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swinging feeling. It must
be Opening Day.

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What's Tech's president
doing in class?

QUOTABLES

"I just want to say how much I'm overwhelmed by how wonderful the paper has been to my family. I got back from this ordeal and discovered it's like a humanitarian organization."

Former hostage Jill Carroll, who met with the staff of The Christian Science Monitor on Monday. (AP)

"People tend to talk louder on the phone. That's quite irritating. I often hear young people, mostly college age, talking about dating and personal things I don't want to know about."

Pamela Sorenson, a 57-year-old resident of Bellingham, Wash. A recent poll concluded that nine in 10 users of cell phones say they encounter others using those phones in an annoying way. (AP)

"The end tables are so cute."

Sue Mercer of Auburn, Maine, whose husband Mike Mercer built their house entirely out of concrete — all the way down to the furniture. (AP)

STATE

Rep. Tom DeLay to retire, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texan touched by a lobbying scandal that ensnared some of his former top aides and cost the Republican his leadership post, won't seek re-election to Congress, officials said Monday.

They said DeLay also is likely to resign his seat and leave Congress by the end of May.

DeLay was expected to disclose his plans Tuesday, said the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the congressman had not made that announcement.

Several officials said DeLay called Texas members of Congress to tell them he is dropping out of his re-election race.

NATION

Thief gets away with Jerry Garcia's toilet

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — The long, strange trip continues for Jerry Garcia's toilet.

Police say the Grateful Dead leader's commode was stolen recently from a driveway along with three other toilets and a bidet.

Garcia's salmon-colored toilet was the subject of a legal battle before it was finally moved to Sonoma, to await shipment to a Canadian casino.

It's unclear if the toilet was swiped by a wayward Deadhead or a thief remodeling a bathroom. Police said they have no suspects or leads.

Henry Koltys bought Garcia's Marin County home for \$1.39 million in 1997 and removed the toilet and other items he planned to sell to raise money for a charity.

WORLD

Nine more American soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Nine more American troops died in Iraq, the U.S. military reported Monday, five of them in a vehicle accident in a remote, rain-soaked western area. Their deaths brought the number of service members killed so far this month to 13 — nearly half the number who died in all of March.

Three more Americans — two Marines and a sailor — were missing in the Sunday accident in which a truck overturned near Asad air base, a U.S. statement said. All the dead were Marines, the statement added.

It gave no reason for the accident except that it was not a result of hostile fire. Heavy rains fell over the area during the weekend.

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Moussaoui found eligible for death penalty

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible Monday to be executed, linking him directly to the horrific Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and concluding that his lies to FBI agents led to at least one death on that day.

A defiant Moussaoui said, "You'll never get my blood, God curse you all." After months of hearings and trial testimony

— punctuated by Moussaoui's occasional outbursts — he now faces a second phase of the sentencing trial to determine if he actually will be put to death.

That phase begins Thursday morning for the only person to face charges in this country in connection with the nation's worst terrorist assault, the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people as jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Moussaoui sat in his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was read, refusing to join

his defense team in standing. His comment came after the hearing.

The jury now will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attacks, should be executed for his role.

Those testifying will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of the al-Qaida mission. Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in

France over his Moroccan ancestry.

The trial's first phase, which focused strictly on legal arguments, had seemed Moussaoui's best chance to avoid execution. The jury deciding his fate will now be weighing the emotional impact of nearly 3,000 deaths against Moussaoui's rough childhood and possible evidence of mental illness.

On the key question before the jurors in phase one, they answered yes that at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of

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PART II: CHILD ABUSE

LUBBOCK IN THE DARK

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

Every day, somewhere in Lubbock County, a child is abused.

Sometimes the abuse is emotional. Sometimes it's sexual or physical. And sometimes the abuse will end the child's life.

"We've had children that die, children that sustain pretty serious injuries," said Shawn Vandygriff, investigation program director for Children's Protective Services. "Children are hurt every day in our community because they don't have someone to protect them."

In Lubbock, reported abuse is high, according to the Texas Kids Count 2005, a compilation of statistics from the year 2004, found at www.cppp.org. Out of counties in Texas in 2004, Lubbock ranked 19th in size. It ranked third in the number of children in foster care. And it ranked fourth in child abuse, with a rate of 12.2 per 1,000 children. The Texas rate was 8.2.

Vandygriff said these high numbers may be the result of awareness and subsequent reporting in the Lubbock community. Although official numbers for 2005 have not yet

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Every day in Lubbock there are stories that go untold, pain that goes unheeded, cries that go unheard. This is the beginning of an answer to those cries. This is the second story in a daily five-part series about social problems in Lubbock, such as homelessness, prostitution and abuse. This is the side of Lubbock few people ever see, these are whispers barely noticed, lives lived out in the shadows. This is Lubbock in the Dark.

THE SCIENCE OF SOLITUDE Study: Loneliness could cause high blood pressure

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Being surrounded by a cloud of friends may mean more presents when holidays roll around, but a recent study found the links between one's social life and the benefits an individual reaps from bonding with others have deeper ties.

Those who were measured to be the loneliest people from a pool of participants aged 50 to 68 also were found to have higher blood pressure than those who were not classified as lonely.

Furthermore, the blood pressure measurements of those who were considered to be lonely were recorded to be nearly 30 points higher than non-lonely people, according to the report.

Because high blood pressure is a dominant risk factor for heart disease, which is the United States' No. 1 killer, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the study's finding is garnering notice across the nation.

Louise Hawkey, a research scientist and one of the co-leaders of the study in Chicago, said she was surprised with the magnitude

of the association between spiked blood pressure and loneliness.

"It was independent of many other well-established predictors of blood pressure like smoking," she said. "It is just independent of those other effects."

Still, the study does not state that loneliness necessarily causes heightened blood pressure, Hawkey said. More research will have to be done in order to determine if the relationship is one of causation.

"Right now, loneliness is a potential player in the game," she said. "We will continue to study this to see what we find."

Paul Whitfield, a Horn professor of psychology at Texas Tech, said one of the phenomenons of humanity is that everyone is lonely at some point in their life or another.

"In general, people who are lonely are going to lower to have lower self-esteem and sometimes be depressed," he said.

Additionally, the loneliness following a breakup with a significant other places stress on an individual's body, he said. Relationships, in the sense of friendship, are

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Tour de force: Biking event fundraiser goes awry with legal police detainments

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

Saturday during the Tour de Tech Terrace bi-annual biking event, some bikers got more than they bargained for.

Following three citizen complaints, the Lubbock Police Department arrived in the neighborhood and preceded to hand out five citations for "impeding traffic" and legally detained one participant.

Capt. Neal Brumley of LPD said approximately six officer cars and a paddywagon also were at the scene.

"We normally use the paddywagon on weekends to answer the 'loud party' complaints," he said. "This incident basically turned into that type of call."

According to the police reports, all three calls were made for traffic-related reasons.

"We have one that says 'Hundreds of bikers are running around cutting off traffic,' we have one that says 'People are blocking intersections and smell like marijuana,' and another that says, 'People are blocking the street,'" Brumley said of the complaints.

Several participants said they believe the action taken by police was "excessive."

Based on several participant accounts, the more than 300 bikers in the Tech Terrace neighborhood were on their route for their tour.

Tour de Tech Terrace is a bi-annual event where bicycle riders go to the Tech Terrace neighborhood and have a laid-back race, which includes stops at approximately 10 houses for refreshments.

Participants said when they ar-

rived at the ninth house on their 10-house route, more police cars arrived.

"We tried to mobilize and cooperate as quickly as we could, but it's hard to mobilize 300 people," said Omar Abotteen, a senior mechanical engineering major from Houston and co-founder of the Tour de

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COURTESY PHOTO

TEXAS TECH STUDENT Will Howell was "legally detained" during Saturday afternoon's Tour de Tech Terrace event, which raised more than 1,000 cans of food for the South Plains Food Bank. Howell was held for an undisclosed amount of time before being released. No arrests were made, and no charges were filed against him or any other Tour participants.

Thunderstorms, tornadoes kill at least 27 in South, Midwest

NEWBERN, Tenn. (AP) — Homes were shredded to their foundations in zigzagging lines of destruction that stretched for miles as wicked thunderstorms crashed across eight states, spinning off tornadoes, spitting out hail and killing at least 27 people.

The worst damage from Sunday night's storms occurred along a 25-mile path through rural western Tennessee, where raging wind tore off roofs, shattered buildings into splinters and knocked down solid brick homes.

"Most of the houses, you can't count. They're just gone," said Roy Childress, who was part of a church relief crew that was delivering food and water to survivors Monday.

The brunt of the storms, some packing softball-sized hail, blasted an area between the small town of Newbern, about 80 miles northeast of Memphis, to Bradford. Twenty-three people were killed, including an infant

and the grandparents who had been babysitting him. A family of four was also killed.

"I just feel lost. I've been numb ever since last night," said Diane Wyrick, who lost the mobile home she had lived in since 1973. "I lost, but at least I didn't lose my life and that's a lot."

State police sent teams with search dogs to the area Monday to check what remained of damaged homes and businesses for anyone who might be trapped in the rubble. Many neighborhoods were blocked off to reporters.

Betty Sisk grabbed her son and daughter, ages 10 and 13, and took cover in a closet until the twister blew their house apart and threw them into the yard.

"By the time the sirens started going off, it was at our back door," Sisk said Monday. "I didn't hear a train sound, I heard a roaring."

Nothing remained of the family's wood-frame home Monday but the concrete steps.

A nearby house was destroyed and Sisk said she had been told the elderly couple who lived there were dead. Another neighbor's home was blown about 30 feet off its foundation.

Another nearby house was also destroyed, killing an older couple and their 11-month-old grandson.

Officials estimated 1,200 buildings were damaged in Gibson County, where eight people were killed and 17 others hospitalized in critical condition, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Gov. Phil Bredesen asked President Bush

to declare Dyer and Gibson counties federal disaster areas.

"Our first priority is helping those impacted to get back on their feet quickly and to bring back a sense of normalcy at a time when they need it most," said Bredesen, who planned to visit the area Tuesday.

The Tennessee Valley Authority estimated that more than 15,000 customers were without power at midday Monday.

Severe storms also struck parts of Iowa, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Strong winds were blamed for at least three deaths in Missouri. A clothing store collapsed in southern Illinois, killing one man.

The weather service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., said it had preliminary reports of 63 tornadoes.

