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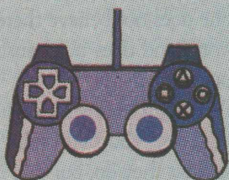
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it quits after 16 years.

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Sony announces launch date for
PlayStation 3.

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Trying to avoid a (writedown) within
the accounting rules is absolutely OK,
isn't it?"

Kenneth Lay's lawyer Shawn Cleveland asked
John R. Sult, the man who oversaw Enron's Azurix
water venture, in the trial Monday. Sult's reply,
"Provided it's within the accounting rules."

Our government is openly torturing
people and detaining them
indefinitely and we have to put an
end to it."

Ayah Young, a 23-year-old who participated in a
San Francisco war protest Monday.

The professors fundamentally
abandoned honesty and sincerity ...
and caused the fall in the school's
honor and the country's
international confidence."

A statement from South Korea's Seoul National
University after firing Hwang Woo-suk, the
scientist who allegedly faked cloning data.

STATE

Man faces charges after
Russian roulette death

AMARILLO (AP) — A 23-year-old
Amarillo resident faces a manslaughter charge
after another man shot himself in the head
while the pair played Russian roulette, police
said Monday.

Michael Edward Barber Jr., 21, was pro-
nounced dead from the gunshot wound early
Sunday at a local hospital, Amarillo police Lt.
Gary Trupe said.

Despite Barber being a willing participant
in the game, the gun he used belonged to Bryan
Todd Walker, was made available by Walker
and was loaded by Walker, Trupe said.

Walker was arraigned on a charge of
manslaughter Sunday and released from the
Randall County Jail after posting \$50,000
bond.

NATION

Judge delays Andrea
Yates trial until June

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge on Monday
delayed Andrea Yates' capital murder retrial
until June because of witness problems cited
by her defense attorney.

Jury selection in her retrial for the 2001
bathtub drowning deaths of her children had
been scheduled to begin Monday.

But late last week, Yates' attorneys asked
State District Judge Belinda Hill to reschedule
the trial because two of their defense experts
wouldn't be able to testify if the trial began as
scheduled. Hill on Monday set jury selection
for June 22, with testimony scheduled to begin
June 26.

The new trial date comes just days after
what will be the fifth anniversary of the killings,
and Yates' attorney, George Parnham, said he
usually worries about her around that time.

"I am always concerned because each
year when that anniversary comes around she
decompensates to a degree," Parnham said.

WORLD

Australia hit by most
powerful storm in decades

CAIRNS, Australia (AP) — The most
powerful storm to hit Australia in three decades,
laid waste to its northeastern coast Monday,
mowing down sugar and banana plantations
with 180 mph winds but causing no deaths.

Innisfail, a farming town of 8,500 located
about 60 miles south of Cairns, was hardest
hit, and Mayor Neil Clarke estimated that
thousands of residents were left homeless.

More than 100,000 people were without
power, and the damage was estimated to be
in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Prime
Minister John Howard pledged immediate cash
handouts to the homeless and said more help
would be forthcoming.

"The damage to dwellings is very exten-
sive," Howard told the Nine Network from
Melbourne.

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Plane crashes en route to Lubbock killing 4

Two Lubbock couples killed when twin-engine goes down in Branson.

By MARCUS KABEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A
twin-engine plane crashed in the
heart of this resort town Monday,
killing two couples from Lubbock,
and setting fire to a building near
the main drag of tourist nightclubs,
theaters and music halls.

The plane crashed into a self-
storage complex, about 200 feet
from the busy street, near a Ripley's
Believe it or Not Museum, a pair

of motels and a string of musical
theaters bearing the names of such
entertainers as Andy Williams and
Bobby Vinton.

"The plane shook my house
when it hit," said Mike Willett,
who lives alongside the AAA Self
Storage Inns he manages. The plane
struck the corner of a building of 32
storage units and quickly caught fire,
destroying the building.

The victims were identified as
Paul Johnson, 71, a Lubbock dentist
who was believed to be flying the

plane, his wife, Marcia Johnson, 71,
and another Lubbock couple, Betty
Roach, 80, and her husband, Bill
Roach, for whom no age was avail-
able. Taney County Coroner Kevin
Tweedy said the two couples had
been vacationing in the area.

Terry Ware, office manager for a
plumbing company that sits near the
property, said she heard the plane
going over her office and sounding as
if it had serious engine trouble.

"My boss saw it in the air, and
he said it was making some very
erratic movements," she said. After
it crashed, she ran to the site and
got within 20 feet of the wreckage,
which was only partly on fire.

"You could hear the people

screaming," she said. "You couldn't
get close enough to help them before
the fuel went off."

Tweedy said he had not heard
reports of screaming and said it
was unlikely the passengers were
still alive.

"It's almost certain they died
instantly because of the severity of
the impact," he said.

Police Chief Carol McCulough
said there was no way to tell if the
pilot deliberately avoided the bus-
tling strip that was packed with mid-
day vehicle traffic, despite Branson
being two weeks away from the start
of its most active season.

The Federal Aviation Admin-
istration said the plane crashed

about 12:30 p.m., about 15 minutes
after taking off from Taney County
Airport in Point Lookout, Mo., on
a planned flight to Lubbock.

Both Willett and Ware said they
heard what sounded like gunfire
following one of the explosions and
said it was probably ammunition go-
ing off in one of the storage units.

"The storage units held a whole
lot of material that is combustible
and the fuel spread so the fire went
up," Fire Chief Ted Martin said.

At least one storage unit, about
50-by-100 feet, was charred. The tail
of the plane lay alone on the ground,
the only part that could be seen on a
short tour led by fire officials.

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ROOF COLLAPSE KILLS 1



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Treador

LUBBOCK OFFICIALS WORK at the Little Panda on 9th Street and Slide Road after the roof collapsed Monday afternoon.

