice concerns.

"It's a day where we try to get people to come out," Brown said. "We have tables divided up into colleges and allow students within those colleges to come to senators and voice concerns. It's also a way to put a senator's face with a name."

Brown said he hopes a lot of students show up.

SGA Public Relations Chairwoman Angie Parker said students already in the Student Union generally take advantage of SGA Day.

"I don't know if students come specifically for that, or if they're already in the union," she said.

This year's SGA Day features a forum at 1 p.m. in the Student Senate Room,

hosted by the Student Regent Task Force. This group is responsible for lobbying the state legislature in order to appoint a Texas Tech student to the

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## Outside consultant to investigate allegations

By Michael Castellon/  
Staff Reporter

Texas Tech has hired an external consultant to investigate allegations made by a former dean of the university's School of Law that a senior-level administrator made discriminatory comments against women applicants.

In a signed affidavit, former Dean of Law Frank Newton alleges Tech President David Schmidly made a comment that "disparaged women" while discussing possible candidates to fill the schools in-

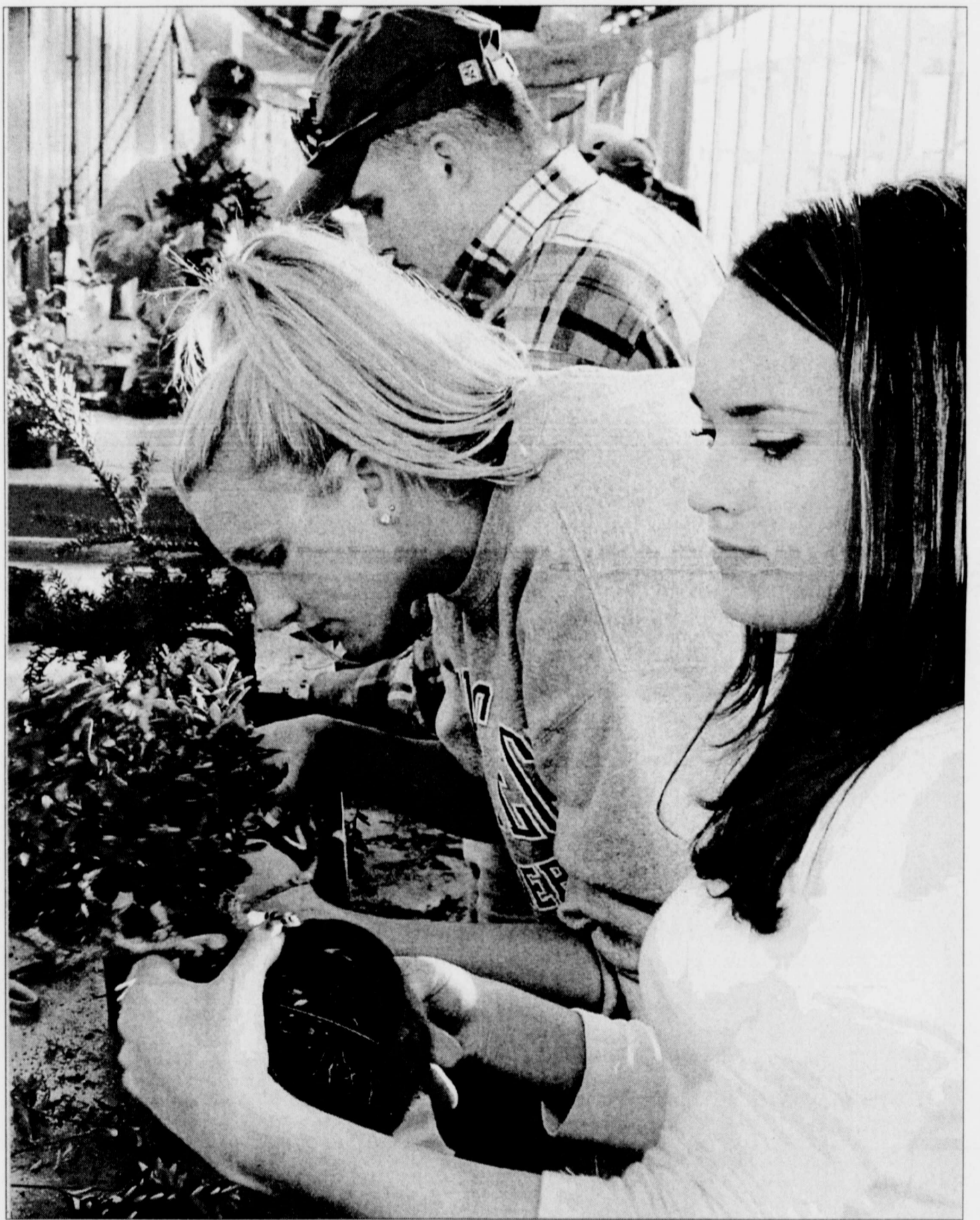
terim dean position following Newton's retirement in November 2001.

Gen. Walter Huffman, who has since been hired as dean of the School of Law, said he asked university administrators to initiate an external, unbiased investigation into Newton's allegations.

"What I asked for was a person not connected to Tech and who doesn't know any of the players involved," he said. "What we owed was a hard look at these allegations."

The affidavit has been used in part

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JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

FROM FRONT TO back: Shannon Sartin, a freshman communications disorders major from Sulphur Springs; Allyson Timms, a freshman public relations major from Houston; Craig Tally, a senior agriculture education major from Brady; and Cody King, a senior agricultural education major from Slaton, miniaturize their trees as they create bonsais in their horticulture class Tuesday afternoon in the Horticulture Green houses.

## U.N. urges disclosure of banned weapons

By Charles J. Hanley/  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The chief U.N. weapons inspectors, wrapping up a critical two-day visit, urged Iraqi officials on Tuesday to look again in their nuclear, chemical and biological "stocks and stores" to ensure they have no weapons-making to report.

Iraq's position that it has no weapons of mass destruction "must be convincingly shown by documentation, by evidence," said Hans Blix, head of the U.N. weapons-hunting team.

"We don't think that has yet been convincingly done."

Blix and chief U.N. nuclear watchdog Mohamed ElBaradei spoke with reporters after Iraqi officials confirmed they would meet a U.N. deadline and file by Dec. 8 a comprehensive list of nuclear, chemical and biological programs, including any

meant to develop weapons.

The two U.N. officials offered a "light at the end of the tunnel" for Iraq, however, saying that if the Baghdad government cooperates fully with their inspections, they might be able to report in about one year that it has complied with Security Council requirements and U.N. economic sanctions on Iraq should be lifted.

Blix and ElBaradei, who depart on Wednesday, led advance teams of about two dozen U.N. officials who returned to Baghdad on Monday to resume the weapons inspection program that ended abruptly four years ago. Additional inspectors arrive next Monday, and their first field operations are expected by Nov. 27.

The latest Security Council resolution calls the inspections a "final opportunity" for Iraq to meet its post-Gulf War obligations to give up any

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The Rundown



Texas set to execute convicted cop killer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former federal drug informant who aspired to be a CIA agent headed to the Texas death chamber Tuesday for killing a Houston police officer 13 years ago.

Craig Ogan, 47, from St. Louis, had been in Houston only a few weeks when he fatally shot officer James Boswell the night of Dec. 9, 1989.

"I killed a cop and this is Texas," Ogan said recently from death row, insisting the shooting was in self-defense but acknowledging he had little hope of avoiding lethal injection in the nation's most active death penalty state.

Ogan would be the 30th convicted killer executed this year in Texas and the first of two prisoners set to die on consecutive nights this week.