About a half-dozen tornadoes struck Arkansas and one destroyed nearly half of the town of Marmaduke, according to a fire department official.

"Almost every single structure in Marmaduke has minor to moderate damage but almost 50 percent of it is totally destroyed," Franks said. Much of the town also was damaged by a tornado in 1997.

Hail 4 inches in diameter slammed right through the roof of one mobile home in Arkansas, weather service meteorologist Newton Skiles said.

About 30 miles from Newbern, a tornado caused extensive damage to the southeast Missouri city of Caruthersville, although Mayor Diane Sayre said there were no known deaths in the city of 6,700.

Child Abuse

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yet been released, Vandygriff estimated nearly 2,500 cases of suspected abuse were reported. Of these, between 25 percent and 30 percent were confirmed by Children's Protective Services.

In Texas, reporting suspected child abuse is mandatory.

Abuse falls into seven categories, said Catherine Bass, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains. These include physical abuse, emotional abuse, medical neglect, abandonment, neglectful supervision, physical neglect and sexual abuse. Regardless of type, most cases have one thing in common: The perpetrator usually is someone the

child loves.

"Eighty to 90 percent of our perpetrators are people that we know, people that we trust," said Dakesa Piña, director of clinical services for the Children's Advocacy Center.

When Bass was growing up, the catch phrase for child abuse was "stranger-danger."

Now, she said, out of almost 650 cases the Child's Advocacy Center dealt with last year, four involved strangers.

Motivating factors behind abuse are varied, Vandygriff said. Abuse can stem from frustration, stress, lack of good parenting skills and especially substance abuse.

"We've seen a substantial number of children and a singular increase in problems due to drugs and alcohol," Vandygriff said. "Because, of course, when you're

impaired, you can't take care of your kids."

And sometimes, people become perpetrators because they themselves once were victims, Vandygriff said.

This is just one of the many long-term effects of child abuse, Piña said.

"The kids deal with things like nightmares, problems sleeping, what we call semantic problems," Piña said. "Kids sometimes will get aggressive behavior, cause they don't know how to communicate what they're going through."

Piña said victims of sexual abuse are especially likely to deal with the effects of their abuse later in life.

"You can be ashamed of your body," Piña said. "You cannot be able to have intimate relationships (because) it might trigger the feelings you had when you were sexually abused."

Sexual abuse is prevalent in Lubbock, Vandygriff said, and is usually committed by a close family member, such as a parent or a parent's significant other.

Bass said a close relationship enables the perpetrator to build trust.

"Normally it's someone who has access to the child that can groom them and make them feel like it's OK," Bass said.

Girls are three times more likely to be sexually abused, but that number may be slanted because boys are less likely to report it, Piña said.

Sexual abuse also is difficult to pinpoint because the symptoms are not as apparent as they are with other types of abuse.

"We rely pretty heavily on ... the

child making an outcry," Vandygriff said.

Many children do not recognize what is going on, Piña said, and do not know enough about sex to protect themselves.

"We don't like to talk to kids about sex and sexual things," she said. "But it's important that we educate them."

One of the goals of the Children's Advocacy Center is to help children pinpoint what is happening and be able to communicate it.

Children's Protective Services and the Lubbock Police Department brings children to the center for interviews, which are videotaped for use by investigators and sometimes as court testimony.

Bass said this recorded interview makes it easier for agencies to work together and also helps the child who does not have to constantly relive the experience as a result of multiple interviews.

The center also provides counseling for children and non-offending family members.

"It helps my parent and my child to reconnect," Piña said. "Abuse can be very isolating. You feel like you're alone. You feel like you're the only one."

Support for non-offending parents, who often feel deep guilt for what has happened, is especially important, Piña said.

"That's our support system," she said. "If we don't take care of our parents, our kids aren't going to be OK."

Maintaining the family unit is important to Children's Protective Ser-

vices, as well. In cases where children should be removed from their homes, a social worker usually will work with the parents to help them create a "plan of service" to help define changes that need to be made before the children will be returned.

Kevin Hart, associate judge for the South Plains Foster Care Court, said plans of service often require participation in parenting classes, psychological evaluations or treatment for substance abuse.

Hart, who oversees all cases involving children and foster care in Lubbock and eight other surrounding counties, said he looks at the level of the parents' level of fulfillment of the plan to help him decide the outcome of the child's case.

"The ultimate thing I'm looking for is whether the parents can provide the child with a safe and secure home," Hart said.

Volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates also help Hart make his final decision. When a case is brought before the court, Hart appoints a member of CASA as a guardian ad litem, a special temporary guardian for the child or children involved. This volunteer will work with the child, Children's Protective Services and the child's parents and foster parents.

"Based on that information they receive, their role is to recommend to me, as judge, what the outcome should be in the case," Hart said.

Children are returned to their homes in about 50 percent of all cases, Hart said.

"If parental rights are terminated, then kids will stay in foster care until an adoptive home can be found for them," Hart said.

But foster homes are scarce. Hart said children from the Lubbock area often must be sent to homes in surrounding communities, such as Midland or Amarillo. There is a need for more foster parents or relief parents (families who take children for a short period of time to give foster parents a break).

There's also a growing need for CASA volunteers, Bass said, and for people to get involved in public education about abuse.

"People can help raise awareness to legislators about those kinds of issues," she said.

And they can work to educate their community. This month is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and volunteers with the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock will cover the city with blue ribbons as reminders of the problem, said Alaina Bloodworth, program coordinator for the organization. The group also is planning a candlelight ceremony to commemorate victims of child abuse and to raise public awareness. It will be at 7 p.m. today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3321 33rd St.

More information about volunteer opportunities can be obtained by contacting CASA at (806) 763-2272, the Children's Advocacy Center at (806) 740-0251 or the Family Guidance and Outreach Center at (806) 747-5577.

The best way to get involved however, Bass said, is to simply watch out for the children of the community.

"Just be aware of what's around you, and report if you think something is wrong," she said. "(Child abuse) does happen, but there are things that we can do to help prevent it."

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Who are the abused?

Research indicates that very young children are the most frequent victims of child fatalities because of child abuse.

- Younger than 1 year: 41 percent of fatalities
- 1 to 3 years: 35 percent
- 4 to 7 years: 12 percent
- 8 to 11 years: 6 percent
- 12 to 17 years: 6 percent

Source: 2002 National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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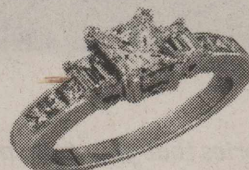
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Who are the abusers?

There is not one profile, but similar characteristics commonly are seen in several studies.

- One or both parents were involved in 79 percent of child abuse or neglect fatalities.
- Sixteen percent came from nonparents caretakers.
- In 5 percent, the perpetrators were unknown or missing.
- Most physical abuse fatalities are the result of males.
- Most child neglect fatalities are the result of females.

Source: 2002 National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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In Brief

OPC offers fly fishing workshops

The Outdoor Pursuits Center is offering a workshop for people to learn about or hone their skills in fly fishing.

The OPC's workshops are hands-on and give the participants a fun and interactive way to be involved, according to a recent news release.

The days scheduled for the workshops are Wednesday, and April 12 and 19, and the cost is \$30 to register.

For more information, visit www.recsports.ttu.edu.

Let it ride: Casino Night Thursday

The Texas Tech Activities Board is sponsoring Casino Night Thursday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. Craps, miniature golf holes, a money wheel, poker, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em are few items that will be available for people to enjoy, according to a recent news release.

Casino Night will begin 7 p.m. Thursday. Refreshments will be available, and the event is free to the public.

Curb Your Anxiety Day aims to relieve stress

Final exams are a month away, and several Tech departments are coming together to help employees and students deal with the stress that comes with finals.

Recreational Sports, the Student Counseling Center and Student Health Services are joining up for "Curb Your Anxiety Day."

The event will include free anxiety and stress screening, free blood pressure screening, free chair massages and a free relaxation and biofeedback training, according to a recent news release.

There also will be a table for people to come and pick up stress balls, stress relief lotion and resources of information pertaining to stress management, the news release states.

Curb Your Anxiety Day will begin 3 p.m. April 19 at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Contact Karissa Adams at (806) 742-3674 for additional information.

Do the right thing with Ethics Day

Tech students are invited to attend "Ethics Day 2006: Do the Right Thing; A Campus Conversation on Ethics" Thursday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Speaking will be Lynn Brewer, author of "Confessions of an Enron Executive;" Don Cash, chairman emeritus and director of Questar Corporation; and U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson.

Ethics Day is sponsored by the College of Engineering, the Rawls College of Business and the School of Law, according to a recent news release.

The event begins 2 p.m. and is free to the public.

For more information, visit www.depts.ttu.edu/coe.

Russian astronaut boards ISS

Some new visitors just checked in to the International Space Station.

The Soyuz TMA-8 Spacecraft, led by Commander Pavel Vinogradov, docked with the station at 10:19 p.m. Friday, according to a NASA news release.

The 13th International Space Station crew includes the first Brazilian astronaut to travel into space, Marcos Pontes, who will stay at the station for eight days on an agreement with the Russian Federal Space Agency.

Also aboard is NASA Flight Engineer and Science Officer Jeff Williams.

Williams and Vinogradov will stay at the station until some time in September.

Later this year, Thomas Reiter will join the crew at the station during the Discovery STS-121 mission. Reiter will be the first astronaut on a long-duration mission hailing neither from Russia nor America.

Saturn's rings larger than originally thought

Recent discoveries may provide more clues to the origin of Saturn's characteristic rings.

NASA's Cassini mission scientists have used images from the spacecraft to discover a new class of small moonlets in the ringed planet's circles, according to a news release.

Scientists' previous findings led to the belief that the objects within Saturn's rings were relatively small, ranging from ant-sized to house-sized.

The new findings show some of these objects, of which there may be more than 10 million in each ring, to be 300 feet in diameter.

The moonlets created a propeller-shape on the images scientists analyzed.

The shape came from the effect of the moonlets weakly clearing out ring particles surrounding them, an effect more easy to see in Pan and Daphnis, the larger ring moons of Saturn, which create not propeller shapes but clear gaps in the ring particles.

NASA goes down under ... the ocean

This month, a NASA mission will send astronauts to another dark, mysterious location: the bottom of the ocean.