Nine injured when Little Panda's roof caves in; authorities say cause unclear

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Edward Flores and Maria Cavazos were driving south on Slide Road at
about noon Monday when a sudden sound made Cavazos jump.

"I heard a loud 'bang' and we stopped," she said.

The sound was the noise made by the roof of Little Panda Restaurant
at 908 Slide Rd. as it collapsed, trapping 10 people inside.

A call to the Lubbock Fire Department at 12:25 p.m. brought 45
firefighters to the scene, accompanied by 15 policemen and an EMS crew
with five ambulances, said Mark Ethridge, public information officer for

the Lubbock Fire Department.

At approximately 2:15 p.m., he said everyone in the collapsed
restaurant had been accounted for, leaving a 23-year-old woman
dead and nine people under hospital care.

Of the nine injured, Ethridge said one was in serious condition
and another in moderately serious condition.

He said he did not know the identity of anyone involved in
the accident or the reason for the structural collapse, although
he said he believes Monday's high wind speeds played a part in

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Study: Economic class influences teen inhalant use

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of the war on drugs, people
might be aware of what happens on the
street, but may not know that much of it
is under the sink or in the garage.

Inhalant abuse in the United States
has slowly increased, according to a recent
study conducted by The Substance Abuse
and Mental Health Services.

In the study, the organization discovered
that teenagers who sniff gasoline, glue,
lighter fluid, spray paint or other inhalants,
are more likely to come from families that
earn a sufficient household income, accord-
ing to www.newsinforno.com.

More than 67 percent of the teenagers
who experimented with inhalants come
from families that earn as much as three
times the federal poverty level.

One problem associated with inhalant
abuse is teenagers do not take them as
seriously, and do not believe anything can
happen to them from inhaling, the Web

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Recent purse snatcher arrests bring officials to address ongoing problem

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Police arrested two people
Friday for aggravated robbery of a 75-year-
old Lubbock woman. Police said they are
filing charges against the two for three other
separate purse-snatching robberies.

After 75-year-old Carla Dodson finished
her shopping at Wal-Mart located at the
South Loop and Quaker Avenue, a vehicle
approached her and someone snatched her
purse before she had anytime to react, Lub-
bock Police Sgt. Jeff Baker said.

Mary Lou Allen and Adaryl Hastings
were arrested Friday after Lubbock police

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There to stay? Bases imply long-term Iraq stay

(AP) — EDITOR'S NOTE
— This report is based on interviews
with U.S. military engineers and
others before and during the writer's
two weeks as an embedded reporter
at major U.S. bases in Iraq.

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AP) —
The concrete goes on forever,
vanishing into the noonday glare, 2
million cubic feet of it, a mile-long
slab that's now the home of up to
120 U.S. helicopters, a "heli-park"
as good as any back in the States.

At another giant base, al-Asad
in Iraq's western desert, the 17,000
troops and workers come and go in
a kind of bustling American town,
with a Burger King, Pizza Hut and
a car dealership, stop signs, traffic
regulations and young bikers clog-

ging the roads.

At a third hub down south,
Tallil, they're planning a new mess
hall, one that will seat 6,000 hungry
airmen and soldiers for chow.

Are the Americans here to stay?
Air Force mechanic Josh Remy is
sure of it as he looks around Balad.

"I think we'll be here forever,"
the 19-year-old airman from Wil-
kes-Barre, Pa., told a visitor to his
base.

The Iraqi people suspect the
same. Strong majorities tell pollsters
they'd like to see a timetable for
U.S. troops to leave, but believe
Washington plans to keep military
bases in their country.

The question of America's future
in Iraq looms larger as the U.S. mili-

tary enters the fourth year of its war
here, waged first to oust President
Saddam Hussein, and now to crush
an Iraqi insurgency.

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, interim prime
minister, has said he opposes perma-
nent foreign bases. A wide range of
American opinion is against them as
well. Such bases would be a "stupid"
provocation, says Gen. Anthony
Zinni, former U.S. Mideast com-
mander and a critic of the original
U.S. invasion.

But events, in explosive situa-
tions like Iraq's, can turn "no" into
"maybe" and even "yes."

The Shiite Muslims, ascendant
in Baghdad, might decide they need

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BRASS IN THE GLASS



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Treador

DAVID HUMMEL, A junior music education and performance major from Katy,
practices with his tuba Monday afternoon in the music education building.

BURRR ...



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
JAMES JEWELL, A senior business major from The Woodlands, ducks his head as gets sprayed with water from the fountains while walking through Memorial Circle Monday afternoon.

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7 AM	Today	Early Show	Believers Voice	(500) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Adventures
8 AM	Jodie Foster. Also: a "Today's Money" segment.		Life Today	Recipe TV		Sabrina
9 AM		Paid Program	Amer. Athlete	Critter Gitters		Roseanne
10 AM	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Mathis "McRenter #1"	Paid Program	Tony Danza	Martha
11 AM	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Joe	Texas Justice	The View	Tyra Banks
12 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	Cops	Paid Program	Starting Over
1 PM	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful	Paid Program	Cosby Show	All My Children	Access Hollywood
2 PM	Passions	As the World Turns	Eye for an Eye	The Nanny	One Life to Live	Extra
3 PM	Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Mad About You	ER	General Hospital	Judge Alex
4 PM	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me	8 Simple Rules	Monica Williams "Try My Life"	Divorce Court
5 PM	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Becker	8 Simple Rules	Geraldo	Fox 34 News First@Four
6 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Malcolm	Yes, Dear	News	That '70s Show
7 PM	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	Yes, Dear	World News	Simpsons
8 PM	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Family Feud	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond
9 PM	Outrageous	NCIS "Boxed In" (HD)	Extra	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond
10 PM	Outrageous	NCIS "Boxed In" (HD)	America's Next Top Model	Gilmore Girls (HD)	Hope & Faith	The 11 finalists perform. (HD)
11 PM	Scrubz	The Unit "200th Hour" (HD)	Veronica Mars (HD)	Gilmore Girls (HD)	Sons (HD)	Sons "Karaoke"
12 AM	Law & Order: SVU	Amazing Race 9	Wife and Kids	Will & Grace	Boston Legal	Fox 34 News @ Nine
1 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	King of Hill	Sex and City	News	Seinfeld
2 PM	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	Malcolm	Sex and City	(35) Nightline	Seinfeld
3 PM	Conan O'Brien Show	(35) Late Late Show	Fear Factor	Cheaters	(35) ET	Friends
4 PM	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Blind Date	The Nanny	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	Cheers