"A lot of people say that in Texas they really use that death penalty a lot," said Larry Standley, one of the prosecutors at Ogan's trial. "But I truly believe if somebody will do that to a cop that quick, just think of what they would do to just anybody else."

Ogan's lawyers filed late appeals in state and federal courts to try to halt the punishment.

"They're trying to sell me as a nut case," Ogan said of his attorneys' efforts. "I don't appreciate that."

Ogan was fascinated with espionage, spoke several languages and longed for a job with the CIA. He said he was building a track record by working as a confidential informant in St. Louis for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

He moved to Houston in 1989 because he feared his cover had been exposed. The night of Dec. 9, 1989, he got into an argument with a motel clerk, walked outside and spotted a police car where Boswell and his partner were writing a traffic ticket.

Ogan interrupted the officers repeatedly, citing his DEA connection, and refused their instructions to wait. When he persisted and Boswell got out of the patrol car to unlock the back door, the officer was shot in the head. Ogan tried running away but surrendered after he was shot and wounded in the back by Boswell's partner.

Homeland security bill moves toward passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate defeated an attempt by Democrats to kill what they called special interests measures in a homeland security bill, bringing a lame-duck Congress close to granting President Bush's demand for a new Cabinet agency to protect Americans from terrorists.

The Senate voted 52-47 to reject an amendment that would have removed from the bill seven provisions that Democrats said were favors to friends of Republicans. The president and his key advisers actively lobbied wavering senators to defeat the amendment, saying its approval could doom passage of the bill this year.

With the amendment out of the way, the Senate was set to finish work on the legislation Tuesday, ending five months of contentious debate on how to carry out the most monumental reorganization of the federal government in over half a century. The Senate followed immediately with several votes, including one in which it decided 69-30 to waive budget rules affected by spending for the new agency and another, 83-16, to limit further debate on the bill.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., a leading sponsor, cautioned that putting the giant new agency together and securing the money for its anti-terrorist efforts will be a long and arduous process.

"It's going to be difficult and it's going to take longer than anyone thinks because it's part of the federal government," he said.

The House last week provisionally finished its work for the year, and House leadership aides said the Senate bill could go directly to the president for his signature. They said minor changes in the Senate bill could be dealt with later.

"The terrorists are not going to wait for a process that goes on days, weeks or months," said Senate GOP Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. "...We need to get this done and we need to do it now."

Five Palestinians killed in West Bank Tuesday

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Five Palestinians died Tuesday when Israeli soldiers swept through the West Bank town of Tulkarem, one a leading militant and another a teenager who had climbed on top of an Israeli armored vehicle, Palestinians said.

Mideast violence that has persisted for two years shows no signs of abating, despite efforts by the United States, Europe and others to mediate a truce.

Soldiers tried to arrest Tarek Zaghaf, a leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade militia, wounding him as he tried to escape. He later died of his wounds, Palestinians said. The Al Aqsa group is linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

Near Tulkarem, two Palestinians were killed when their car crashed after running an Israeli army roadblock, Israel Radio reported.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment about any of the incidents.

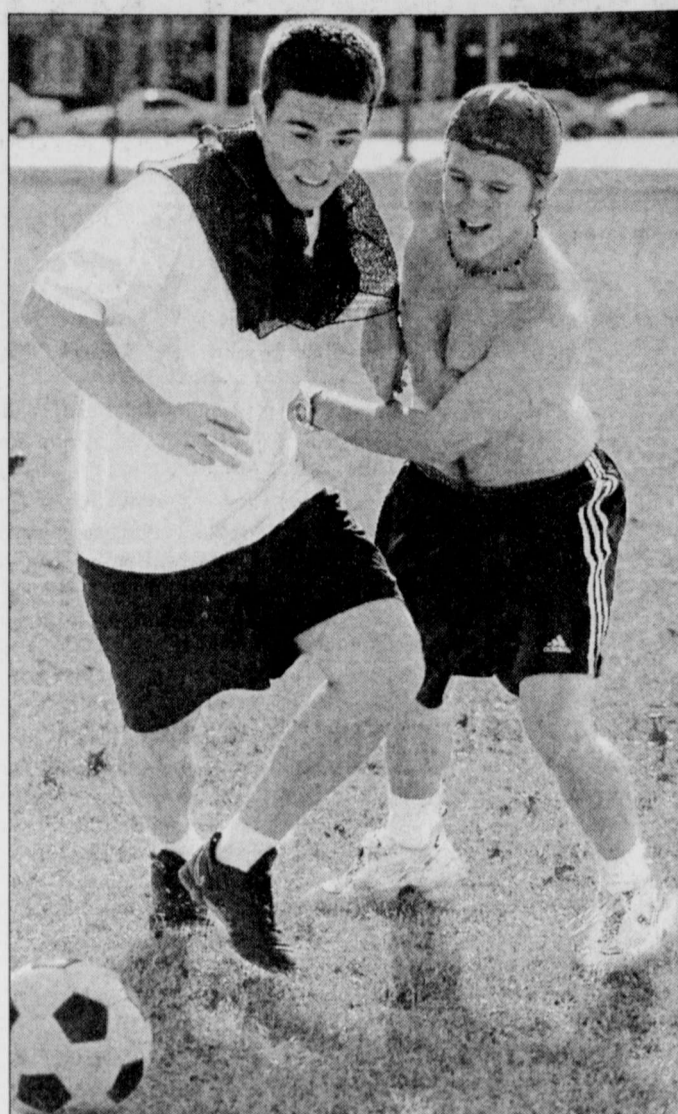
Israel is maintaining control of most of the main West Bank population centers after an incursion in mid-June, a response to Palestinian suicide bomb attacks inside Israel. Curfews are in force much of the time, confining hundreds of thousands of people to their homes.

Palestinians said a 15-year-old boy was shot and killed Tuesday when he climbed on top of an Israeli armored vehicle in the center of Tulkarem. The military said soldiers shot at a Palestinian who threw a firebomb at a tank, endangering soldiers.

Another Palestinian, a night watchman, was shot dead at his post in front of a building, Palestinians said. Tulkarem is on the line between Israel and the West Bank, 20 miles west of the Palestinian city of Nablus and 10 miles east of the Israeli coastal city of Netanya.

In Nablus, about 100 Palestinians demonstrated against the protracted Israeli occupation. A woman was hurt when soldiers opened fire, Palestinians said. The army had no comment.

SHIRTS AND SKINS



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

SPENCER FRANKS, LEFT, a freshmen telecommunications major from Houston, and Joseph Unsworth, a junior political science major from Fort Worth, struggle to get the ball during a beginning soccer class on the soccer fields at 19th Street and Boston Avenue Tuesday afternoon.

Corrections

The University Daily incorrectly reported Tuesday that Omar Elizondo of San Antonio, Seth Williamson of Austin and Joshua Ford of Austin got in a fight Saturday during the game.

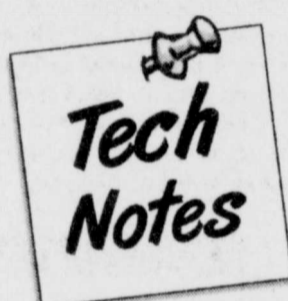
According to the police report, the fight took place Saturday just before 4 a.m., not during the game. Elizondo said the altercation had nothing to do with Saturday's football game. The UD regrets and apologizes for these errors.

Oil tanker sinks

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A damaged tanker carrying more than 20 million gallons of fuel oil broke in two off northwest Spain and sank Tuesday, threatening an environmental disaster.