Three astronauts and a doctor on the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations project will travel to Aquarius, an underwater laboratory in the Florida Keys, to help doctors practice new, long-distance surgical methods.

Doctors from off-site locations will use remote-controlled robotic helpers to perform medical operations from afar, and they will also help the aquanauts perform medical operations themselves using patient simulations.

The aquanauts will do simulated "moon walks" under the sea and also build structures using remote-controlled vehicles in preparation of what may be done on the moon in the future.

Originally slated for October 2005 but delayed because of the hurricane season, the project mission will begin today.

Mario returns for Nintendo DS

In May, the game some players have been waiting more than 15 years for will arrive: a new Mario side-scroller.

A true sequel to the original line of Super Mario Bros. games, "New Super Mario Bros." will go on sale May 21, according to Nintendo's new Web site for the game at mario.nintendo.com.

Although it did not share the Super Mario Bros. name in America, "Super Mario World," released in August 1991, was considered the fourth and last game of the series.

Most recent Mario games have featured the portly plumber interacting in a three-dimensional environment, a trend started with "Super Mario 64" for the Nintendo 64.

There have been several spin-offs featuring other characters from the Mario universe as well as a line of Mario sports games and the "Mario Party" games.

"New Super Mario Bros." will be the first two-dimensional platforming game starring Mario since the 1992 release of "Super Mario Land 2: 6 Golden Coins" for the Game Boy.

The game will ship for the Nintendo DS, the company's dual-screened handheld, and features full 3D graphics, although the game-play is strictly 2D.

Originally slated for May 7, the game has been delayed multiple times, with the new release date appearing on the site only recently.

Toshiba debuts HD DVD player

Toshiba Corp. of Japan debuted the first consumer HD DVD player in its home country Friday.

The HD-XA1 will launch in the U.S. later this month for \$799.99, according to a Toshiba news release.

A cheaper model, the HD-A1, will launch for \$599.99 this month, as well.

The players support the new HD DVD format, a higher capacity medium able to store up to 30 gigabytes of data in dual-layer format and 15 gigabytes of data in single-layer format.

Current DVD discs can hold 8.5 gigabytes or 4.7 gigabytes in single or dual-layer formats, respectively.

Supporters of Blu-ray, a competing format, will ship their first consumer drives in Japan and the U.S. later this year.

Blu-ray discs can hold 25 gigabytes in the single-layer format or 50 gigabytes in the dual-layer format.

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EVERYBODY VOGUE



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NITHYA RAJAN, A graduate student from India studying agronomy, walks the stage during the Indian Fashion Show portion of the International Talent and Fashion Show held Saturday night at the International Cultural Center.

Obama urges Democrats to stress energy independence, education and science in 2008 presidential campaigns

CHICAGO (AP) — Democrats should stress energy independence, education improvement and science investment in the 2008 presidential campaign, Sen. Barack Obama said Monday. He laughed off a question on whether he wants a place on the ticket.

Obama, a first-term Democrat, also said he doubts Congress will pass immigration legislation this year, but he added that if the Senate can clear a bill, "it lays the groundwork" for 2007.

Obama was guest speaker at The Associated Press' annual luncheon, held on the opening day of the Newspaper Association of America's convention.

He accused President Bush of a "stubborn refusal" to attack the causes of climate change, and said tougher fuel standards, stricter curbs on oil imports and more investment in cleaner energy are essential to avert global catastrophe.

"Saying that America is addicted to oil without following a real plan for energy independence is like admitting alcoholism and then skipping out on the 12-step program," said Obama in a reference to one of the principal themes of Bush's State of the Union address.

Republicans promptly returned the criticism.

"Rather than attack the administration, Sen. Obama would be better served to read the energy bill President Bush signed into law, particularly the portions that focus on energy-efficient vehicles, renewable energy sources and less reliance on foreign sources of fuel," said Tracey Schmitt of the Republican National Committee.

In addition to criticizing Republicans, Obama chided members of his own party.

He said Democrats "all too often are defending a social safety net that was constructed in the 1930s and '40s. My argument to Democrats has been that we need to cling to the core values that make us Democrats, the belief in universal health care, the belief in universal education, and then we should be agnostic in terms of how to achieve those values."

Obama, who was virtually unknown outside Illinois before he won a Senate primary in 2004, has quickly become a widely sought-after speaker for Democratic fundraising events.

Asked about issues for 2008, he said

the nation needs a "serious comprehensive approach" to energy independence. He said the technology exists to produce a car that can get 500 miles to a gallon of gasoline.

Obama prodded Democrats on education. "I do not believe that being against No Child Left Behind is an education policy," he said. "We should take a look at pay for performance," an idea not generally popular with teacher unions.

"I'm a big union guy and I have a sister who is a public school teacher. I think it is absolutely for us to engage teachers saying ... We are willing to pay you more, but we have a right to expect a better outcome."

Lonely

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important to stay healthy.

Whitfield said those who suffering from normal, everyday loneliness should first give it some time because it will eventually pass. Secondly, he said getting out among people often is a good step to boost one's spirits.

"Taking some initiative to handle loneliness is generally the best way," he said. "Getting out and socializing is good. Although, sometimes being at a party can be the loneliest experience in the world."

On the other hand, Whitfield said an appropriate amount of solitude, such as a 24-hour block, can dually be healthy and give individuals the opportunity to get to know themselves.

"Some of us don't know of the joy of solitude," he said.

"Few of us really try that anymore."

Taking a more physical approach to dealing with problems, Hawkey said physical exercise and weight loss both reduce blood pressure in opposition to the way loneliness increases it.

She said a major factor in the study revolved around how people perceived their social status because levels of loneliness were determined based on questions the participants answered about themselves.

"A big part of this is just how they think about their own lives, especially their social lives," Hawkey said.

The team determined each individual's level of loneliness based upon a survey that dug into the core of how one relates to others, Hawkey said.

"We used a validated questionnaire that was developed in 1980," she said. "It asks questions related to signs of loneliness but it never actually uses the word 'loneliness.'"

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GUEST COLUMN

Turnitin.com unreliable in stopping plagiarism

A painful sense of déjà vu washed over me as I read the March 27 article on professors who "use the latest technology to battle plagiarism." I remembered the day I sat in a student lounge at my undergraduate alma mater and read of the plan to institute plagiarism control with the help of www.turnitin.com.

Some of students may be unfamiliar with the service provided by www.turnitin.com. Teachers using this program can either upload student papers themselves or require students to submit copies of their papers to the site and it compares the paper of each individual student to all of its available resources to check for plagiarism.

According to its Web site, turnitin.com compares student papers with three "potential plagiarism sources." These include "1. Both a current and extensively archived copy of the publicly accessible Internet; 2. Millions of commercial pages from books, newspapers and journals; 3. Tens of millions of student papers already submitted to Turnitin."

In order to check new student papers against those already submitted to turnitin.com and its parent company, iParadigms, they must maintain copies of every student paper ever received. This includes copies of papers uploaded by professors without student consent.

Dan L. Burk, "an internationally prominent authority on the law of intellectual property, who special-

izes in the area of cyberlaw," has this to say about turnitin.com.

"Their fair use exemption from copyright liability is baloney." In an interview with The Chronicle of Higher Education in May 2002, he offered three factors that establish their violation of copyright law, "The students' papers are completely copied, they are often creative works, as opposed to compilations of scientific facts. And they are being submitted to a commercial enterprise, not an educational institution."

Because of these concerns over intellectual property rights, schools such as UC Berkeley have not purchasing subscriptions to the program. Turnitin.com sells itself as a repository of your papers. They are making money off of students' original works. Are you comfortable knowing that this company indefinitely keeps a copy of your original academic work for its own profit?

In their unending attempt to defend their copyright violations, turnitin.com and their legal staff offer the argument that the copy they retain is merely a "digital fingerprint" of your work. They claim this does not violate copyright law citing 17 USC § 102(b). What their legal document will not tell you is that while 102(b) withholds protection from abstract concepts, it does not withhold protection from digital copies of original works in their entirety.

In addition to the questionable

legality of this program, it also has extreme potential to unjustly harm innocent students. With the submission of "tens of millions of student papers" already and approximately "20,000 new papers added every day" in addition to its current collection of 4.1 billion pages of Internet data, it is extremely likely that turnitin.com will find plagiarism where none has actually occurred.

Every idea or statement presented by a student, be it original or plagiarized, is likely to be present in this collection in some form. The supposed genius of this program is that it drafts a plagiarism report for the professor complete with source links and then leaves them with the power to make the final judgment call. The situation likely to follow may look something like this:

Prof: "Johnny, your statements regarding the Peloponnesian War look strikingly similar to those made by Billy, a student at the University of Alaska. Can you explain this?"

Johnny: "No Ma'am, I never read that obscure little paper and I do not know anyone who lives north of the Mason Dixon line."

Prof: "Johnny, you have no evidence as to the originality of your ideas. I am forced to conclude that you somehow colluded with Billy up in Alaska and have committed the unforgivable sin of plagiarism. You fail."

I do not mean to suggest professors will be unable to make rea-

soned judgments when presented with pages and pages of "potential plagiarism reports" but merely that error is likely to occur. Unfortunately, when such error does occur, students have no means of redress as the usage policy of turnitin.com contains an all-encompassing limitation of liability and indemnification policy.

They refuse to take responsibility for any monetary damages resulting from their program (for example, the cost you may incur when you are forced to defend yourself against false plagiarism charges). They also stipulate any dispute regarding copyright infringement must be settled through arbitration in Alameda County, Calif. Forget suing them for violating your intellectual property rights, use of the service forfeits that option.

I do not believe that the convenience of turnitin.com is worth the accompanying risk of punishing innocent students for so grave an infraction. I encourage you to fight for your rights of privacy and exclusive control of your original work. Academic integrity is not fostered by unethical and potentially illegal coercion. Texas Tech should join with universities committed to the rights of their students and just say no to turnitin.com.

— Amanda Terry
first-year law student
from Fort Worth

Bike ride for charity hindered by police

A peaceful, charitable bicycling event ended Saturday evening with a standoff between seven armed officers, a paddywagon, and a handful of smiling hippies flashing peace signs and carrying concealed granola bars.

Taking refuge in the front lawn of two university professors, the youths defiantly refused to leave their bicycles. The police also refused to leave.

What brought this armed force and these cycling enthusiasts head-to-head on that fine spring evening? There was no robbery, no murders and only one hostage was taken (and he was taken by the police).