TONIGHT @ 7:00 FOX 34

Experts say bedbugs biting again

By MATT EARLE
STAFF WRITER

Most people are familiar with the saying often heard while we being put to bed: Good night, sleep tight and don't let the bedbugs bite.

That advice should be heeded now more than ever.

According to *The Associated Press*, bedbugs are storming their way back onto American soil after nearly 70 years of bedtime without these insects.

Although still common in many countries, bedbugs were exterminated throughout the United States in the 1940s and 1950s using strong and generally toxic pesticides.

The most common pesticide used to kill these bugs was DDT, a pesticide that was banned from use after DDT posed "unacceptable risks to the environment and potential harm to human health," according to the Environmental Protection Agency Web site, www.epa.gov.

Bedbugs are back in the U.S., and more than 1,000 cases of bug infested sheets have appeared in New York alone this year.

Marcel Heimlich, a graduate student from Houston studying computer science, does not believe there is anything to worry about.

"So what, I'm not worried," Heimlich said. "What purpose would it

serve to worry about something like bedbugs?"

The National Pest Management Association reported 2006 has become a hotbed of activity for bedbugs.

The NPMA reported exterminators handled on average one or two bedbugs infestation per year in previous years, and now that many incidents are reported within a week.

Bedbugs gradually are making their way from the East coast and have begun spreading to the Midwestern states and already are in Texas.

These bugs are resourceful travelers as they can easily hide on a person's clothes, within a suitcase and on a person's skin without the traveler ever being aware.

Once within a hotel, motel or inside an individual's residential home, management and the homeowner are often unaware of the new unwanted occupants.

These creatures can hide anywhere within an apartment or hotel any are usually near their good source, humans.

Common hiding spots include within or under mattresses, within walls, behind picture frames and in tiny cracks or crevices within an apartment or hotel.

These oval-shaped small adversaries attach themselves to humans and begin

to feed off their blood during the night.

Bedbugs use barbed proboscis to bore through the skin and suck blood. They can go months without feeding, often patiently awaiting a new host or travel acquaintance.

These nocturnal bugs often feed on a person throughout the night and only leave small traces of blood on the bed sheets or the bedspread.

Cindy Mannes, vice president of public affairs for the NPMA, said many cases have been specifically reported within college dormitories and hotels.

"We are seeing activity in hotels and in college dormitories where a large group of people tend to gather," Mannes said. "It doesn't matter how sanitary a dorm or hotel is, all these bugs want is human blood."

Mannes also was quick to point out this is an excellent time for students to be aware as many students will be traveling for Spring Break.

She estimated there would be many more accounts of these insects being reported once students return from their

destinations.

Mannes warns students to be vigilant and to check sleeping conditions and mattresses for these bugs.

Experts agree these bedbugs are nothing to get overly alarmed with in relation to spreading and contracting known diseases.

The insects are not known to be able to transfer any sort of disease such as Hepatitis B, according to the Web site www.msnbc.com.

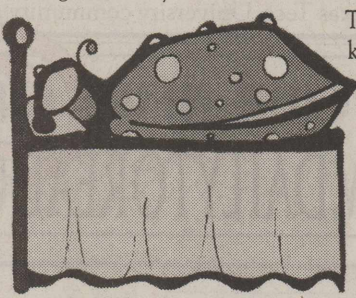
Tech student Mark Kratovil, a political science major from Dallas,

said he does not believe there is reason to worry and does not consider this a serious issue.

"I thought the saying was just to scare young kids," Kratovil said. "It's pretty gross what they do, but there are other things I'll worry about first."

If a person has been in contact with a bedbug, the most common symptoms that occur are itchiness and red welts spots over the area that blood was drawn from.

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Inhalants

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site states.

Dr. Miguel Villarreal, staff physician for Student Health Services, said teenagers are more likely to use inhalants because the chemicals are more available.

"I know worldwide, it is more prevalent among younger people," Villarreal said. "It's more commonly used because it is so accessible."

Teenagers are more likely to use inhalants, he said, because there is no way to stop them.

"If you're not 18, you can't get beer and cigarettes, so you'll get glue at the model plane store," he said.

Although inhalants are not consumed as much on college campuses, the chemi-

cals still have strong effects that people may not know about, Villarreal said.

"The problem with inhalants is that it could cause changes to the brain," he said.

Inhalants have long-term effects, he said, and could cause mental deficiency.

"It really does a number on the brain," Villarreal said. "The thing to worry about is it can damage the brain."

Lynne Franke, Student Health Services associate director, agrees.

"For people who do it, it's very destructive to part of the brain," she said. "We don't see a lot of it, but it's very destructive. The permanent damage it does to the brain is incredible. I think they don't realize the permanent damage it does or can do."

Inhalant abuse is not studied as much as other substances, Villarreal said, partly because people cannot stop teenagers from

buying paint or glue, like they can with crack or cocaine.

"It's just hard to study," he said. "Unfortunately, the ways we find out is when they wind up in the hospital."

Inhalants do not run out like beer and cigarettes, he said, and teenagers have more liberty to sniff as much as they want to.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the study found an estimated 600,000 teenagers experimented with inhalants, the Web site states. From the report, 50.5 percent of the adolescents who used inhalants were female.