The Bahamas-flagged Prestige vanished into the ocean at midday, said Lars Walder, a spokesman for the Dutch salvage company SMIT. The ship's oil containers seemed to remain intact, moderating spill damage, but the toxic fuel was likely to seep out eventually, he said. An environmentalist warned the wreckage would be like a "time bomb" on the ocean floor, some 11,800 feet down.

If the ship lost its entire cargo of fuel oil, the spill would be nearly twice the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska. Some 10.92 million gallons of crude oil were lost from the Valdez.



Open Registration begins today for the spring semester.

The Native American Student Association will host a scholarship fund-raising luncheon and traditional celebration of Native American Heritage Month at noon today in the McInturf Conference Center, located at 602 In-

diana Ave. in the University Medical Center. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the door.

The Student Organization Advisory Conference will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Ballroom. All students are invited to attend.

Edward G. Abington will present a speech on threats to American security sponsored by the Office of International Affairs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the International Cultural Center. Abington has spent 30 years as a foreign service veteran in the Middle East and Washington, D.C. The speech is open to the public and free of charge.

Texas Tech Theater opens its performances of The Foreigner at 8 p.m. Friday on its main stage. The play is by Larry Shue and is an inspired comic romp in which the characters deal with a stranger they believe to be unable to speak English.

The Texas Tech Alumni Association will host a football game watching party at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion when the Red Raiders face the Sooners in Norman, Okla. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free to Texas Tech alumni, staff,

students and friends of Texas Tech.

The Eta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity presents its annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Red Raider Ballroom, located on the first floor of the Student Union. Advanced tickets are on sale for \$5 in the Student Union; tickets at the door cost \$7.

The Spirit of Sharing program to assist Lubbock area families in need during the holidays has begun.

For ways to donate and volunteer opportunities, visit or contact the Center for Campus Life in 228 Student Union or (806) 742-3621. The program ends Dec. 12.

The newest software from Microsoft Campus Agreement is now available for \$5 at High Tech Computer Store, located in the east basement of the Student Union, or for free download at [www.eraider.ttu.edu](http://www.eraider.ttu.edu).

Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center's Red Raider Reader program is partnering with Barnes & Noble for the upcoming holidays. A person can purchase a new book at Barnes & Noble until Dec. 24, and a matching donation will be made to the Red Raider Readers program.

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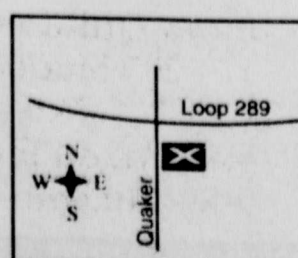
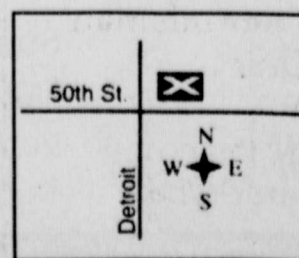
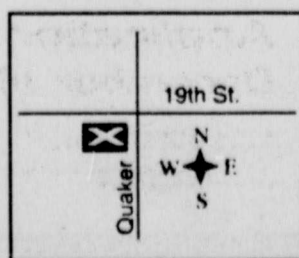


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# Cass given good evaluation from Council

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

City Manager Bob Cass received an excellent evaluation from the City Council.

The Council cited Cass for positive work in hiring a new police chief and in making a solid transition with the new Council, according to a news release from the city. He also was commended for his work in creating an open environment between the Council and the rest of the city and for his public interaction.

The Council did see room for improvement, however. The members said they want to see progress in training senior management staff, developing a process to verify information the Council

receives from the staff and more initiative in evaluating and disciplining subordinates.

Mayor Marc McDougal said the Council wanted to evaluate Cass as close to the beginning of the new fiscal year as possible, which he believes they accomplished. The annual evaluation was important this year because the city has a new Council and a new mayor.

In order for the city to run efficiently, it is important Cass knows what the Council expects of him and what direction he and his staff need to be moving in, McDougal said. By doing the evaluation now, Cass also has time to meet with his staff and let them know what the Council expects.

"The Council's certainly comfort-

able with one another at this point," he said. "Everyone knows where they fit in."

Cass is doing a great job, McDougal said, and the city is fortunate to have him as city manager. However, he would like to see Cass become more assertive with some of his senior managers and department heads, he said.

The Council is working to become more open, and the members want to ensure all the city staff is on board. The process may be painful, but it is a neces-

sary one, he said. "I think we're headed down that road," McDougal said.

Councilman Victor Hernandez said he was satisfied both with the results of the evaluation and Cass's performance as city manager, although he said there were a few areas the Council wanted to see changed.

"The single most important thing for me is to ensure 100 percent account-

ability for his subordinates," he said.

The West Texas Municipal Power Agency fiasco several weeks ago, when the city discovered the company owed it several million dollars, was the most glaring examples of a lack of accountability in the city, he said.

"It's not the Council's role to manage the city," Hernandez said. "We are policymakers."

The Council can only hire and fire four individuals throughout the city, he said: the city manager, city attorney, city secretary and city treasurer. All the staff under those four positions do not answer to the Council.

"I don't see it as proper to meddle with the assistant city managers and department heads," he said.

He wants accountability looked at throughout the city, to make sure all staff is accountable in all city departments, he said. He also would like to see greater police presence in Lubbock and encourage regionalism. Hernandez also would like to see the Council streamline the city government to the point of either maintaining or lowering the current tax rate, he said.

According to a copy of the evaluation, the Council listed six specific goals it wants Cass and his staff to focus on comprised of giving new direction to the boards of several entities, working on water planning, budget direction, long range planning, getting more direction in programs and improving a few inter-departmental issues.

*"The Council's certainly comfortable with one another at this point."*  
— MARC MCDUGAL  
Lubbock Mayor

# Dallas eatery owners upset over proposed smoking ban

DALLAS (AP) — Local restaurant, bar and hotel owners are fighting a proposed city council ban on smoking in public places, saying it could cost them money or even force businesses to close.

A coalition of owners say many businesses already have installed air ventilation systems or closed smoking areas due to customer preference.

Still, some acknowledged that the Dallas City Council seems poised to ban smoking in some venues. The council is expected to vote on the issue next month.

"It's an emotional (issue) driven by a self-righteous view of wanting to dictate personal behavior," said Penny Anderly of the group People for Personal Choice. Anderly was among more than 40 smoking-ban opponents who held a news conference Tuesday.

The mayor of Austin has also proposed a smoking ban for his city. El Paso and Lubbock have passed ordinances that have some exceptions.

Proponents of the Dallas ban, including Mayor Laura Miller, say current regulations on smoking in restaurants are not strong enough. They say only a ban can protect restaurant patrons and workers from the effects of secondhand smoke.

Now, restaurants with a seating capacity of at least 50 may have smoking and nonsmoking sections separated by at least four feet. The ordinance was enacted in 1985 and has not been changed.

Among changes considered by the council are banning all smoking in restaurants; requiring restaurants to have separate ventilation systems for smoking and nonsmoking areas; and banning smoking in all public places, including freestanding bars, bingo halls and hotel lobbies.

Restaurateurs warn any ban would drive customers away from Dallas to nearby suburbs, where restaurants abound.

Erik Leraas, a manager with a Dal-

las insurance office, said he would take his lunch business elsewhere.

"I work close enough to Addison that I'd probably go to a restaurant there to eat," he said while dining at a Dallas deli.

He said Dallas could lose a lot of revenue over the ban.

"The smoking sections are packed in a lot of the bars and restaurants I go to."

Restaurant owners say few customers complain about smoking patrons.