That leaves only one explanation: the Tour de Tech Terrace.

For more than 300 bike riders, Saturday marked the fourth bi-annual Tour de Tech Terrace. Created by the joint genius of Tech students and Tech Terrace residents, Omar Abotteen and Aaron Blom, the tour celebrates biking at a relaxing pace with friends and neighbors, who take time out to have a beer (or beverage of choice) while socializing at 10 different stops.

As an added benefit, each rider is required to bring three cans of food as part of a food drive for South Plains Food Bank. This year nearly 1,000 cans were collected, and the proceeds from the last tour went to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina, thereby widening the scope of the event well beyond the 1 square mile boundaries of the Tour.

This semester, the Tour was cut short because a few motorists felt it necessary to call the police because they were being delayed by hundreds of people spending their Saturday exercising together in the open air.

As members of the Tech Terrace, Texas Tech and Lubbock communities, we are encouraged more than 300 people showed up for this uniquely awesome event. Simply seeing so many different kinds of bikes and different kinds of people gathered together brought smiles to hundreds of faces.

We are encouraged by the fact that most Tech Terrace residents were standing out on their porches cheering us on and waving. We were most encouraged at the beginning of the Tour when one member of the Lubbock Police Department actually displayed concern for our safety, and after telling us to not litter and "have a good time," he let us do just that.

We are disappointed a few people in the Tech Terrace neighborhood felt it necessary to use law enforcement to get people to leave their block, when the Tour never stayed in one place for more than half an hour.

Is it really so much to ask, to be allowed near people's houses for half an hour, once a semester? Let's get the police department to shut down the fireworks display on the Fourth of July, while we are at it.

We are disappointed that, once the police did come, Officer D.G. Lopez placed handcuffs on a Tech student and placed him in the back of her police car. When I asked why she failed to read him his rights or charge him with a crime, her reply was, "I don't have to read him his rights. I legally detained him because he had a beer in his hand."

Though the student was not arrested, putting him in cuffs and in the back of a car was unnecessary. The police officers were

Sarai Brinker



The police officers were dispersing the Tour on the grounds that the event was disturbing the local residents and motorists.

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When it comes down to it, there is very little a person can do in life that won't offend someone. But part of being a neighbor means allowing those who live around you to be themselves.

If we were all required by law to never offend anyone, sitting quietly in our living rooms with our hands folded across our laps is the only thing we would be allowed to do. So though our neighbor's dog barking might disturb us, we're not going to call the cops on our neighbors. We don't because allowing people to live their lives as they see fit is the only way to ensure the same for ourselves.

So if you think people should be allowed to own dogs that bark late at night, mow lawns at 7 a.m. or just enjoy hanging out with neighbors, come exercise your rights and your legs next semester at the fifthth biannual Tour de Tech Terrace.

It's all about the ride.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

Divestment of universities' funds can end massacre in Sudan

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(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — The government of the desert-filled African nation of Sudan has helped fund the murder, displacement and rape of thousands of its own citizens during the last three years.

It may seem impossible for someone in a small town to do anything about this. However, there is one way that even college students can push for an end to the horrors of Darfur: divestment, or the selling of investments for non-financial reasons. Divestment is a complicated process, so follow closely.

According to the Genocide Intervention Fund, a large portion of the Sudanese government's revenue comes from corporations doing business in Sudan — especially companies drilling for oil, which is an abundant resource in Sudan.

Because the Sudanese government has used much of its revenue to purchase military

equipment and weapons and to fund the Janjaweed militia that is responsible for the genocide in Darfur, companies doing business in Sudan are indirectly funding genocide.

President Clinton barred U.S. businesses from operating in Sudan in 1997 because of the country's ties to al Qaeda. However, multinational corporations are allowed to do business in Sudan and they can also be publicly traded on stock markets in the United States.

Thus, many American institutions, such as state governments, universities and pension funds, can invest money in companies that drill for oil or do other business in Sudan. These institutions, though indirectly, are also funding the Sudanese genocide.

If these institutions would divest from corporations operating in Sudan by pulling their money and financial support out of them, these corporations would be strongly encouraged to stop doing business in Sudan. Without investors, the businesses cannot function.

By taking away revenue, divestment can help to financially punish the Sudanese government for their policy of genocide. Also, divestment and pushes for divestment can demonstrate the desire of citizens and companies to stop the evils of genocide.

For instance, the divestment of many governments and universities from corporations operating in South Africa during the 1980s helped create pressure to end apartheid and to establish democracy there.

At least four universities nationwide, as well as three state governments, have divested

from Sudan in response to the genocide in Darfur.

Students should push their university's to divest their interests.

To help with the divestment push, talk to students, professors and university employees about divestment from Sudan to build awareness of the issue. Write your chancellor to tell him you'd like the university to investigate its investments and divest from any investments in Sudan.

Few things are more powerful than money. Pulling money out from under companies that are funding genocide can save lives.

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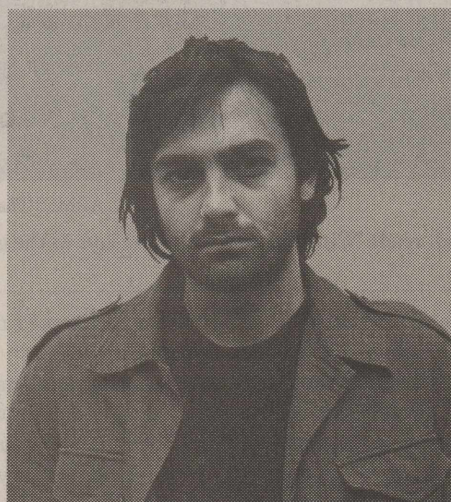
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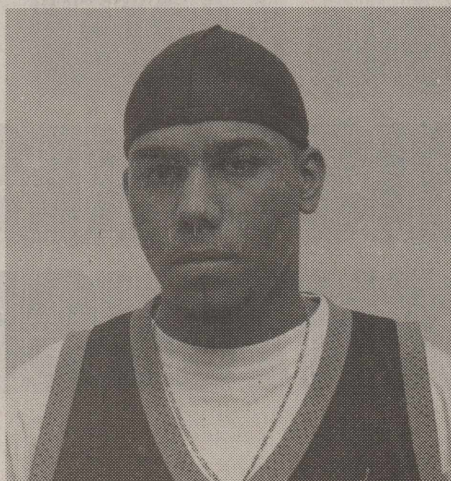
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MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foos' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and pack into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was recast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

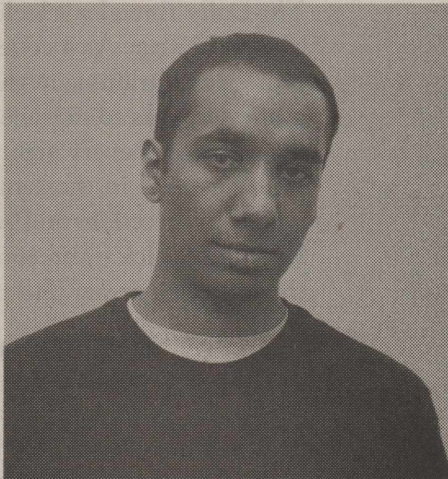
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he

was seeing had been surrounded by a beefy mesomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong-arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack's over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in mid-air by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.



SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

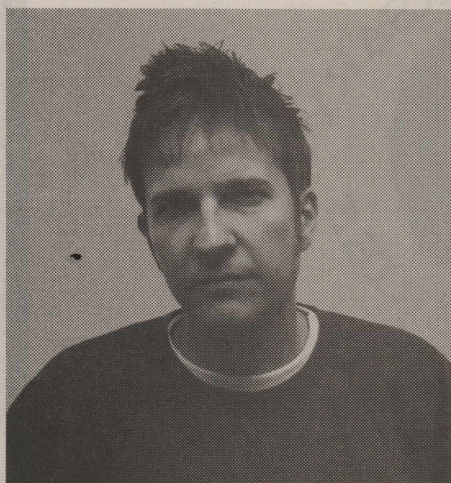
After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents,

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so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

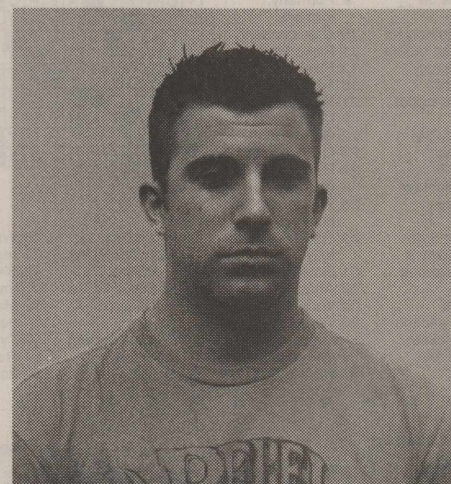


FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands

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wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at gamekillers.com



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Giant cargo plane crashes, all 17 on board survive

DOVER, Del. (AP) — A huge military cargo plane faltered after takeoff and belly-landed short of the Dover Air Force Base runway Monday, breaking apart and drenching some of the 17 people aboard with fuel but causing no fire or life-threatening injuries.

"It is a miracle. Absolutely a miracle," said Lt. Col. Mark Ruse, commander of the base's 436th Air Wing Civil Engineering Squadron. "If you look at the condition of that plane and 17 people are still alive right now — it is absolutely amazing."

Military officials said the C-5 Galaxy, the military's largest plane at more than six stories high and 247 feet long, developed some kind of problem soon after taking off for Spain about 6:30 a.m. and attempted to return to the base.

It crashed in an open, grassy area about a half-mile

short of the runway, breaking in two behind the cockpit. The tail assembly landed several hundred yards away and an engine was thrown forward by the impact.

"It looks like it kind of slid along the ground almost like a water landing of sorts," Ruse said.

Details of the problem were not immediately released. But there was no fire or explosion, and pilots familiar with the C-5 say its sheer size — roughly that of a football field — likely contributed to the fact that there were no deaths.

"It's like being in a four-story building," said retired Col. Randall Larsen, a former C-5 pilot who described the plane as one of the safest in Air Force history.

The crew did "a miraculous job" handling the situation, said Hans Reigle, a former C-5 flight instructor at Dover.