Thirty-five percent of the teenagers surveyed said they only experimented with the chemicals once, and 19.4 percent said they used inhalants at least 13 days in the year.

Charles Curie, a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services administrator, said he hopes the survey makes people more aware of inhalants and the damage they can do.

"These new data show that too many pre-teens and young teens are sniffing or inhaling common everyday household products with potentially disastrous, even deadly results," Curie said. "We hope to use this opportunity to help raise awareness among parents about the potential for danger in their own homes."

The article advised parents to maintain a close watch over their teenagers. Some of the results listed were spray paint cans in their bedrooms, sudden changes in behavior, and frequently running out of aerosol products that are not used very often.

"It can be fatal and cause permanent damage," Franke said. "I don't think young people realize it is dangerous."

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Sony readies to launch PS3; assures shortages won't be a problem

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With summer drawing nearer, the tentative spring launch for Sony's PlayStation 3 began to look less likely, but Sony refused to admit a delay.

Sony decided to officially announce the PlayStation 3's delay on its own terms Wednesday at a company business brief in Tokyo.

At the announcement, Ken Kutaragi, president of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., said the PlayStation 3 would launch worldwide in early November, according to a Sony news

Sony will be able to produce 1 million units each month to feed the demand for the console's near-simultaneous launch in Japan, North America and Europe, the release states, although a price for the system was not given.

"My plan is, I'm going to wait probably at least six months. It's just a personal rule: never buy a system at launch. They're too buggy," said Brent Hix a lifelong

gamer and a Sony fan.

Hix, a sophomore public relations major from Canyon, said he has jumped back and forth between game console manufacturers — from the Nintendo Entertainment System to the Sega Genesis, back to

Nintendo with the Nintendo 64 — during his life, but said he ended up with the PlayStation 2 as his favorite system.

Hix says Sony's good first party titles and their pledge to support the PlayStation 2 years after the PlayStation 3 launches makes his favorite console producer more admirable.

"This just gives a of knowing even if it's still have life in it," Hix said. "Whenever they have the PS4, they'll still have games for the PS3."

Hix said he is looking forward to playing upcoming titles for his PS2 like the sequel to "God of War," scheduled to come out some time next year.

Sony also supported the original PlayStation with first-party titles after the PlayStation 2 launched

in 2000.

In contrast, Microsoft has seemingly dropped support of the original Xbox, with no announcements of development for any current-generation titles, only for the newly released Xbox 360.

Hix said Sony needs to be careful with the worldwide launch, although they probably will not have the same problems as Microsoft had with the Xbox 360.

With shortages in America and surpluses in Japan because of lack of demand, Microsoft came up short on their launch sales predictions, and finding an Xbox 360 in America after launch in 2005 or early 2006 meant paying hundreds of dollars more than retail on eBay.

While the Xbox 360 has current DVD technology built in, the PlayStation 3 will support the Blu-ray disc, an up to 50-gigabyte storage medium, at launch, making room for increased graphical complexity in games.

But Hix said just upping the ante on graphics will not cut it, and he said he wants to see true innovation in next-generation games, something other gamers seem to want, as well.

"To me, graphics are not going to sell the game to

me," said Dan Sneed, president of the Tech Gaming League. "Game-play really needs to be the focus for the next generation."

For this reason, Sneed said he is very interested in Nintendo's upcoming console, code-named Revolution, for its unique features.

In addition to supporting download of games from Nintendo's past library, the Revolution will feature a motion sensing controller, similar in shape to a television remote, allowing the system to respond to gamer's movements of the device.

Sneed said he enjoys first-person-shooters and online play, two areas the Xbox has a clear superiority in over the other console manufacturers.

"Halo" and "Halo 2" kept him hooked to his Xbox, and although disappointed with the 360's supposedly flagship shooter "Perfect Dark Zero," Sneed said the recently released "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter" has made him excited about owning the system.

Microsoft's Xbox Live makes online play easy to do for gamers and connects players to each other in a persistent community outside of each game, for a nominal fee.

At the Tokyo brief, Kutaragi also mentioned a

planned online service rivaling that of Microsoft's, titled the "Playstation Network Platform," which will launch with the PlayStation 3.

Currently, PlayStation 2 supports online play in titles with the feature included by the developer, without a centralized network provided by Sony, and as such, there is no charge associated with the service.

Whether Sony decides to offer the service free of charge when it launches could sway some gamers, although the quality of service could prove more important.

"Xbox Live is like \$4 a month, so it's not too bad," said James Hoffman, a sophomore from Lubbock who plays "Halo 2" over Xbox Live.

If gamers buy a yearlong subscription to the Xbox Live service, it totals at \$49.99, although just buying one month of service costs \$7.99.

With the PlayStation 3's planned launch in November and Nintendo's claim of launching the Revolution in time for the Christmas season this year, 2006 could prove to be an exciting and expensive time for gamers.

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found them at a convenience store at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue Q. Police recognized their vehicle as matching a description of one given of the suspected robbers.

"One of our officers located their vehicle while driving by the store," Baker said. "Allen was inside the store in the process of attempting to use one of the stolen credit cards."

Police said this is not the first time an elderly woman was robbed in a similar situation.

During the last two months, there have been four separate purse-snatching incidents, two at the South Loop Wal-Mart, one at K-mart and one at the South Plains Mall.

"We are going to charge Allen and Hastings of all of the robberies," Baker said. "That is what we are going to present to the district attorney."

Each of the incidents was similar, Baker said.

"They drive around the parking lot looking for potential victims," he said. "Once they find a target, they approach the victim and the passenger will snatch a purse. They never exit the vehicle."

Vanessa Delgado, a junior retail major from Lubbock, said one of her friends faced a situation like this one.

Delgado said her friend was inside a store shopping one day when a thief grabbed her purse and ran.