"As an industry, we've been successfully addressing this issue for 10 years," said Tracey Evers, executive director of the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association.

Creighton Webb, spokesman for the mayor, said Miller is confident she has enough city council votes to ban smoking in restaurants, although she would prefer a ban in all indoor public venues.

In Austin, Mayor Gus Garcia said this week he also wants to ban smoking in nearly all public places, including restaurants.

The city of Round Rock is considering such an ordinance. The measure has been given preliminary approval by the Round Rock City Council and is up for a final vote

Nov. 26.

"My position is, I don't want to put an ad in the paper saying, 'Hey, Round Rock smokers, you can come to Austin and smoke,'" Garcia told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Garcia, who has supported a public smoking ban since he was elected to the Austin City Council in 1991, said Austin's council members might have a proposed ordinance to review by early 2003.

Six years ago, the Austin council voted that restaurants must install ventilation systems — including in bars — if they wanted to designate smoking sections. Stand-alone bars must designate at least 25 percent of their seating as nonsmoking and have separate ventilation systems.

## MENTORING YOUNG MINDS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
BETA THETA PI member Aaron Atkins, a freshman pre-dental student from Lubbock, mentors second grader Luciano Zavala by helping him take a reading comprehension test for a book that he read in McWhorter Elementary School on Monday afternoon.

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PERSPECTIVES

# Thanksgiving time of anticipation

Finding myself wholly unable to think of a clear, concise holiday column with a point, I've decided to simply muse on the holidays at random until I've taken my space.

I've always loved Thanksgiving. As a child, Thanksgiving was the foreword to ultimate holiday bliss—a solemn preamble to that orgasmic fiesta of new toys around which my year revolved, tangentially related to the birth of an impoverished Jewish carpenter in a minor Roman province around the year Zero.

It has now, for me anyway, taken on a more utilitarian quality as a brief respite prior to a final thrust of desperate, last-ditch efforts to salvage some respectable grades after a semester of blindly relying on the final exam to buoy my average.

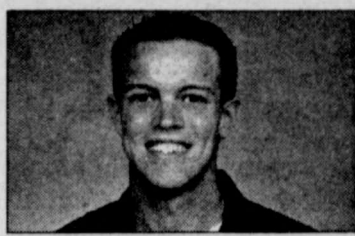
The wonder and romance that enchanted me in my youth is no match for my glassy-eyed stare and anxious preoccupation, hallmarks of my collegiate Thanksgivings. If only I could achieve my inevitable resignation-of-will earlier on, I

could enjoy an unburdened holiday, giving thanks with a clear head and a light heart. But alas, no.

I've always felt that Thanksgiving gets the short shrift in light of its more glitzy, Messianic, GDP-boosting follower. Poor Thanksgiving is Canada to Christmas's United States—a conservative, subdued prequel to a cut-loose extravaganza of television commemorations and escalating consumer-debt levels, only as would befit the birthday of the King of Kings, Prince of Peace, etc.

With the benefit of time and maturity, I've come to realize that the anticipation of new toys is a sight better than the receipt of new toys. As such, I see that I enjoyed Thanksgiving far more than its extravagant, ticker-tape neighbor.

Thanksgiving was the promise of new stuff, a promise whose anticipation subtly grew in intensity until the Christmas morning climax, followed immediately by a dejected sense of "That's it?" The excitement and wonder that had sustained me since November would so quickly deflate and buckle before the wrapping paper hit



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*With the benefit of time and maturity, I've come to realize that the anticipation of new toys is a sight better than the receipt of new toys. As such, I see that I enjoyed Thanksgiving far more than its extravagant, ticker-tape neighbor.*

the ground. It's similar to my despondent awareness at age 16 that having a license and a car didn't mean my life would become an unceasing carnival ride of merriment and joy. By the p.m. hours of Christmas Day, I was frantically searching for a new future event on which to fixate. Thanksgiving was the airplane trip to Disney World—far more fun than the arrival.

Thanksgiving is a time for reflection and reverence, a day blessing to not take for granted our reserves; blessings which the fickle finger of fate could revoke without courteous warning.

It is a time to appreciate our health and bounty and to commemorate our Puritan forefathers who dined with native hosts, wiped their mouths, and said, "I think we'll be staying." Amidst the solemnity of the holiday, there is a tinge of tragic irony that one big factor we're tacitly thankful for is the naive short-sightedness of the Indians of Massachusetts, to whom it must have occurred that perhaps these pale, anemic, half-starved people from the across the sea didn't have the noblest intentions in seeking their help. As

far as monumental miscalculations go, the Indians showing the pilgrims how to scratch a living out of the rocky New England soil just about takes the worldwide cake.

No doubt years later, some perceptive young warrior, let's call him Sees Things Clearly, was saying to everyone on the reservation how he knew those strange, cross-wielding, hole-in-the-sheet, copulating Englishmen were bogus. Live and learn, I guess.

To you who are hard-pressed to assume a thoughtful, gracious attitude while grappling with the challenges of semester's end, I offer a list of minor blessings and a reminder that God is in the details.

Be thankful for the sporadic and final days of pleasant weather before we enter the lifeless void of Lubbock winter. Be thankful for on-line registration (I'm of a dwindling population who truly appreciates this Godsend). Be thankful for tasty food, good news, hot chocolate, hot coffee, hot neighbors, funny jokes, sympathetic professors, distracted traffic-cops, found money, nice people and school holidays. Happy Thanksgiving.

# Cause of school violence rooted in abusive homes

The epidemic of school violence is rearing its ugly head yet again. The beast that once swept across the country leaving behind a swath of tragedy and heartbreak has reappeared, this time in both colleges and grade schools, and the results are equally as tragic.

On Oct. 28 a flunking nursing student at the University of Arizona killed three professors and then himself. John Lee Malvo, the 17-year-old alleged sniper, will possibly face the death penalty for his participation which allegedly included the shooting of a 13-year-old boy outside the boy's school. Everyone remembers the years from 1996 to 1999 that saw another act of school violence seemingly every other day. Included in the 17 shootings that occurred during this time was the Columbine incident on April 20, 1999 where 15 students died, including the two gunmen.

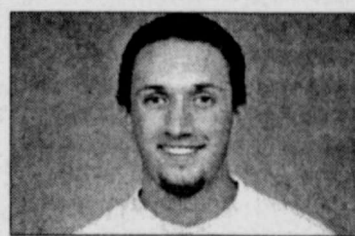
In fact, the National Education Association, as of September 2001, began offering homicide insurance for the families of teachers slain on the job. All the while, statisticians remind us these instances are still

rare. Rare or not, they are without a doubt a problem the country has never before had to face. More disconcerting still is it seems no one has a clue as to why they keep recurring and why the vast majority of these crimes are perpetrated by children under the age of 18.

Statistics from the justice department show that the number of juveniles serving time in prison after being tried as adults more than doubled between 1985 and 1997. Speculation as to what is truly causing children to commit adult crimes remains precisely that: speculation. Thus far, no one has been proven right. So I'm going to throw my hat in the ring and explore some potential causes.

Cartoon violence? Absolutely not. Blaming violence on cartoons is a gross misplacement of culpability. Violence has been a staple in cartoons from Steamboat Willie to Bugs Bunny to the present day, but it has been only recently that students have made it a habit to kill their classmates and teachers.

Firearms? Wrong again. Young people, or anyone for that matter, driven to commit violent acts do not need firearms to do so. In Florida, two brothers Derek and Alex King were



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convicted of beating their father to death, although the conviction was later overturned. In Louisiana, two 10-year-old boys allegedly sexually assaulted a third-grade girl. A mob of 15 boys, ages 10 to 15, recently beat a Milwaukee man to death, wielding sticks, boards, rakes and chairs in their attack. I've said it before and I'll say it again. Firearms don't kill people. People kill people.