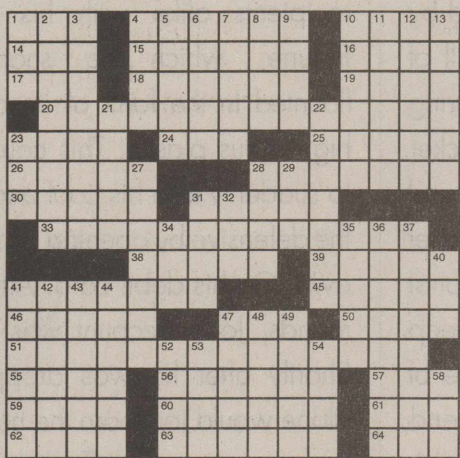
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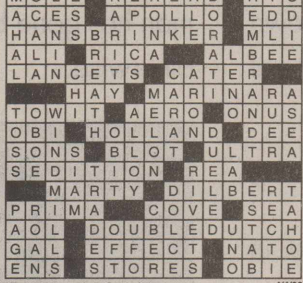
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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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Study: More fast-food ads shown on black-oriented TV

CHICAGO (AP) — There are far more ads for fast food and snacks on black-oriented TV than on channels with more general programming, researchers report in a provocative study that suggests a link to high obesity rates in black children.

The results come from a study that lasted just one week in the summer. Commercials on Black Entertainment Television, the nation's first black-targeted cable channel, were compared with ads during afternoon and evening shows on the WB network and Disney Channel.

Of the nearly 1,100 ads, more than half were for fast food and drinks, such as sodas.

About 66 percent of the fast-food ads were on BET, compared with 34 percent on WB and none on Disney. For drinks, 82 percent were on BET, 11 percent on WB and 6 percent on Disney; and for snacks, 60 percent were on BET, none on WB and 40 percent on Disney.

The study in a pediatric medical journal accompanies separate research: a study indicating kids consume an extra 167 calories, often from advertised foods, for every hour of TV they watch; and a report suggesting even preschoolers get fat from watching more than two hours of daily TV.

The articles appear in April's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, a theme issue on media and children's health released Monday.

The studies clearly illustrate "that the media have disturbing potential to negatively affect many aspects of children's healthy development," Amy Jordan of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at University of Pennsylvania wrote in a journal editorial.

TAN-TALIZING



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SHANNON BURDETT, A freshman from Midland, reads "Pitch Black" while she lays in the grass near the Market Alumni Center and tans Sunday afternoon.

Tour

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Tech Terrace event.

Abotteen said he carefully picks the route the bikers will follow as to not disrupt traffic. He also said he believes the action taken by police officers was "excessive."

"One officer just walked up to the first person she saw and handcuffed him," he said. "We didn't understand why she was just arresting one person for standing in the street."

Delilah Clark, a senior English and natural history and humanities major from Happy, also commented on the handcuffing.

"He was just standing there with a beer, and she decided to make an example of him," she said.

According to police records, no arrests were made and the individual in question was legally detained in the police car for an undetermined amount of time.

Legal detainment is an action often taken when a disturbance needs further investigation, but is not as strict as an arrest.

Residents in the Tech Terrace neighborhood disagree about the

degree of police action taken.

"I think the action was a little excessive. There were way too many police officers there," said Linda Jones, an instructor of geography at Texas Tech. "It's as if (the police) were threatened by some slightly drunk college kids on bicycles."

Brumley said no arrests were made on charges of public intoxication.

Tech geography professor Jeffery Lee said he did not believe the police action was unmerited.

"I think they had to respond to the complaints from people," he said. "I missed a fair amount of the action, but from what I saw (the police) were just doing their job."

Jones and Lee came back to their house during the police situation and allowed students to wait on their lawn while officers attempted to contain the "traffic impediment."

According to different estimates 10 to 30 participants waited on the

lawn and attempted to speak with the officers.

"A couple of students were asking what they had done wrong," Jones said. "It took about an hour to get everyone calmed down enough so they could start going home."

Abotteen said he does not believe the police

intervention in this Tour will affect the success of the event in the future.

"If anything it will only make people think a little before coming out again," he said. "We're going to make lots of changes. This is a great neighbor-

hood and a great cause." Brumley said if the event takes place again and the participants "plan on blocking intersections," they will need to obtain a parade permit which must be eventually approved or disapproved by the police department.

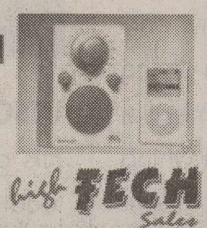
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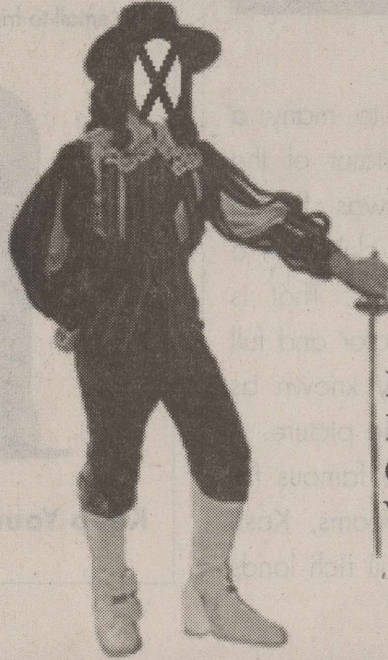
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JASMINE KHAN, A sophomore accounting and information systems and quantitative sciences major from Lubbock, sings "Sana'y Kaipiling Ka" at the International Talent and Fashion Show at the International Cultural Center Saturday night.

Moussaoui

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Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Rosemary Dillard, whose husband Eddie died in the attacks, said she felt a sense of vindication from the verdict.

"This man has no soul, has no conscience," she said of Moussaoui. "What else could we ask for but this?"

Abraham Scott, who lost his wife Janice Marie on 9/11, said he actually felt sorry for Moussaoui, "but not enough to drop the possibility of him getting the death penalty."

"I describe him like a dog with rabies, one that cannot be cured. The only cure is to put him or her to death," Scott said.

But Scott said he also blamed the government "for not acting on certain indicators that could have prevented 9/11 happening."

The jury began weighing Moussaoui's fate last Wednesday. During its deliberations, jurors asked only

one question publicly, seeking a definition of "weapon of mass destruction." One of the three convictions for which Moussaoui could be executed is conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

The jurors were told that a plane used as a missile — the tactic employed on Sept. 11 — qualifies as a weapon of mass destruction.

Moussaoui pleaded guilty last April to conspiring with al-Qaida to hijack aircraft and other crimes. At the time, he denied being part of the 9/11 plot, saying he was being trained for a separate attack, but he changed his story when he took the stand and claimed he was to have flown a hijacked airliner into the White House that day. The defense suggested Moussaoui would say anything to derail his own defense so he could achieve martyrdom through execution.

Moussaoui was in jail at the time of the attacks, but prosecutors argue federal agents would have been able to thwart or at least minimize the attacks if he had revealed his al-Qaida membership and his terrorist plans when he was arrested and questioned by federal agents.

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New Katrina report identifies same old failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal FEMA report that calls for urgent reform after Hurricane Katrina outlines old failures the disaster response agency was warned about five months before the storm struck.

A Feb. 13 report assessing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to the storm concludes FEMA suffered from confusing leadership roles, outdated or inadequate response plans and inexperienced or under-trained staff during Katrina.

The report also details problems in tracking supplies to disaster sites.

All of those findings were highlighted in a March 2005 consultant's analysis, titled "A Vision for the Future," on how to revamp FEMA before the next disaster hit.

"For years FEMA has approached disasters almost timidly," the agency's post-Katrina report found. "FEMA should be attacking with sledgehammers, not fly swatters. Specific changes in logistics need immediate attention."

FEMA's internal review is the latest to surface in a series of studies about the government's sluggish response to Katrina, and how to fix it before the 2006 hurricane season starts on June 1. Katrina struck last Aug. 29.

Senate investigators are wrapping up their own inquiry of the Katrina response, following findings by the

House and the White House that concluded FEMA failed to learn from earlier disasters.

FEMA acting director R. David Paulison said the agency is looking carefully at all post-Katrina reports, and he described them as "helpful in rebuilding FEMA."

But Paulison, a former Miami-Dade County fire chief in Florida, acknowledged the government is often slow to revamp itself, comparing the recommendations made after Hurricane Andrew in 1992 to Katrina more than a decade later.

"You could have taken 'Andrew' out and put 'Katrina' in," Paulison said in a brief interview last week.

He added: "FEMA was a four-letter word when I was a fire chief during Hurricane Andrew, and that's why I'm determined to make (changes) happen."

Many reforms following disasters are never enacted because of financial costs and power struggles, said University of Pennsylvania scholar Donald F. Kettl, co-author of "On Risk and Disaster: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina."

"The big crises like Sept. 11 and Katrina challenge us and punish us for failing to adapt," said Kettl, a political science professor. "But these reports call for really dramatic, radical change in ways that disrupt the patterns of political power and standard operating procedure. So

it's a lot easier to let the day-to-day pressures rule instead of confronting the issues that we know we have to deal with."

Former FEMA director Michael Brown said the two documents, taken

together, raise concerns that few of the lessons learned from Katrina will be heeded. Brown, who left the agency under fire days after Katrina hit, is a top critic of the Homeland Security Department, FEMA's parent agency.

"They are fighting an uphill battle," Brown said Monday. "They wouldn't give me the money and resources to do it."

The new FEMA report was posted on the agency's Web site earlier this year. The agency pulled it from the site after a reporter's inquiry. The 2005 analysis by the Mitre Corp., obtained by The Associated Press, examined FEMA's performance during the 2004 Florida hurricanes.

Both reports describe FEMA's blunders in trying to communicate and coordinate with onsite disaster responders, and get much-needed supplies like food, water and ice to

victims.

Mitre, in early 2005, found FEMA was incapable of getting a clear picture of the disaster as it unfolded because it did not have a system capable of sharing information from

“FEMA should be attacking with sledgehammers, not fly swatters. Specific changes in logistics need immediate attention.”

— FEMA
POST-KATRINA REPORT

the ground-up. It also concluded that FEMA could not track supplies as they were being distributed.

One unnamed employee interviewed for the Mitre report worried about holes in the tracking system, noting: "White House is asking, 'Where are the water trucks?' I didn't know. ... We don't

have confidence that the trucks have checked in, arrived at the destination. We have to rely on third parties to tell us they have arrived."