"There was nothing she could do," Delgado said. "Instantly, her purse was gone."

Sgt. Keith Woodward of the Lubbock Police Department said women have to be aware of her surroundings, especially at night.

"It is best to not be alone," Woodward said. "However, if you are alone be aware of people around you, and people walking up to you."

On campus, students and faculty use their own precautions to prevent a thief from running away with their purse.

"If it is really late, I make sure I am on the phone when I walk to my car," graduate student Rebecca Velez said. "That way if something does happen, I am already talking to somebody for help."

Baker adds more recommendations.

"Just be careful, and use the purse strap appropriately," he said. "Carry a small handbag with only your essentials in it."

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Correction: In Monday's DT article "Tech student remembered by friends, peers," part of the story erroneously was left out. It is published in its entirety at www.dailytoreador.com. The DT regrets the error.

Bases

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long-term U.S. protection against insurgent Sunni Muslims. Washington might take the political risks to gain a strategic edge — in its confrontation with next-door Iran, for example.

The U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, and other U.S. officials disavow any desire for permanent bases. But long-term access, as at other U.S. bases abroad, is different from "permanent," and the official U.S. position is carefully worded.

Lt. Cmdr. Joe Carpenter, a Pentagon spokesman on international security, told The Associated Press it would be "inappropriate" to discuss future basing until a new Iraqi government is in place, expected in the coming weeks.

Less formally, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, asked about "permanent duty stations" by a Marine during an Iraq visit in December, allowed that it was "an interesting question." He said it would have to be raised by the incoming Baghdad

government, if "they have an interest in our assisting them for some period over time."

In Washington, Iraq scholar Phebe Marr finds the language intriguing. "If they aren't planning for bases, they ought to say so," she said. "I would expect to hear 'No bases.'"

Right now what is heard is the pouring of concrete.

In 2005-06, Washington has authorized or proposed almost \$1 billion for U.S. military construction in Iraq, as American forces consolidate at Balad, known as Anaconda, and a handful of other installations, big bases under the old regime.

They have already pulled out of 34 of the 110 bases they were holding last March, said Maj. Lee English of the U.S. command's Base Working Group, planning the consolidation.

"The coalition forces are moving outside the cities while continuing to provide security support to the Iraqi security forces," English said.

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Roof Collapse

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the accident.

Winds blew pieces of insulation from the ruined building in the street and snapped some of the yellow police tape blocking off the location from the public after the collapse as rescue workers searched for survivors.

"A lot of the major concerns that we had were the two walls (still standing) on either side of the collapsed roof," Ethridge said.

Although the side walls on the north, south and west sides of the building still stood, all of the roof covering the dining section of the restaurant on its east side had fallen into the interior of the building and crushed the east wall of the restaurant facing Slide Road.

Ethridge said the Fire Department would leave investigating the cause of the accident to the insurance company.

The building collapsed at approximately noon, when some patrons were

arriving at the restaurant for lunch.

"I was about to go through the drive-thru — I wasn't going to go inside," said Dawnica Smart, a Lubbock resident who arrived just after the building collapsed.

Smart said her husband had eaten at Little Panda the previous night and recommended it to her.

"It's just crazy to think you could be eating somewhere, and the place col-

lapsed, and you could die," said Jay Daniel,

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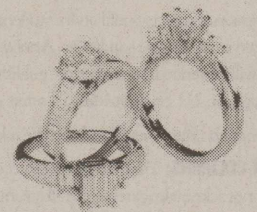


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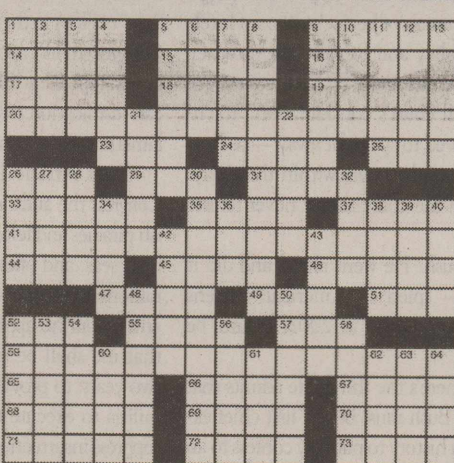
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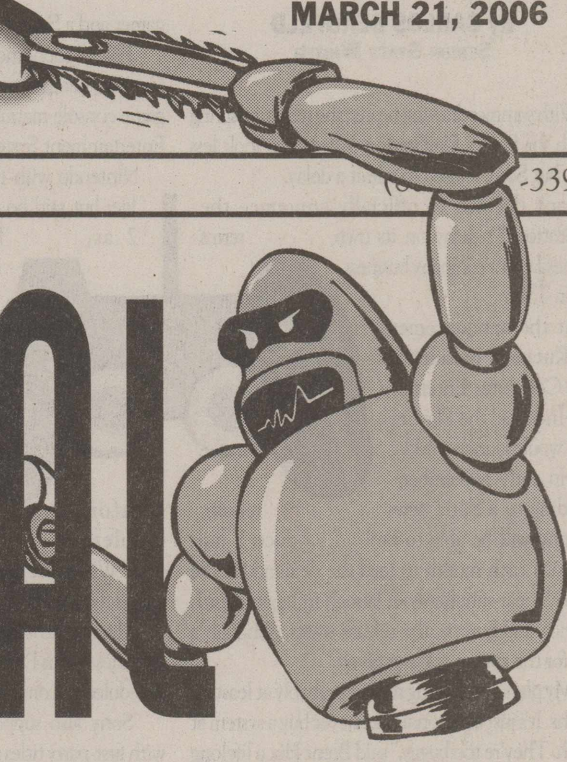
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Bush's actions warrant censure Feingold motion irrational stunt

Sen. Feingold is right. The president ought to be censured. It is a reasonable, just and measured response to the breaking of law. It is not impeachment. A censure is a rebuke issued by a legislative body to a government official for misconduct in office. It carries no legal weight, only the force of public condemnation. But that's enough. Andrew Jackson got one in 1834. That was his time. This is Bush's.