Violent toys and video games? On May 3, 1999 in a chat-room discussion with concerned citizens, Dr. Scott Poland, an expert on youth violence said yes. I have to disagree. If anyone has sons or younger brothers, make sure he does not want a play gun because they seemingly no longer exist. I went on the Web sites of the three largest toy retailers in the nation, Right Start, Toys "R" Us, and KB Toys, and I could not successfully locate a

single imitation firearm other than paintball, Nerf and water guns. There's a factor right there. When I was a kid I could walk into KB Toys and discover an entire aisle dedicated to artificial armaments. In war games I was highly recruited, as I was the proud curator of the most formidable arsenal of plastic weaponry on my block.

Today boys must be more innovative, fashioning makeshift pistols and rifles out of cucumbers and broomsticks in order to engage in a neighborhood war. If one is born with an inherited aggressive streak, as all boys are, then staging war across the block is a superb method for letting off some steam. Attempting to oppress it will only fertilize the aggression.

Video games also have a bad reputation, and undeservedly so in my opinion. If anything, violent video games can help to alleviate the problem, much in the same way fake firearms can.

Rather than committing crimes, boys can utilize the technological advancements of animatronic violence to assuage their intrinsic male desires to kill people and break things.

Family? Here's the most blameworthy perpetrator, but surprisingly Poland never addressed it. In the wake

of the Columbine tragedy, he mentioned the usual litany of suspects, including video games, music, movies, the media and school policies, but he never said anything about families.

Another commentary also following Columbine from ABC's Nicholas Regush mentioned the history of parental abuse or simply neglect among criminals like George Hennard, who shot 22 customers in a Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen in 1991, or Marc Lepine, who in 1989 killed 14 female engineering students at the University of Montreal.

Curiously, the vast majority of students who commit similar crimes come from homes where their mothers worked, their fathers were abusive and/or they were raised by other relatives. Though correlation does not necessarily imply causality, there is no doubt in my mind that the two are in some way interrelated.

Many students who have committed such acts have since cited the need for acceptance as their primary motivation. The way I see it, acceptance begins in one's own family, and if one cannot find it there, then the results can be disastrous.

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## Grab the popcorn, new releases for the holidays

If you are like me, you have already begun thinking about what you want for Christmas.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, Christmas shopping is about to begin, at least for most people.

This holiday season will bring the release of tons of new movies on DVD and the release of some special box sets.

Just recently, HBO finally released the complete miniseries of the World War II drama "Band of Brothers" on DVD. The six-DVD set includes all 10 episodes. This series, produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks, won rave reviews and an Emmy Award last year.

The week of Thanksgiving brings the two family films "Ice Age" and "Men in Black II" on DVD. Also on release at this time is a 3-disc box set entitled "The Audrey Hepburn Collection." The set includes three of the

actress' best films, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Sabrina," and the wonderful "Roman Holiday." This is the perfect selection of films for die-hard Hepburn fans like myself. Be still, my beating heart.

The beginning of December will bring two very different films: Austin Power's "Goldmember" and Disney's "Lilo and Stitch." "Goldmember," still one of the year's funniest films, will be featured in DTS sound.

Al Pacino fans also may want to pick up a copy of one of his classics, "Serpico," released for the first time on DVD.

Also, on Dec. 3 one of Mel Brooks' absolute best films, "The Producers," will be released on Special Edition DVD. The 1968 film, starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, is about two comen who put on a play entitled "Springtime for Hitler" and is a scream from start to finish.

### FILM REVIEW



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Dec. 10 will bring the DVD releases of "K-11: The Widowmaker," "Stuart Little 2" and "Like Mike." MTV also will release volumes two

and three of its hit show and now hit movie, "Jackass." These DVDs will contain the TV shows only. The movie does not currently have a release date set for DVD.

Dec. 17 will be a very big day for DVD releases. First, Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report," starring Tom Cruise and still one of the most fascinating movies this year, will make its arrival. I sincerely hope to find a copy of that in my stocking.

Steve Irwin fans will be thrilled when "Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" also is released the same day.

One of the most anticipated DVD releases of the year also arrives Dec. 17.

I am referring, of course, to the "Back to the Future" box set featuring all three films released for the first time on DVD. Each disc will include commentary by director Robert Zemeckis, cast interviews, and documentaries on the making of each film in the series.

However, Christmas Eve will be a rather disappointing day for movie releases.

Some of the year's lamest films are scheduled for release that day. Eddie Murphy's crash and burn film, "The Adventures of Pluto Nash," is the worst reviewed film of the year, according to Rottentomatoes.com.

But that is not all. Another one of

the worst reviewed films of the year, the Antonio Banderas and Lucy Liu film "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever," also will arrive on DVD.

What a Merry Christmas.

But New Year's Eve may just make up for the Christmas Eve debacle.

The summer smash hit "XXX," starring Vin Diesel as an MTV version of James Bond, is likely going to break a few records when it is released on DVD. The film is already becoming a franchise and is loads of fun.

Let's face it. The holidays are a time when people sit around, eat and watch movies. Hopefully, these may serve as a few ideas for what you and your lazy family will be watching.

## Another Friday debut

(AP Review) - Ice Cube has had Friday on his mind for one too many movies.

"Friday After Next," the third in his series of comedies set on the last day of the working week, is louder and more raucous than its predecessors, but the occasional charm "Friday" and "Next Friday" had going for them is virtually absent.

With the exception of Ice Cube's poker-faced Craig, who remains a steady and engaging presence, the recurring and new characters descend from the quirkiness of the first two movies to cartoonish clowns in "Friday After Next."

That includes Mike Epps as cousin Day-Day, who became Craig's sidekick in "Next Friday" to replace Chris Tucker from the original movie.

Epps' Day-Day was a suitably laid-back counterpart for the prickly Craig in "Next Friday." In "Friday After Next," Day-Day, like most everything else, is ratcheted up to a screechy obnoxiousness, apparently to cover up the reality that nothing much funny is said or done on screen.

Again scripted by Ice Cube, who has gone solo on the screenplays for the last two films after co-writing the first one, "Friday After Next" is set on Christmas Eve.

Now sharing an apartment in south-central Los Angeles, Craig and

Day-Day are victimized by a thief dressed as St. Nick who nicks their rent money and holiday presents the day before Christmas.

With a big holiday bash planned that evening and their landlady threatening to kick them out if they don't pay the delinquent December rent by midnight, Craig and Day-Day head off to their new jobs as strip-mall security guards scheming to score some cash.

Ice Cube and director Marcus Raboy try to trim up this scraggly premise with loads of slapstick tinsel. But the sight gags are lame, the dialogue falls flat and the supporting cast is intent on outdoing one another for shrillness, including John Witherspoon and Don "DC" Curry, who return as Craig and Day-Day's bickering fathers, now running a barbecue joint at the strip mall.

Like Ice Cube's witty and warm-hearted "Barbershop," "Friday After Next" offers a large ensemble of bit players meandering through a day in the hood.

Unlike "Barbershop," though, "Friday After Next" just adds up to a bad hair day at the movies.

"Friday After Next," a New Line Cinema release, is rated R for harsh language, drug use and sexual situations. Running time: 96 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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# Fraternity provides relief, food for WPS

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By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter  
Two dollars can make a difference on Thanksgiving for some women and children. Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is raising money today and Thursday to provide Thanksgiving dinners for families at the Women's Protective Services.