The February report noted that responders in New Orleans were unable to communicate easily and quickly with the emergency operations center in Baton Rouge because of inadequate phone and data systems. It also said FEMA's tracking system "was of little use."

"Unfortunately, logistics personnel had a muddled picture," the report found.

\$1 for a bag of airline pretzels? And for a blanket?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ask for a pillow and blanket to help get through a long flight and you may be out of luck. Or you may be able to buy a "comfort package" from Air Canada for \$2.

Like to check your luggage curbside? That could cost up to \$3 a bag.

Airlines are starting to charge for many services that once were free — such as assigned seating, paper tickets and blankets.

Intense competition from low-fare airlines along with high jet-fuel prices have led many established carriers to cut back or charge passengers for amenities.

Many airlines no longer serve meals on flights, instead charging for snack boxes and sandwiches.

Sharon Ansara, a government supervisor from El Paso, flew an American Airlines flight from Dallas to Washington Monday morning.

"We didn't even get peanuts," she said

after the 2-1/2 hour flight. "They offered us a snack pack for \$4. It stinks."

American spokesman Tim Wagner said passengers have made it clear that their first priority in buying an airline ticket is price. The company offers a la carte services — such as snack packs — for those willing to pay for them.

Air Canada, which recently emerged from bankruptcy, decided against eliminating pillows and blankets and instead, the airline decided to give passengers the choice of buying an inflatable pillow and a light fleece blanket for \$2, according to spokeswoman Isabelle Arthur.

There are limits to what passengers will pay for.

American Eagle, which flies commuter flights for American, experimented in January with charging passengers for soft drinks.

"They evaluated customer response," Wagner said. "The customer response was,

"No, we don't want to pay \$1 for a soft drink." The test ended, he said.

Some services once taken for granted are now viewed as amenities as the burden of ticketing now falls on the passenger with the home computer instead of airline employees.

Talking to an airline reservation agent instead of booking a ticket on the Internet will add \$5 or \$10 to the price of a ticket. A paper ticket instead of a computer-generated one will cost \$20 or \$30 for a domestic flight.

Some airlines are now even charging to reserve seats with extra legroom.

Carol Mundt, a retiree who lives in the Washington area, travels frequently for visits and vacations. She heard about Northwest's new seat assignment charges.

"I was appalled that they would charge me for my aisle seat," she said while waiting to pick up a friend at Washington's Reagan National Airport.

Northwest spokesman Kurt Ebenhoch

said Northwest has to be able to compete against low-cost airlines like Southwest, which doesn't assign seats at all.

Southwest, which carried more people in the U.S. than any other airline, doesn't charge for a la carte services, with the exception of overweight and oversize bags.

A soft drink, a bag of pretzels and a changed ticket don't cost extra, said Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart.

But Southwest doesn't offer services such as assigned seating or keeping an eye on an unaccompanied child.

Continental Airlines is one of the few that still offers hot meals on domestic flights.

Sandy Gorie, 45, a real estate project manager, lives in Cleveland and takes Continental to Washington on Monday mornings and returns on Friday nights.

"I've been doing this since November and my Continental experience has been great," she said.

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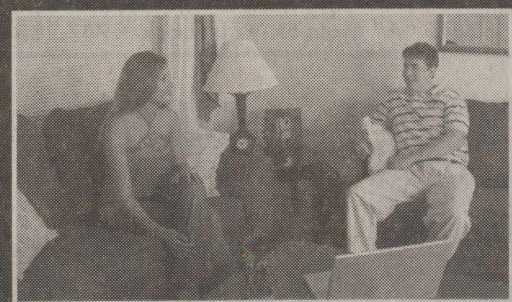
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Back to school: Whitmore, student trade places

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

It's been more than 30 years since Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore has attended class and taken notes. He graduated from Washington State University in 1968, but on Monday morning, Whitmore packed a notebook and a pen, parked in the commuter parking lot and walked to the Human Sciences building.

Whitmore and student Teryn Stowers, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major

from Pampa, traded places for a day as part of a fundraiser for the Tech Chapter of Mortar Board.

Stowers attended all of Whitmore's meetings throughout the day, and he in exchange went to all of her classes and took notes.

"I have a better appreciation of (Whitmore's) job and all the faculty and staff in general," Stowers said.

During her day, Stowers spent time speaking with school administrators about tuition increases and the Fall Break for next year. She said these meetings have given her

a better understanding of Tech's tuition and how it compares with the tuition increases across the Big 12. Stowers said Tech's tuition is set to increase 4.2 percent while other Big 12 schools are almost double that number.

"Before, I thought about Tech and not the other universities," she said.

Overall, her experience was a good one, she said. She might not have been able to make any policy changes or implement special programs, but she was able to get a behind-the-scenes look at the president's job, including spending her day in his office.

Whitmore's office is a little bigger than the typical office of a dean for a college and is decorated in Tech décor with a table of keepsakes ranging from keychains to pins.

"It's not what I expected it to be," Stowers said. "I really didn't know what to expect."

She used the day to learn about the inner workings of Tech, while Whitmore learned a few things about the heart of the university.

"I learned we have some awfully good teachers working here," he said.

In his classes, the professors used a mix between lecture notes and video clips to make the experience more enjoyable for the students, and Whitmore admired that kind of work.

He said he attended four classes during the day in the Human Sciences building and all focused on hotel and restaurant management.

"I learned how to pick out a good head of lettuce," Whitmore said.

His first class of the day focused on purchasing, and then he went

on to classes about managing hotels. He said the classes gave him a better knowledge of the field, as well as some other useful information.

"I learned about booking rooms in a hotel," he said, and then proceeded into describing in detail about all the circumstances that come with booking a room. These circumstances included overbooking and cancellations.

This is the first year Whitmore has participated in the event. Last year the winning student switched places with the chancellor.

Stowers won the competition this year by buying a raffle ticket and being randomly drawn from the stack.

"I was really excited when I heard," she said. "I only bought one ticket, and I never win anything."

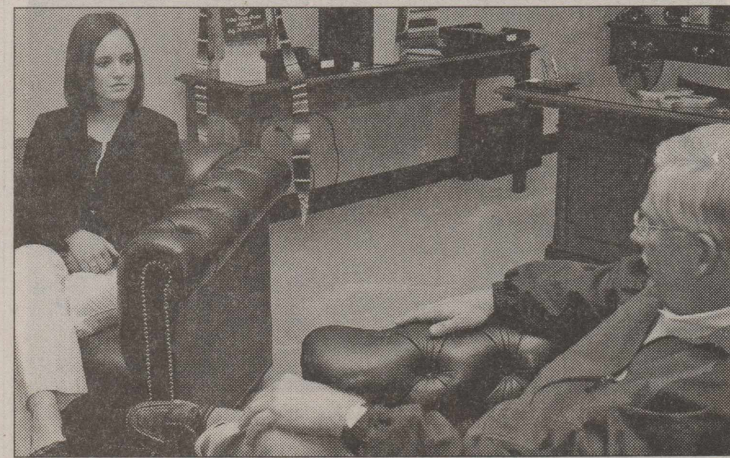
Emily Ehrlich, Mortar Board's President For a Day chairwoman, said the opportunity for a student to trade places with the president is a unique one.

"Students are always talking about what they would like changed," she said. "And this can give them a look at things from an administrator's standpoint. They can see how all the decision making processes work."

She said more than 100 people entered into the raffle, which is a good response in her opinion.

The raffle ticket sales benefited Tech's Mortar Board chapter of the Top 50 seniors on campus.

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TERYN STOWERS, A junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Pampa talks to President Jon Whitmore in the President's Office Monday.

New horror classic makes fans 'Slither' in seats

With the help of writer/director James Gunn, the golden age of 1950s science fiction is brought back to life with the film "Slither." This is not a classic film in the sense that "Casablanca" and "To Catch a Thief" are classics, but this flawless picture is classic because 30 years from now teenagers will rent it for Friday-night horror marathons.

It has been a long time since a horror film transcended genres and worked on a comedy scale. The fact "Slither" is a mix between comedy, horror and classic science fiction, makes it a film worthy of praise.

It reminds people of why their grandparents hid under the bed back in the 1950s every time they saw a falling star. It revives the classic fears of our planet being invaded from visitors from outer space.

Nathan Fillion, who got on Universal Studios' good side after his role in the science-fiction film "Serenity," plays the anti-hero of the film. He sits on the edge of being bored with his lazy job of being the sheriff of Mayberry and being completely hopeless with his lack of a love life.

The audience is introduced to Fillion while he and his partner sit in their police car tracking the speed of the birds flying by. His unspoken love for Elizabeth Banks, who is married to Michael Rooker, is clearly visible within the first 20 minutes, setting up many scenes later in the film.

The plot of the movie is the same one that classic science-fiction films have made popular over the decades. An asteroid falls to the Earth, and by Earth I mean the smallest crap-hole town in the Western Hemisphere, and this begins the process of an alien life form taking over.

These slimy-little creatures look like slugs on steroids and attack the characters by jumping into their mouths. After the slugs have set up shop inside the brains of their victims, the characters turn into zombies.

These are not the "Night of the Living Dead" kind of walking dead. These are the kind who can still talk and often hit a level of creepiness that only Hannibal the Cannibal can say he has reached.

There is nothing special about the plot. It is about three classic films blended into one.

Where "Slither" really shows its worth

Jeremy Reynolds

FILM REVIEW

★★★★★ — Classic
This film received six out of six stars.

is in the dialogue. Gunn created a town full of unique characters from the bumbling deputy to the foul-mouthed mayor. He is known for his brilliant script in the "Dawn of the Dead" remake, and "Slither" surely will make him a household name among film fans across the nation.

His style of writing and directing is a mix between Eli Roth ("Cabin Fever") and Ivan Reitman ("Ghostbusters"). This blend allows for a creative experience in the theater.

Everything about this film is executed perfectly. Gunn is not a visionary director such as Terrence Malick ("The New World"), but his camera angles and character development is on par with such great science fiction directors like Steven Spielberg.