Feingold's resolution (S. res. 398) was introduced March 13. I urge its approval. Why? Bush ordered wiretapping of American citizens in 2002. This is the offense Feingold's concerned with. Apart from violating the Fourth Amendment, more particularly, the president ran afoul of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

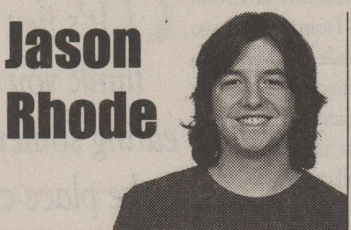
FISA was set up as a way to give the executive branch a regulated and legal way to wiretap terrorists. Our laws clearly state FISA "shall be the exclusive means by which electronic surveillance ... and the interception of domestic wire, oral and electronic communications may be conducted." The act set up a special court consisting of seven federal district court judges appointed by the chief justice. They have staggered terms, and come from different circuits (50 U.S.C.A. § 1803). Through the Department of Justice's Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, the attorney general submits sealed tapping requests for the special court's consideration. You're even allowed to spy right away — as long as you go to the court within three days after. And the court almost never refuses a request.

But Bush? He went ahead and did it anyway — spied on American citizens by executive order in 2002. Courts be damned.

And here's the thing: He admits that he did it. Bush must be the first chief executive in history to publicly confess to an impeachable offense: *I can do what I want to. Mission accomplished. Bring it on.*

Nobody denies the necessity of spying on our enemies. But at the end of the day, Bush broke the law. The president's Con-

Jason Rhode



stitutional charge is to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed;" not to make them, to negate some portion of them based on his mood. "All legislative powers herein granted" flow to Congress.

The White House disagrees. War silences law, they say. The basic argument of this administration? In war, the president can do as he damn well pleases.

Bush's court theorist, ex-Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo, wrote "Neither statute, however, can place any limits on the president's determinations as to any terrorist threat, the amount of military force to be used in response, or the method, timing, and nature of the response. These decisions, under our Constitution, are for the president alone to make." From what stone comes this miraculous water? There's nothing in the "Authorization for Use of Military Force" that grants Bush such power, certainly no revocations of FISA. Indeed, Bush could have asked for "less" of FISA in the Patriot Act, but didn't. Congress didn't approve the Yoo doctrine or wiretaps. Nowhere in the Constitution can justification for this astonishing proclamation of imperial right be found.

Does Article I, Section 8 not give Congress the authority to define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations; to declare war; to raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years; to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections and rebel invasions; to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States?

If all war powers were meant for the

president, then why are so many of them given to Congress? Curious.

Yoo has missed his calling. The pen of such a gifted weaver of fantasy might have spawned tales of speaking unicorns defending rainbow bridges, had it not been yoked to the more mundane task of defending dynastic prerogative. It is a loss to children everywhere.

Did the president always agree with Yoo's delusions?

Here's Bush on wiretapping: "Law enforcement officers need a federal judge's permission to wiretap a foreign terrorist's phone, a federal judge's permission to track his calls or a federal judge's permission to search his property."

How very curious that the president would say such things while fully aware of his executive order two years prior!

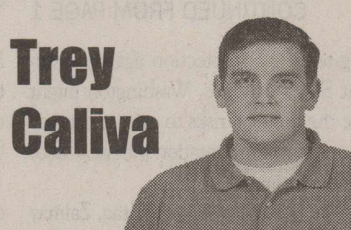
Crimes like Bush's were the fears of James Madison, main drafter of the Constitution: "War is in fact the true nurse of executive aggrandizement." He also wrote: "In no part of the Constitution is more wisdom to be found, than in the clause which confides the question of war or peace to the legislature, and not to the executive department." He was president once, too.

Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the Supreme Court: "A state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens."

What could be more clear? Neither the Constitution, nor war, nor history, justify the president's actions. He knew what he was doing and did it anyway. He broke the law. Censure him.

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citizens. The intelligence collected by the NSA as part of this program only benefits the national security interest of this country and was not used for personal reasons or abused in any way. Do you really think President Bush's approval rating would be hovering in the mid-30s if he truly had access to his political oppositions communications?

If Feingold really believes this is the correct time to call for censure, and that he has a chance of succeeding in his resolution, he must really be nuts. It's perplexing that someone, let alone a senator, would drag this issue up again. Democrats are on the heels of their biggest victory — which was largely self-appointed — in national security in quite a long time. The Democratic Party, as of late, has been notoriously weak on national security. Perhaps that's what happens when you choose flowers over guns, but that's the subject of another column. Not even a month ago though, the Democrats were condemning the decision to allow Dubai Ports International to manage several ports here in the states. Their use of covert bigotry and casual ignorance of American interests and international relations won over the American public, and Democrats finally had a victory in a national security matter.

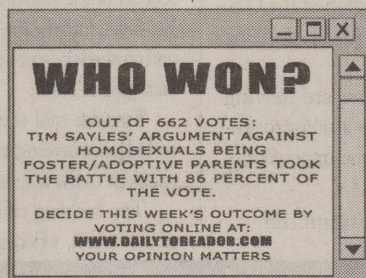
Rehashing the topic, however, will do nothing more than help mobilize a faltering Republican base. After Feingold presented his resolution, the

Republican National Committee subsequently sent it out to more than 15 million Republican supporters across the nation. Support for the president was wide reaching and might help the Republicans gain some momentum in the coming months as the mid-term elections near.

I'm frankly astonished at the amount of time our Congressional members have on their hands. Evidently the problems of education, health care, crime, pollution, declining family values, the war on drugs, worldwide terrorism and a \$9 trillion dollar national debt all have been solved so Congress can frivolously spend their time slapping wrists around Washington. I'd suggest his constituents in Wisconsin send him a few Sudoku books and a big block of cheese to help him pass the time until this session of Congress is over.