The organization is selling raffle tickets in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for two dollars, and all proceeds go to the dinners. Quinn Dixon, a freshman history and political science major from Arlington and assistant community service pledge chairman for ATO, said the price of the tickets are low enough for college students to afford. "Two dollars is not a lot to give," he said. "Each person will know exactly where their money goes." There is an incentive for students

who buy a raffle ticket, he said. The tickets will be put into a drawing for gift certificates donated by various restaurants in the community, he said. "Nothing goes to ATO, the businesses or prizes," Dixon said.

The winners will be contacted by e-mail or phone on Friday. The proceeds will be used to buy dinners from United Supermarkets for all of the families, he said. This service idea came from a friend of his who works at the WPS, he said.

Kristina Thomas, a human development and family studies major from Lake Dallas and crisis intervention specialist at the WPS, said Dixon was looking for a service project for his fraternity, and she knew the WPS needed help around the Thanksgiving holidays.

"Thanksgiving gets overlooked," she said. "Sometimes we get donations, but I have never heard of an organization going out of their way."

Many times, Thomas said, there are not enough donations to go around to all the families.

She said she is impressed with ATO because they want to raise enough money to provide meals for every family at the shelter.

"It will help make Thanksgiving better," she said. "Holidays can be difficult for the women and especially the children."

Dixon said the women at the shelter have already been through a lot, and this is something his fraternity can do to ease their stress. "This would provide more of a family atmosphere," he said.

Violence against women is a subject ATO members are strongly

against, Dixon said. "Alpha Tau Omega is founded on Christian morals and ideas," he said. The members will present the food personally to families at the shelter the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Hattie Heiner, coordinator of community education and volunteer service for the WPS, said the staff is thankful for the generous donation to the shelter.

"We're very appreciative; we can use all the help we can get," she said. "Going the extra mile to make sure the clients have a safe holiday is so appreciated."

Around the holidays many of the women want to go back to their partners, she said.

"This ensures them they are going to have a good holiday in a safe environment," she said.

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Jack Hammond  
Savannah, GA  
11/20/02

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## HANDY TALENTS



RESE GROFF, A junior art major from San Antonio and Jennifer Mettlen, a graduate student studying ceramics from Sylvan Grove, Kan., help set up the pottery for the Clay Club's pottery sale on Tuesday in the Student Union. They also will be selling pottery today in the art building, and all profits will pay for the visiting artists program.

## Art museum design exhibit

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — In Bilbao, Spain, shimmering plates of titanium cover enormous curved and bent walls. In Milwaukee, a winking shade spreads over a glass-enclosed reception hall. In Cincinnati, concrete and metal blocks rise up from a ground level of sheets of glass.

Art museums are becoming works of art as communities seek top architects and distinctive looks for their institutions. "Museums for a New Millennium," a traveling exhibit on view at the Columbus Museum of Art through Nov. 24, features models and designs of 25 museums created by internationally known architects in the last 15 years.

Created by the Art Centre in Basel, Switzerland, the show travels next year to the Miami Art Museum and the Contemporary Art Museum in Monterrey, Mexico. "If museums are charged with promoting the best, and contemporary museums are charged with promoting the new, it seems to me to make a lot of sense that you commission a work of art as your building and not just a place as a neutral backdrop," said Charles Desmarais, director of the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center.

The \$35 million center, designed by architect Zaha Hadid, is

scheduled to open in May. Museums seeking a distinctive look must not forget the building's basic functions or the cost of maintaining an unusual space, said Ed Able, president and chief executive officer of the Washington, D.C.-based American Association of Museums.

The challenge is finding an architect willing to work with a museum staff and who understands the practical problems museums face. "You can talk to a lot of museums around the country who lost control of the program and ended up with space that was very dysfunctional," Able said.

That issue was on the minds of museum officials in Milwaukee, where the art museum's \$122 million expansion by Santiago Calatrava included the 90-ton steel sunshade stretched atop a 90-foot high, all white glass-and-steel reception area. Museums are complicated buildings fulfilling many requirements, said David Brackbill, who curated the "Millennium" show for the Columbus museum. "There's special events, gallery space, education, office space, parking — all these things have to be accommodated in a building like this," he said.

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# Putting out the light for good

## Students agree to go smoke-free for the Great American Smokeout

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Smokers can throw their butts out and make a commitment to quit smoking Thursday for the 26th Annual Great American Smokeout day.

"A day to butt out" is the theme for this year's event in the hope that smokers and tobacco users will quit for a day. Quit kits will be passed out free of charge at various locations throughout Lubbock and the Texas Tech campus.

Many organizations are participating in this nationwide event such as the Raider's Assistance Program, Impact Tech, Student Health Services, Rec Sports, Tobacco Free Tech, Covenant Health System and The American Cancer Society.

Jo Henderson, health education coordinator at Student Health Services said the kits contain notepads, gum, mints and several brochures about smoking.

She said if smokers turn in their tobacco and pledge to be smoke-free for a day, they can register to enter a drawing for prizes such as two home entertainment systems provided by Best Buy, turkeys for the holidays and several restaurant gift certificates.

"It gives you a good opportunity," she said. "Here's a date to set; finish off your smokes, and get ready for a smoke-free Thursday."

Henderson said smokers want to quit, but they have several excuses for not quitting.

Some people say they smoke because they are stressed out or do not want to gain weight if they quit, she said.

"You're going to feel better if you don't smoke," she said.

If someone smokes because they believe they will gain weight, there are brochures in the survival kit on how

to quit smoking without gaining weight.

"It's more unhealthy to be a smoker than it is to be overweight," she said.

If someone is stressed out, they should exercise or take a walk through the neighborhood instead of smoking.

It is not too late to stop smoking or dipping, she said.

Chris Yott, health educator for the City of Lubbock Health Department, said he believes the event is very effective for smokers.

"It definitely does make a difference," he said. "It increases awareness about smoking and tobacco use."

He said tobacco use is the leading cause of cancer each year.

Every year, 430,000 people die from smoking-related diseases, he said.

There also are 170,000 new cases of lung cancer and 155,000 deaths

from lung cancer each year, Yott said.

"We hope this event leads to a lifetime of being smoke-free," he said.

Last year on the day of the Great American Smokeout, there were only two locations that passed out survival kits, and one location ran out, he said.

Courtney Marsh, public relations intern for Covenant Health System, said more than 800 survival kits will be available this year.

She said the event has always been successful.

"I believe it's worked every year," she said. "A lot of residents always participate."

Henderson said there are other alternatives for smokers who want to quit.

The Raider's Assistance Program offers classes year-round.

*"It is more unhealthy to be a smoker than it is to be overweight."*

— JO HENDERSON  
HEALTH EDUCATION  
COORDINATOR AT THE  
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES



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# Native Americans take one step closer to being recognized

By Harvey A. Mireles/  
Staff Reporter

The first notoriety in the form of a holiday that Native Americans achieved was in New York in 1916. It was one day and it was declared American Indian Day.

It was not until Aug. 3, 1990, when George Bush Sr. established the whole month of November to be observed as the first National American Indian Heritage Month.

Stephen Jones, professor of English, is a co-faculty sponsor for the Texas Tech branch of the Native American Student Association. He said not many events were scheduled to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month because many students and faculty are busy with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

"Thanksgiving is not exactly an Indian holiday," Jones said. "Thanksgiving is more of a colonial holiday, and it was the colonies that began to wipe out the Indians. It's odd. It would have been better on a different month."

He said since 1990, the month has

allowed student organizations to develop, and this month has allowed the scheduling of events to foster awareness.