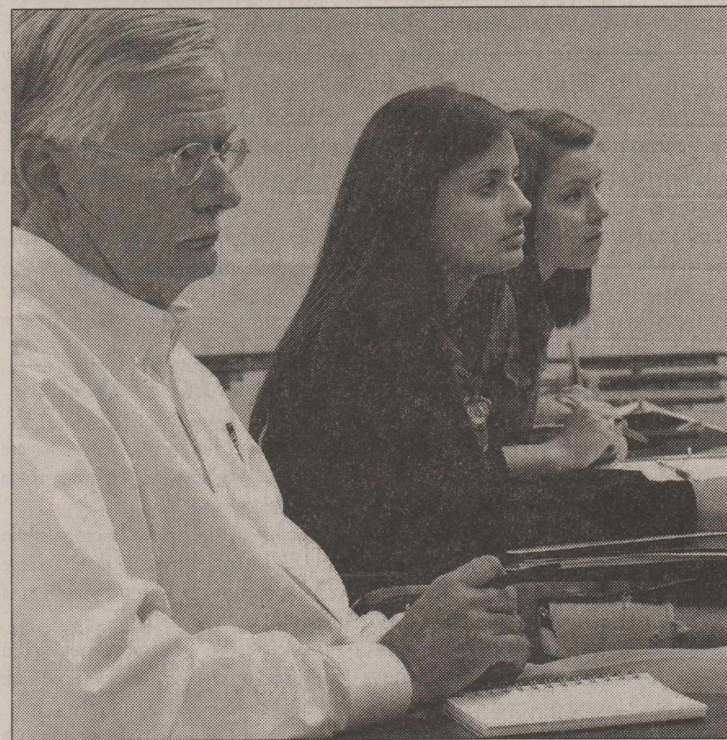
The horror in the film is not the Asian-style cinema that so many directors are heading toward these days. This is the type of horror that makes your eyes widened with delightful surprise and your stomach hit your lungs with a hard thump.

I never have had so much fun in a movie all year long. "Slither" is what films ought to be. It is a fun movie with great dialogue. It has a director who knows how to work a script, and his actors and a cast that is as near to perfect as can be.

Something really should be said about the flawless films that go under the radar. There are so many films in theaters that get overlooked by so many fans because of the disgusting trailers.

"Slither" is one of the most flawless films of the year, even if it revolves around slugs that have come to our planet to jump down our pie holes.

Reynolds is The DT's movie critic. E-mail him at Jeremy.N.Reynolds@ttu.edu.



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PRESIDENT JON WHITMORE sits in class Monday afternoon in the Human Sciences building next to Haley Hutcherson, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Memphis, and Kelly Wilkerson, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Sugar Land.

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Acappella performs in benefit concert tonight in memory of 6-year-old boy

By **LAUREN SCOTT**
FEATURES WRITER

The morning of Sept. 23, 2004, was tragic for Lynette Reeves and her family. Her son, 6-year-old Devon Luke Searsy, was killed in a tragic automobile accident.

Because of the tragedy, Searsy's aunt, Lori Richardson, and Reeves have decided to keep his memory alive by establishing a scholarship fund for high school students. A benefit concert for the scholarship fund will take place at 7 p.m. today at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

The group Acappella will perform at the concert. Although the group does not use musical instruments, their voices are able to make sounds of musical instruments, Richardson said.

Though the group is based out of Paris, Tenn., that does not stop them from seeing the world. According to their Web site, Acappella has upcoming concert dates in Ecuador, Canada and Jamaica, as well as across the United States.

Through the Devon Luke Scholarship Fund at Citibank, Reeves has been able to donate money to the Ropes Elementary School library, and has sent children to church camp. A Ropes High School senior already has received a \$1,000 scholarship through the fund.

Reeves said Devon has inspired the family to help other children.

"We want children to be able to do things that Devon didn't get to do," she said.

Their focus is not just in Ropes, Richardson said.

"We want it to grow to where it helps children everywhere," she said. "We want to buy trees and playground equipment, but not necessarily in Ropes. That's our goal."

Richardson said she hopes people remember Devon because of the scholarship.

"He doesn't have any children to carry his name, and we hope this is a way to do it," she said. "We want people to remember."

Richardson had nothing but loving words about her nephew.

"He meant the world to me," she said. "He never met a stranger; he loved everyone."

Reeves could not agree more. Her son was her entire world.

"I called Devon 'My Sunshine'; he was just a ray of light," she said. "His blonde, curly hair and blue eyes would make me smile no matter what he had done."

Her "Sunshine" liked gymnastics, baseball and golf. He had been dove hunting, camping and enjoyed a birthday party at Disney World just months before



Courtesy Photo

SIX-YEAR-OLD Devon Searsy was killed in an auto accident in 2004. A scholarship fund has been established in his name.

he was killed, Reeves said.

Although he is not able to physically be at the concert, Reeves said he will still be there.

"I wish Devon was here to enjoy it like I know that he would," she said. "I know that God will give Devon a great seat on Tuesday."

For more information about tonight's benefit concert featuring Acappella or to buy tickets, visit www.selectseatlubbock.com.

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Cruise says he and Holmes plan to marry this summer

BERLIN (AP)—Tom Cruise has told Germany's leading tabloid that he and Katie Holmes want to tie the knot this summer, after the birth of their baby and the release of his new movie, "Mission: Impossible III."

"If Katie calls, I'm gone," the 43-year-old

actor said.

Holmes, 27, is in the final stages of her pregnancy with the couple's first child.

Cruise confirmed to Bild in Monday's editions that he and Holmes plan to wed in the coming months. They have been engaged

since June.

"First the baby, then the film," he was quoted as saying. "Then, in summer, we want to get married. I won't let this woman get away."

"Mission: Impossible III" will be released May 5.

Sesame Street sparks controversy with new line of videos for infants

NEW YORK (AP) — The creators of "Sesame Street" are releasing a new line of videos Tuesday targeted for children as young as six months, outraging some child-development experts who feel no form of TV or video is suitable for kids under 2.

The DVDs — part of a series called "Sesame Beginnings" — are intended to be watched by parents along with their small children. Sesame Workshop developed the shows with help of experts from Zero to Three, a well-regarded nonprofit advocacy group.

Despite that prestigious partnership, the project has drawn fire from other experts who note that the American Academy of Pediatrics advises against TV viewing for children under 2. They fear the Sesame brand and Zero to Three's endorsement will convince many parents their infants would benefit from watching videos.

"There is no evidence that screen media is beneficial for babies and growing evidence it may be harmful," said the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. "Sesame Beginnings" will encourage babies' devotion to TV characters that have been licensed to promote hundreds of other products."

There already is a huge market for videos aimed at infants: "Teletubbies" has been on the air for nearly a decade, sometimes drawing similar criticism,

and The Walt Disney Co.'s Baby Einstein products are very lucrative.

Sesame Workshop had stayed out of this field, but says it now has found an effective way to promote interaction between parents and children under 2 — something its executives say other shows don't do well.

"We didn't go into this in an impulsive way," said Rosemarie Truglio, Sesame Workshop's vice president of education and research. "We wanted to invite the parent into the viewing situation, to give the adult information about child development."

Working toward that goal, the videos show characters such as Baby Elmo and Baby Big Bird with their parents or caregivers, going through daily routines like feeding and bedtime.

Truglio contends there is no scientific research justifying the "extreme recommendation" from the pediatrics academy to keep the youngest children away from TV.

"The reality is there's TV in 98 percent of all homes, and parents feel comfortable with it," she said. "We have to stop blaming parents, and create responsible content for them. ... The key is moderation. We're not advocating just plopping kids in front of a TV screen."

Psychologist Susan Linn, a

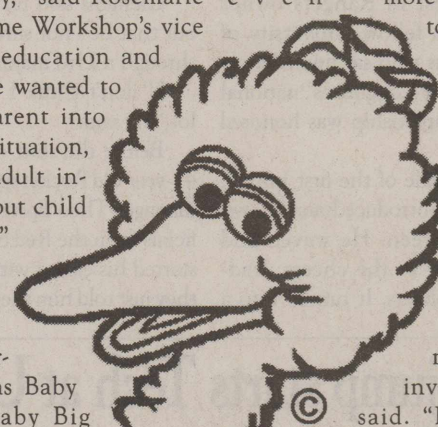
co-founder of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, said she was disappointed but not surprised that Sesame Workshop had developed the DVDs.

"They're a media company in the business of promoting their brand," she said. "They've done some good things for kids and they sell a lot of junk for kids."

Linn and her colleagues are even more upset by Zero to Three's role, saying the project has damaged its credibility. "It's a shame to see a prominent public health organization get involved," Linn said. "People trust Sesame Workshop so much. To have the combination of that and Zero to Three — I think it's very likely that parents who have been hesitant will jump right in."

Zero to Three's executive director, Matthew Melmed, said he had no second thoughts about the partnership and accused Linn's group of misrepresenting the new DVDs.

"These are not 'baby videos' — these are DVDs designed to promote healthy parent-child interactions," he said. "Once people understand what this product is designed to do, the response has been favorable."



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The Rocket steals spotlight as baseball returns

ARLINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens made it to opening day — as a spectator — and the seven-time Cy Young Award winner said he still is leaning toward retirement.

"That's where I am right now," Clemens said Monday before watching the Texas Rangers play the Boston Red Sox. "Obviously, it's opening day and I'm about to put a golf visor on and I'm going to enjoy a ballgame."

Wearing jeans and gray cowboy boots, Clemens sat in a field-level box as a guest of Rangers owner Tom Hicks, a fellow University of Texas alumnus who sat immediately to his left. The Longhorns' national football championship was honored at the game.

In the middle of the first inning, Clemens was introduced and shown on the big screen. He waved and tipped his cap to the cheers, leading to more cheers. It turned into a

standing ovation, prompting Clemens to tip his hat again and wave several more times.

"I'm going to kick back and watch some baseball. I'm not ready to commit," said Clemens, adding he hoped to also visit Fenway Park as a spectator. "Even being at home and pitching in Houston was a tough grind. ... Right now, I'm not interested in getting in there and locking in on this."

"If it works out and I can just fade away, that's what's going to happen."

Clemens said his arm feels great, but that he's not sure he wants to go through a 23rd major league season.

"I don't think I would miss it a lot," he said.

Before the start of the game, the 43-year-old Rocket spoke with general manager Theo Epstein and other officials from the Red Sox, the team he started his career with. Clemens said they just told him the door was open if

he wanted to return to Boston.

Clemens also chatted briefly with Red Sox manager Terry Francona and Rangers skipper Buck Showalter, as well as players from both teams.

The Red Sox, Rangers, New York Yankees and Houston Astros — the hometown team Clemens helped lead to their first World Series last season — are all interested in signing Clemens if he decides to pitch this season.