Besides the timing of his actions, I still find it absurd the lengths Democrats will go to hinder our national security. The domestic spying program was used to intercept communications from those in this country that contacted members or suspected members of al-Qaida. Haven't talked to any terrorists lately? Then you have nothing to worry about, so sit down and shut up. Republicans are against any repeat of the attacks of Sept. 11. Do we have to step on a few toes to maintain our security? I say, as does President Bush, that we should do whatever it takes to keep America safe. The time has come for Democrats to realize that as well. Sen. Feingold, you and your party have beat this horse too many times, enough is enough.

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TECH BASEBALL SHORT HOPS

MORGAN EARNS NATIONAL PITCHER OF WEEK HONORS

Apparently, Texas Tech redshirt freshman Miles Morgan's dazzling 15 strikeout performance over the No. 16 Texas Longhorns Saturday was noticed by more than just those in the Hub City.

Monday Morgan was named College Baseball Magazine Louisville Slugger National Pitcher of the Week for his effort in Tech's 2-1 victory over the Longhorns.

In addition to fanning 15 Texas batters, Morgan allowed only one run, four hits and no walks in a complete nine innings.

The 6-foot-3-inch Morgan ran his season record to 4-1 with his only loss coming against No. 19 Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., Feb. 28. His 60 strikeouts through 45 1/3 innings currently leads all Big 12 pitchers this season.

Morgan's 15 strikeouts against the 'Horns was a new school Big 12 record and was the most by a Raider hurler since Monty Ward had 18 in 1996. He also is the first Tech player to earn Pitcher/Player of the Week national honors since Josh Brady in 2004.

—Trey Shipman/Sports Editor

GAME ADDED AGAINST WAYLAND BAPTIST TODAY

In an attempt to replace one of the three games the Red Raiders have had canceled this season because of weather conditions, the team has added a game against Wayland Baptist.

The first pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

The Pioneers currently are 16-14 and boast a team batting average of .331. Over their last five contests, WBU is 3-2 including a 6-5 loss to Lubbock Christian on Saturday.

The Raiders (17-7) are riding the momentum of a 2-1 victory of the defending National Champion Texas Longhorns on Saturday.

UPCOMING GAMES

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NFL commish calling it quits

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Tagliabue is leaving the NFL, and he's leaving it both peaceful and prosperous.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after 16 years, his tenure marked by labor harmony and unprecedented riches through television deals.

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor

negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privilege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said on a conference call Monday.

"As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision. Right for me. Right for the league," he said.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Balti-

more Ravens president Dick Cass also is considered to have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

"Ask her," Tagliabue said when quizzed about Rice's candidacy.

Tagliabue said the search is wide open and that he will stay on beyond July to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late Jim Finks after Rozelle stepped down in March 1989.

Owners will begin to look for a new commissioner at their meetings next week in Orlando, Fla.

Soriano refuses to play; trade might be coming

VIERA, Fla. (AP)—Alfonso Soriano refused to play the outfield for the Washington Nationals in what was supposed to be his spring training debut Monday night, and general manager Jim Bowden said his biggest offseason acquisition will go on the disqualified list if he doesn't agree to switch positions this week.

"The player refused to take the field, which we believe is a violation of his contract," Bowden said.

Soriano, an All-Star second baseman, was listed as batting leadoff and playing left field on a lineup sheet posted in the Nationals' clubhouse before Monday night's game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first, Soriano wasn't there. Brandon Watson replaced him in the lineup, playing center field, and Ryan Church shifted from center to left.

The Nationals already have an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, so they told Soriano they want him to move to the outfield, and he indicated he doesn't want to do that. But Monday provided his most complete — and visible — objection.

The Nationals are off Tuesday, then

travel to play the St. Louis Cardinals in Jupiter on Wednesday. If Soriano refuses to play in that game and again at home against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday, the Nationals will take action.

"We told him if we get to Thursday, and he refuses to play left field, we told him at that point we will request that the commissioner's office place him on the disqualified list, at that time — no pay, no service time," Bowden said.

"If he refuses to play and goes home, and the commissioner's office accepts our request to place him on the disqualified

list, then at that point, if he were to sit out this year, he would not be a free agent, he would stay our property because his service time would stay the same."

Nationals manager Frank Robinson sat down privately with Soriano for 20 minutes before the game Monday to explain the team's position.

"If he's going to play here, he's going to have to be out in left field," Robinson said.

Trading Soriano, already a possibility, becomes more likely now — with less than two weeks remaining before opening day.

Golf teams solid, not spectacular over break

The Texas Tech golf teams spent part of their Spring Break competing in events on opposite sides of the country.

The No. 17 ranked men's team finished in a tie for sixth March 13 at the General Hachler Invitational at the TCP of Myrtle Beach Golf Course in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Oscar Floren ended a streak of two consecutive tournament victories with a tie for 17th scoring four-over par with a three-round total of 220. Andrew Dresser finished one shot back of Floren with a tie for 20th place score of 221.

Floren and Dresser were followed by three freshmen: Jake Younan-Wise in a tie for 29th place (225), Garrett Merrill in a tie for 46th (228) and Brandon Lakatta in a tie

for 62nd (232).

Next up for the men's team is the Morris Williams Invitational April 3 in Austin.

In Las Vegas Wednesday, the Tech women's team finished the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational in a tie for 10th.

Redshirt freshman Megan Dowdy finished the event in a tie for 28th with an 11-over par three round total of 227. Dowdy was followed by Ashley Slavich in a tie for 39th (229), Ulrika van Niekerk in a tie for 48th (233), Gloriana Soto in a tie for 61st (235) and Marla Troester in a tie for 84th (244).