"People don't want to believe the land they live on is Indian land, and they don't acknowledge the existence of its original owners," he said. "It's not conscious. It's a way to cope, to deal. It's easy to feel sorry for Indian people, but it's much harder to give back."

He said the establishment of a National American Indian Heritage Month has been great in the advancement of educating people about the Native American culture.

"It's one of 12 months to schedule events about Native Americans," he said. "These events give us a chance to show that Indians exist and how they live as modern citizens, and not in teepees."

Jones said the main source the public uses to learn about Native American culture is fed by the mass media.

"People think we are the original ecological or eco-warriors," he said. "People tend to picture Iron Eyes Cody

from the 1970s environmental commercials and that Indians are a plains culture, when only a small set of Indians are actually plains, and Cody is actually Italian."

Victoria Sutton, associate professor of law, is a co-faculty adviser of the Native American Student Association. She was working in the White House science center when Bush declared National American Indian Heritage Month.

"George Bush definitely had a strong interest in Native American culture," she said. "He wanted to leave Native Americans as their own sovereign nation."

Sutton said she is unsure if there is any significance to November being set aside for a month of reflection of the culture.

"The general U.S. citizen may think of the Indian in the context of Thanksgiving," she said. "The danger is created when people start believing Native American wear buckskins. There's a lot more going on. Native

Americans are a very important part of American society."

She said many believe myths and rumors about the existence and history of Native Americans in the southwest.

"One thing I found interesting was that many believe that all the Indians were wiped out," she said.

"There are quite a few Indians still around that would probably take offense to that."

Sutton said having the Native American Indian Heritage Month helps to reflect on the impact Native Americans have had on the United States, and it gives a cultural perspective on a professional level.

"The cultural perspective adds to our great diversity as a nation," she said. "Traditions are a major part in cultures."

She said it is important to have different thoughts to advance an idea in a positive direction.

"A group effort or project is made better or enriched by the different views and ideas that people express," she said.

"Much the same way the diversity the Native American culture adds helps to make the United States better."

Sutton said events that have taken place in the past to celebrate the month include a drum dedication cer-

emony last year. Events for this year include the showing of the Native American produced film "Smoke Signals" and the Native American Student Association Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon to take place at noon today in the McInturf Conference Center at the University Medical Center.

"The Native American Student Association students have done this on their own initiative," she said. "They are a small group but are very active."

Leona Willis, wife of the president of Tech's Native American Student Association, said everyone needs to find a bond within his or her own culture.

"I think the idea of Native American Indian Heritage Month is good," she said. "Indians should be recognized."

She said heritage is an important thing for every person.

"People are just people," she said. "Everyone needs someone to follow, though. It's a great thing."

*"The danger is created when people start believing Native Americans wear buckskins."*

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## Tech spikers prepare for crucial stretch

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

It is crucial to end the season strong in any sport, and the Texas Tech volleyball team needs to do so. With an overall record of 11-14, the Red Raiders have four remaining matches and are hoping to finish the season with a bang.

Tech is 3-2 in November, and the two losses came from No. 5 Nebraska

and formerly ranked Texas. In the losses, Tech played solid volleyball, which coach Jeff Nelson said he hopes his team continues for the rest of the season to make an impact.

"I'm very excited that our team is playing great ball in November," he said.

Nelson said it is important to play well near the end of the season to get noticed and to increase chances of

reaching the NCAA Tournament. This year, however, teams must have a record of .500 or above. Winning the final four matches of the season would put Tech at 15-14 and 10-10 in Big 12 Conference play.

Nelson and his players know the situation they are in, but Stacey Poole said they are willing and ready for it.

"We're all excited and ready for the challenge," Poole said. "The last four matches will be a challenge to see if we can stick to our game plan and strategy more. We need to do the things we need to accomplish our goal of winning out."

Winning every match the next two weeks is a must for the Raiders' post-season hopes, and Nelson said if the post season does not come for his team, it would be because of bumps in the road earlier in the year.

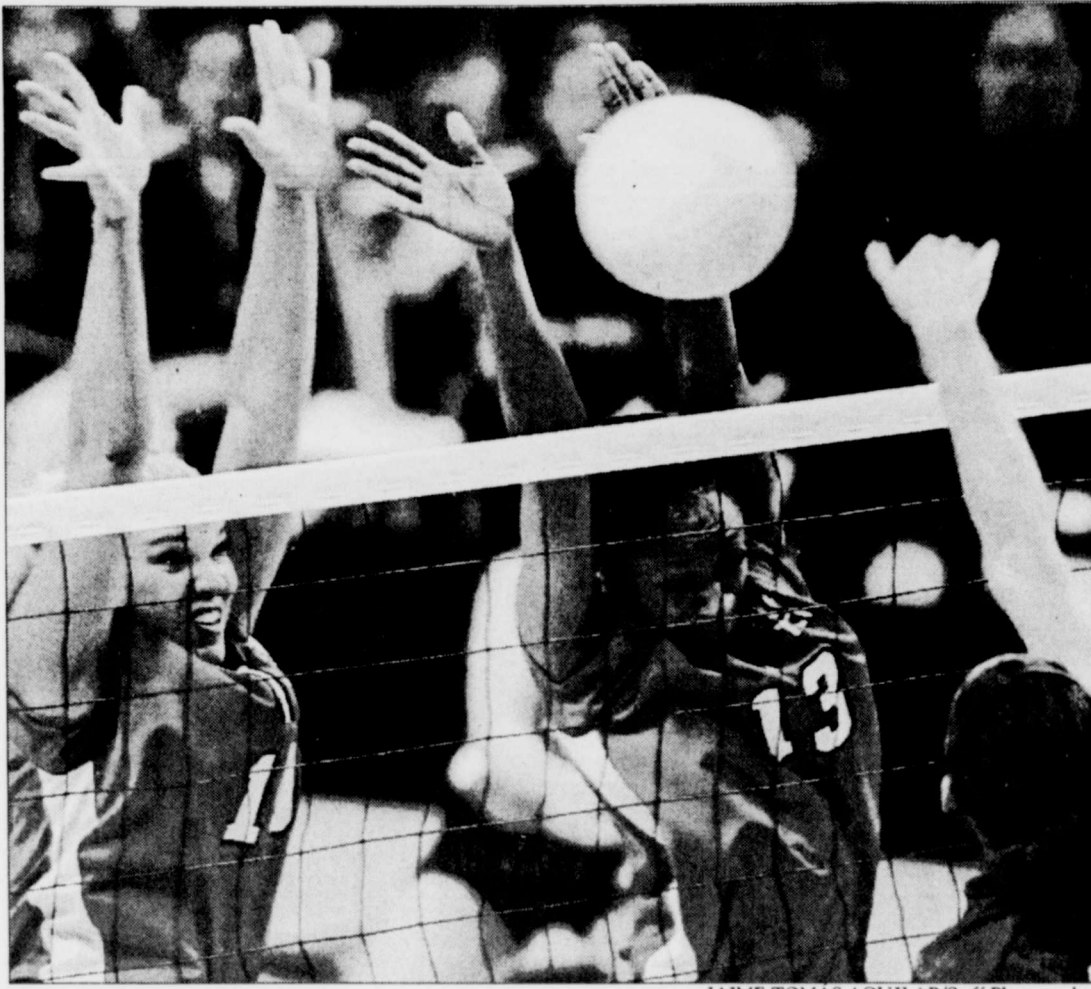
"We have to win out," he said. "We're playing great ball in November, and we're looking to make a run for the post season; if it doesn't happen, then we shot ourselves in the foot."