"There's really nothing to talk about until Roger decides if he wants to play, and if so what team does he want to play for," said Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks. "All four teams have a keen interest. No question they want to sign Roger."

Hendricks said one of his goals "has been to shorten the season" for Clemens, but that the pitcher would need to make a decision about pitching by July.



JEFF HANISCH/US Presswire

THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES and Milwaukee Brewers line up along the basepaths as the teams are announced prior to the game on Opening Day at Miller Park. The event was star-studded across the country as President Bush threw out the first pitch at the Cincinnati Reds' opener, while Texas football coach Mac Brown did the honors for the Rangers.

Evers jump starts Tech at UNLV, Texas Relays next

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Bobby Evers never had jumped 25 feet in his life.

"Everybody told me they knew I had it in me," Evers said. "They told me they knew I could do it."

As part of Saturday's UNLV Invitational in Las Vegas, Evers set a first-place long jump mark of 25-4 3/4. The jump was good for a regional-qualifying mark and a personal best for Evers.

"I couldn't believe it when it first happened," Evers said. "I asked them about three or four times if the mark was right."

The 25 4-3/4 jump currently is the second best jump in the nation.

"I was so excited afterwards I had to call my mom and dad and my high school coach," Evers said. "And then when they told me it was the second best jump in the nation, I got even more excited."

Texas Tech track and field coach Wes Kittley said he knew Evers had the potential to break the 25-foot mark.

"We've been saying for the last couple of weeks that Bobby could do it in a meet," Kittley said. "He has had great practices, and he is finally learning how

to make it happen when it counts."

Evers, a sophomore from Brownwood, said a disappointing freshman season motivated him coming into the 2006 season.

"As soon as last season was over, I was right there in the weight room working out and trying to get stronger," Evers said.

Kittley said Evers' jumping technique is getting better.

"He had a lot of bad habits coming out of high school," Kittley said. "Sometimes in pressure moments you tend to go back to your bad habits. But Bobby is working on executing correctly under pressure moments. I think this weekend his hard work paid off."

Evers said his goal is to qualify for nationals.

"I have heard guys like Jonathan Johnson talk about how exciting it is to be at nationals," he said. "I've watched the meet on TV, and I want to be included as one of the best athletes in the country."

Also at Saturday's UNLV Invitational, Bryan Scott finished in first place in the 400M hurdles with a regional qualifying time of 51.66. The run marks the second regional qualifying time of the

season for Scott.

In other men's action, Shawon Harris posted regional qualifying times in the 400M and the 110M hurdles. Michael Mathieu won the open 400M with a regional qualifying time of 47.12 and also posted a regional qualifying time in the 200M.

In women's action Sabrina Taylor finished second in the long jump with a regional qualifying jump of 19-9 1/2. Misty Coley recorded her second regional qualifying long jump of the season with a jump of 5-10.

"I was happy with the team effort," Kittley said. "You can't expect to have 10 personal bests or qualifying marks every meet. But the weather was not ideal because it was a little windy. So for some of our athletes to set the marks that they did makes me really proud."

Next up for the Tech track and field team are the Texas Relays, Wednesday through Saturday in Austin.

"This should be the first real test for us," Kittley said. "The amount of talent that will be in Austin makes it almost like a mini-nationals. I hope people step up like I know they can."

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Raiders have Bear of a weekend in Waco

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we're not playing well, we could go 0-7."

But for now, he said he wants to focus on the positive.

"It's just one match at a time," Siegel said. "They're all going to be very tough."

He said he believes Baylor was a good starting point to get the team focused on the harsh competition the conference will bring.

"We competed well. Baylor obviously is good, but I'm pleased with the way we fought," Siegel said. "And to have two freshmen go out and get wins, it shows how they're improving."

Two of the players Siegel said stood out during the 7 p.m. match were freshmen Christian Rojmar and Michael Breler, who played at Nos. 2 and 5, respectively.

Rojmar edged out Baylor's Will Ward, while Breler took No. 92 Vladimir Portnov in two sets.

The Raiders will travel to Oklahoma this weekend to take on Oklahoma State and Oklahoma Friday and Sunday.

"We have a tough weekend ahead," Siegel said.

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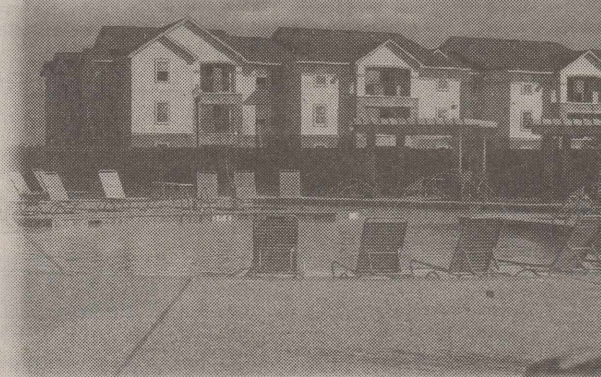
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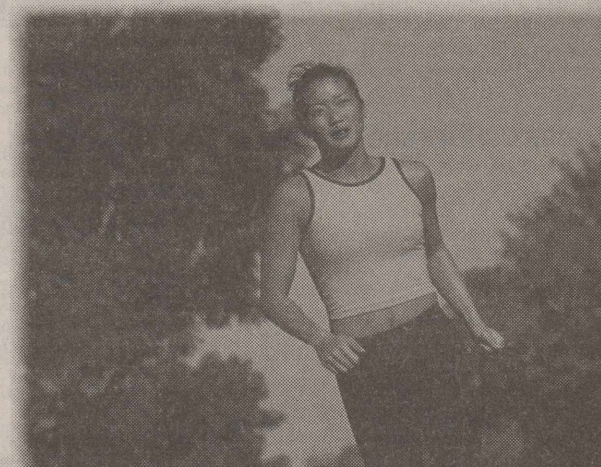
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jimmy Rollins extended his hitting streak to 37 games with a double in the eighth inning, but the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 13-5 in Monday's opener as Albert Pujols homered twice and Scott Rolen hit a grand slam.

Chris Carpenter pitched five effective innings for the win, allowing four runs and nine hits.

Rolen was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, Pujols was 2-for-2 with four RBIs and Aaron Miles had four hits, including two doubles and a triple.

Pat Burrell and Ryan Howard homered for the Phillies, who ended up with their most lopsided opening-day loss since a 12-3 defeat to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1935.

Loser Jon Lieber gave up eight runs and nine hits in 3 1-3 innings.

CUBS 16, REDS 7

CINCINNATI (AP) — After President Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch, Matt Murton homered in a five-run first inning and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth.

The Cubs scored a club-record 16 runs in their opener for the second year in a row and stretched their first-game winning streak to four. The Reds hadn't given so many opening-day runs since a 24-6 loss to Louisville in 1877.

Will Ohman got the win in relief of Carlos Zambrano. Loser Aaron Harang gave up nine runs — six earned — and nine hits in five innings.

METS 3, NATIONALS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Glavine outpitched Livan Hernandez in a matchup of World Series MVPs, Billy Wagner got a save in his Mets' debut and newcomer Xavier Nady went 4-for-4.

Washington's Alfonso Soriano, who made his major league outfield debut, was thrown out when he tried to score in the eighth on Ryan Zimmerman's double into the left-field corner. Jose Reyes' accurate relay throw to the plate beat a diving Soriano, but replays showed umpire Tim Tschida missed the call — catcher Paul Lo Duca juggled and dropped the ball after applying the tag.

Making his seventh opening-day start, Glavine allowed one run and six hits in six innings to earn his 276th career win. The two-time Cy Young Award winner also went 2-for-2.

Coming off right knee surgery last October, Hernandez gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

BREWERS 5, PIRATES 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeff Cirillo hit a two-run single in the seventh off loser Damaso Marte for a 3-2 lead and Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Brewers reliever Justin Lehr got just his third major league win, pitching one hitless inning. Brewers closer Derrick Turnbow finished with a one-hit ninth for the save, one day after agreeing to a \$6.5 million, three-year contract.

Pittsburgh, which outthir the Brewers 7-6, squandered an impressive outing by starter Oliver Perez, who allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings and struck out nine.

ROCKIES 3, ARIZONA 2

DENVER (AP) — Matt Holliday dashed home Brad Hawpe's grounder and dived in ahead of the throw for the winning run.

With one out, Holliday and pinch-hitter Jason Smith hit back-to-back singles off Jason Grimsley, putting runners at the corners for Hawpe. He grounded to first baseman Conor Jackson, who was playing in on the grass and quickly threw home, but Holliday had a great jump and beat the throw to the plate.

Mike DeJean pitched a scoreless inning for the victory.

BRAVES 11, DODGERS 10

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adam LaRoche and Andruw Jones hit three-run homers off Derek Lowe, and the Braves spoiled manager Grady Little's debut before the largest single-game regular-season crowd in Dodger Stadium history.

The Braves staked starter Tim Lincecum to a 4-0 lead before he threw a pitch and led 8-1 before the 30-year-old right-hander was chased in the fifth. Oscar Villarreal worked 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory. Chris Reitsma, the seventh Atlanta pitcher, survived a two-run ninth for the save.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 7, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON (AP) — Curt Schilling looked a lot like his old self in his first opening-day start in seven years, and David Ortiz hit a two-run homer to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 7-3 Monday.

Schilling won on opening day for the first time since 2000, allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out five, walked one and gave up only one extra-base hit, a two-run homer by Hank Blalock in the sixth.

Jason Varitek had a two-run double, Mike Lowell led off the eighth with a home run and new Red Sox center fielder Coco Crisp made a nice running catch at the wall of Laynce Nix's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Loser Kevin Millwood, who had a league-leading 2.86 ERA last season in Cleveland, gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings.

ORIOLES 9, DEVIL RAYS 6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Luis Matos and Melvin Mora hit successive homers in the fifth inning, and Miguel Tejada and Jeff Conine also connected as Baltimore won its sixth straight opener.

Newcomer Ramon Hernandez went 3-for-3 with a walk for the Orioles, who totaled 14 hits in Sam Perlozzo's managerial debut. Baltimore, which ranked last in the AL with 14 spring training homers, tied the team mark for an opener set in 1982.

Jonny Gomes and Travis Lee homered for Tampa Bay, but it wasn't enough offense to make a winner of Joe Maddon in his managerial debut.

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