The Raiders return to action Saturday at the Mountain View Invitational in Tucson, Ariz.

—Jay Langley/Senior Sports Writer

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OPC helps cure bicycle blues

By **ABBY STONE**
FEATURES WRITER

Students look to their bicycles as an alternate mode of transportation on campus, and Texas Tech is working to ensure their safety while helping students maintain their bikes.

Ben Hampton, a junior from Houston, said he is happy he has a bike to ride on campus, because it is fast and he does not have to worry about the parking situation.

"I can get to class in like five minutes instead of the usual 15 minutes hike across campus," he said.

Ryan Worley, Student Government Association external vice president, said it is important for students

to have options when it comes to transportation on campus.

SGA wants to make sure Tech's transportation funds go to making all campus travel options equally available and appealing, Worley said.

"We want that money to be used and the resources to be allocated the best way possible," he said.

SGA has teamed up with the Outdoor Pursuits Center to encourage people to ride bikes, Worley said. The Outdoor Pursuits Center offers bike rentals and services for all Tech students.

"I thought if we were going to move to trying to make (the Tech campus) as biker friendly as possible in West Texas, I thought it was impor-

tant that we provide some amenities for bikers," he said.

Jordan Messerer, assistant director for Rec Sports, said not only does riding bikes eliminate the ever-present parking problem, but it also has other benefits. Bike riding is a great healthy exercise, and it saves people money on gas.

"The Student Government Association and Outdoor Pursuits Center, are working together to make Tech a more bike friendly campus," he said.

One of the steps being taken to move Tech to achieve its biking goals, Messerer said, is to provide free, educational workshops that teach students how to perform bike maintenance.

The workshops are teaching bikers how they can be self sufficient when it comes to small maintenance issues with their bike, he said. It is easy to take care of a bike without going to a bike shop for help.

"We'll just start at the basics," Messerer said.

Flat tires are a major problem in Lubbock because of sand burrs, he said, but it is one that can be easily fixed.

"If you ride on grass, you are risking getting a sand burr in your tire

which is gonna cause a flat," he said.

The Outdoor Pursuits Center will host a free clinic on how to fix bicycle tire problems today from 7 to 8 p.m. Free patch kits and services also will be given away and offered.

Derek LaRue, manager of Paul's Parts, said anyone can learn to fix their own tire.

"If you do it once, it is pretty much given that you can do it again," he said.

Many Tech students riding on campus often forget one important piece of equipment — helmets.

LaRue said helmets are extremely important for anyone who plans on riding their bike on campus or anywhere.

"It's either spend \$35 on a goofy looking helmet, or spend \$20,000 in the hospital with head injuries," he said.

Hampton said riding his bike saves him money. People do not need to buy a fancy bike. He bought his bike used, and it gets him to class fast.

"I went to the bike store and was like, 'I want a cheap good bike,'" he said.

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'Conviction' adds new dimension to legal dramas

By **JEREMY REYNOLDS**
FEATURES WRITER

For most TV shows, the Friday time slot is the kiss of death.

NBC's new show "Conviction," from veteran show creator Dick Wolf ("Law and Order"), might be on Friday night, but executive producer and writer Rick Eid said Friday night is more of a blessing than a death sentence.

"Friday nights are not very competitive," he said. "You can give your audience a chance to know the show and build a fan base."

The premise of "Conviction" is a little different from what Wolf has given audiences in the past. It follows a group of young prosecutors at the beginning of their career, in contrast to "Law and Order" that features seasoned lawyers.

Another difference between "Conviction" and other Wolf shows are the problems the characters face. "Conviction" deals with social problems of someone just out of college, Eid said.

"(The show) is a lot more character driven," he said. "It has dif-

ferent cases, issues and dilemmas from other shows (Wolf) has done."

One thing lawyer shows always are aiming for is realistic stories and characters. Eid said the job of the writer is to create a show that is as realistic to a real law firm as possible.

Brian Shannon, the associate dean at the Texas Tech Law School, said he has not watched the show, but typically lawyer dramas miss the mark.

"They generally sectionalize the field," he said.

Audience members should stay away from the lawyer drama "Boston Legal," he said, if they are looking for the real deal.

"It's so far removed from anything realistic," he said.

With the increase in shows about lawyers over the years, from "L.A. Law" to "The Practice," Shannon said he has seen the results in the form of admissions to law schools.

"Shortly after the show 'L.A. Law' came on, we saw a spike in admissions to the school," he said.

Leslie Thrall, a sophomore food and nutrition science major from Amarillo, said she enjoys shows by Wolf, especially "Law and Order."

"I love the music on the show," she said.

As for law shows in general, she said she watched them because she liked the realistic plots and characters.

Her favorite of the recent lawyer shows is ABC's "The Practice," which has been canceled in the last few years.

With the realistic plotlines and what Eid described as funny dialogue, he said he hopes college students would ignore the fact that the show comes on Friday night.

"All you guys out there will be staying at home and having 'Conviction' watching parties," he laughed.

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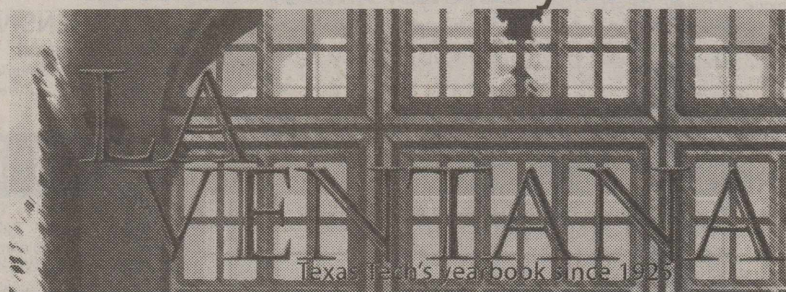
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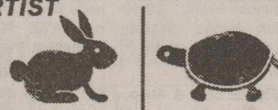
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