Nelson credited his team's 0-5 record in five-game matches and other tight matches that were a mere two or three points from going Tech's way.

He likes his team's chances if it closes strong, considering the strength of the Big 12.

"The Pac 10, Big 12 and Big 10 will dominate the tournament selection," Nelson said. "All those conferences will have six teams in the post season."

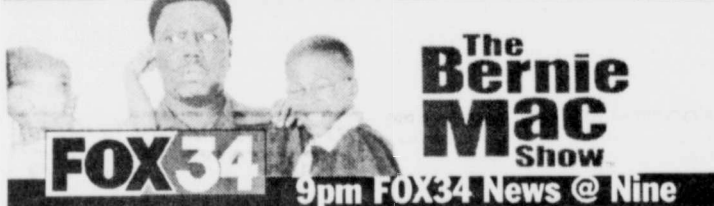
Tech is eighth in the conference and has matches against Colorado, Texas A&M and Missouri in the closing weeks. All three are higher in the standings. If the chips fall the right way, Tech could place in the top six and increase its chances of seeing the post-season. Last season the Big 12 tied an NCAA-record by sending



TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitters Ann Romjue, left, and Stacey Poole, middle, leap for the block attempt against Kansas last week at the United Spirit Arena. Tech faces Colorado at 7 p.m. today in Boulder, Colo.

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The college football season is almost over, and I must say it has been an odd, disturbing, but somewhat interesting year. Since I may not have a chance to share my opinions with the Texas Tech campus again, I decided what better time to give out my awards for the year. My nickname is "the Grizz" so I will be giving out the Grizzly Awards. Also, don't disagree with my picks because I am an all-powerful



**Kyle Clark**  
husk98@cableone.net

throw this guy's stats out because most teams don't report pancake blocks, but when the Irish played Florida State, Faine dominated FSU defensive tackle Darnell Dockett. That's no small task.

**Defensive lineman of the year:** Terrell Suggs, Arizona State. In a fair world this guy would be up for the Heisman. He smashed the NCAA record for sacks in a season in the middle of the year and now he has 20 sacks on the year. You can not beat this guy with a lead pipe. PAC 10 teams have tried.

**Linebacker of the year:** Matt Wilhelm, Ohio State. The Buckeyes have won games this year with defense, and Wilhelm is the team's best defender. He leads the team in tackles and has snagged two interceptions.

**Defensive back of the year:** Shane Walton, Notre Dame. The Irish stayed in games this year with a defense that created turnovers, and Walton led the team with six interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. The Irish could end up in a BCS bowl game, and guys like Walton could make it happen.

**Receiver of the year:** Charlie Rogers, Michigan State. My sister's seventh grade glee club could probably take the Spartans one on one this year if it wasn't for Rogers. In what has been an adimsal year in East Lansing, Mich., Rogers has been a shining star. He now has 1,287 yards receiving on the year. Texas' Roy Williams is a close second.

**Offensive lineman of the year:** Jeff Faine, Notre Dame. I can not

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**Heartbeats**  
A quick pulse around the Rec Sports world...  
Check the Rec Center web site at [www.ttu.edu/recsports](http://www.ttu.edu/recsports) for a complete schedule on Thanksgiving Break building hours.

**Intramural Volleyball in USA**  
Come check out some exciting Intramural volleyball in the United Spirit Arena (USA) tonight as the All-U intramural finals are scheduled. The action begins at 7:00 pm with Co-rec Star division. In Men ALL-U action, Greek Champion taking on the Men's Open Champion at 8:00 pm. To finish off the night, we have Women's All-U at 9 pm., where the Women's Greek winner will be taking on the Women's open champion. Come out to the United Spirit Arena for some exciting FREE intramural volleyball action. Hope to see you in the USA.

**Swim Challenge**  
The Aquatic Center is hosting the 2 Mile Challenge on Saturday November 23rd 10am - noon. This is a free event, but pre-registration is required. Just call 742-3896 or stop by the pool to sign up. In this event each swimmer will swim 32 laps long course — don't worry we'll count your laps for you. Are you up to the challenge? If so, make sure you register at the pool in person or by calling 742-3896.

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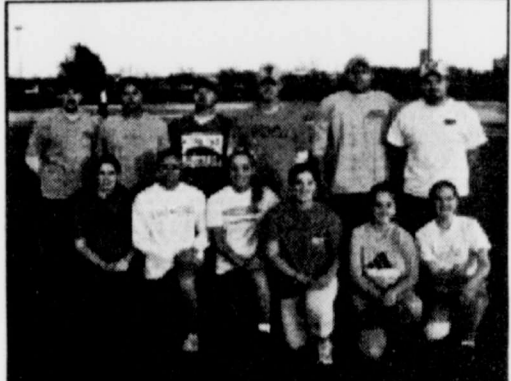
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Weekend Energy	10:20 pm	Denise	
Cardio Step	3:00 pm	Megan	
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>			
Shape & Tone	4:30 pm	Melissa	
Weekend Energy	5:30 pm	Adorah	
<b>Monday, November 25</b>			
Step Express	12:10 pm	Megan	
Total Body Conditioning	3:00 pm	Ann	
Step Express	4:30 pm	Lauren	
Cardio Step, Abs & Back	5:30 pm	Ann	
Shape & Tone	5:30 pm	Jennifer	
Total Body Conditioning	7:00 pm	Sara	
Shape & Tone	8:00 pm	Melissa	
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>			
Step Express	12:10 pm	Megan	
Shape & Tone	5:30 pm	Kristen	
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>			
Step Express	12:10 pm	Victoria	
<b>Friday, November 29</b>			
Total Body Conditioning	4:30 pm	Mandy	
<b>Saturday, November 30</b>			
Weekend Energy	3:00 pm	Adorah	
<b>Sunday, December 1</b>			
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**Fall Softball Results**  
After 17 days of rain, 6 of water on the IM fields, and 4 reschedules on playoff brackets, intramural softball finally has its Champions crowned. On Sunday, November 17, 2002, Co-rec, Women's, and Men's champions were determined. In the final game for Co-rec Star action, the Panty Raiders defeated T&A (17 to 4). In Co-rec raider action, Co Lay's outscored Mongolians (23 to 21). In Men's Raider action, Ho-Run barely passed the Haters (25 to 23); despite, the Hater's great defense.



Co-Rec Champions: PANTY RAIDERS

More action occurred on championship Sunday as the Men's Star and Women's Champions were decided. In Men's semi-final action, Bling scored 8 while 3rd String only scored 4. It was a defensive struggle. In the other exciting semi-final, the SOB's defeated top-seed Cougars (16 to 10). The final game did not compare to the semi-final excitement. In the final game, the SOB's defeated Bling 13 to 3 and were



Women's Champions: TURBO



Men's Champions: SOB'S

crowned Intramural Fall Softball Champions. In the Women's Championship game defense was the key as Turbo held off Phi Lamb (10 to 7). Thanks to all who participated and remember spring softball is just around the corner. Mark your calendar; spring sign-ups are set for February 25th, 26th, & 27th of 2003.

**Winter Slam Basketball**  
Entries are due today for the annual Winter Slam 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament scheduled for Saturday at the Student Recreation Center. There is a \$10 entry fee with the tournament winner receiving a championship t-shirt.  
All games will be to 15 baskets or to the team ahead after 25 minutes. The games will be self officiated. This is a great tournament to get with your intramural teammates and get some competitive practice or join up with friends and other basketball enthusiasts. Don't miss out on this pre-season basketball tournament and get you team signed-up in room 203 of the Student Recreation Center by 5:00 pm tonight. For further information please call George at 742-2945.

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