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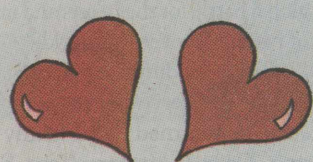
FRIDAY SPRING SUN
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Road to the Final Four features familiar faces, sweet surprises.

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Dating isn't easy, but it can be fun.

QUOTABLES

Let me put it to you this way: If I didn't think we'd succeed, I'd pull our troops out."

President Bush, speaking in Wheeling, W. Va., before a friendly audience and defending his Iraq strategy for the fifth straight day. (AP)

I don't think its necessarily that you come home and pat Fluffy on the head and then Fluffy gets sick."

Shelley Rankin, chief of clinical microbiology at Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine, speaking about signs that dogs and cats can catch a drug-resistant staph infection from people. (AP)

We used to say, 'No, you don't have to be worried.' We're not saying that anymore."

Gordon Batcheller, a biologist in New York, speaking about a loose coyote who officials worry that as they settle into a suburban existence, they may lose some of their fear of people. (AP)

STATE

Superintendent pulls novel from AP class

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Judson Independent School District superintendent has pulled a critically-acclaimed novel after a parent complained that it was sexually explicit and offensive to Christians.

Ed Lyman pulled "The Handmaid's Tale" by Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood from the district's Advanced Placement English curriculum because he said he found some of the descriptions in the book too sexually explicit for high school students.

Lyman overruled the recommendation of a committee of teachers, students and a parent in agreeing to remove the book. The committee is appealing the decision to the school board.

NATION

Detroit schools closed by teacher sick-out

DETROIT (AP) — Hundreds of Detroit teachers stayed home Wednesday, forcing more than 50 schools to close in what school officials described as a sick-out to protest a temporary pay cut.

The teachers are upset because some principals are getting raises while they are giving up five days of pay to help balance the district's budget, district spokeswoman Mattie Majors said.

School officials estimated that 1,500 of the district's 10,000 teachers were out sick Wednesday. Administrators and substitutes were sent to fill in, but 53 schools had to close, officials said.

The teachers' union did not sanction the sick-out but was aware of rumors that it would take place.

WORLD

Iraqi insurgents' raid on jail thwarted

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents emboldened by a successful raid and jail-break laid siege to another prison facility Wednesday, but police said U.S. troops and a special Iraqi unit overwhelmed the gunmen and captured 50 of them at the detention center south of Baghdad.

The pre-dawn attack came a day after 100 Sunni gunmen freed 33 prisoners and wrecked the jail, police station and courthouse in the town of Mugdadiyah northeast of the capital and about an hour's drive from the Iranian border.

Although Wednesday's raid failed, the insurgents' ability to put together such large and well-armed bands of fighters underlined concerns about the ability of Iraqi police and military to take over the fight.

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Wind caused tragic death of Tech grad

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Wind was a major factor in the roof collapse of the Little Panda restaurant at 908 Slide Road on Monday that killed one former Texas Tech student and injured nine people, Lt. Mark Ethridge of the Lubbock Fire Department said.

"Wind was most definitely a factor in the roof collapsing," he said.

A sign connected to the parapet wall was the start of the process that caused the wall, which extended above the building, to col-

lapse into the restaurant. The rough winds caused the sign to collapse with the parapet wall into the restaurant.

"The sign was blown down onto the parapet wall, and the weight of the wall and sign was too much weight," he said.

Ethridge, the LFD public information officer, said the fire department took part in the rescue mission of those trapped in the building.

Tara Wilson, 23, was pronounced dead on the scene. Wilson graduated from Tech in August, where she studied anthropology. She also worked for Lubbock Lake Landmark, part



Wilson

Eliel Herrera, 28, all were taken to the University Medical Center and were treated and released for injuries they suffered from the

of the Tech museum.

Tonya Dawn Brown, 28; Fred Christoffel, chair of the theater and dance department; Chelsea Chestnut; Yolanda Estrada, 24; Cheng Gwei, 22; Ian Luis Guerra, 31; Whitney Whitworth, 16; Daniel Perez; and

roof collapse.

"We divided into two teams when we showed up," Ethridge said. "One team concentrated on climbing down into the collapsed building from the top. A separate team worked from the side literally tunneling through debris to reach the trapped survivors."

Ethridge said the ruined building was unrecognizable.

"The clay tile from the top of the building was almost at the level of the dining tables from the inside of the restaurant," he said.

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WINTER TRUMPS SPRING

With spring just days old, winter returns with a chilly vengeance



LINC ARMES/The Daily Treador

SPRING BEGAN THIS week, but snow fell on the Tech campus Wednesday, pictured here between Holden and West halls. The snow was the first snow to fall on a school day in the 2005-06 school year.

Man executed for death of toddler

By JUAN A. LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Lubbock man was executed Wednesday night for the April 1997 beating death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter.

"To everybody on both sides of that wall, I want you to know that I love you both," Robert Salazar Jr., said in a final statement, acknowledging his family and Adriana Gomez's mother and other relatives who were there as witnesses. He looked toward his family during his remarks.

"I am sorry that the child had to lose her life, but I should not have to be here. Tell my family I love them all and I will see them in heaven. Come home when you can."

Salazar was pronounced dead at 6:20 p.m.,

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Friends remember 'Tech's biggest fan'

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

When the lives of four Lubbock residents were lost in a plane crash in Branson, Mo., the Texas Tech athletic community felt the blow, mourning the death of Paul Johnson who was described by his friends and coworkers as "Tech's biggest fan."

Johnson, 71, a Lubbock dentist, and his wife Marcia Johnson, 71, left behind a trail of cherished memories, said Melissa Pesworth, who said she had worked as Paul Johnson's receptionist and appointment coordinator at his dental practice for roughly a year.

"He was involved in every aspect of Tech," she said of her former employer. "Football, basketball, track — he was the greatest fan."

Pesworth said she remembered Paul

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Gov. Perry: Time is right for small businesses to flourish

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

In hopes of improving Texas one small business at a time, several local business, politicians and state agencies came together for the second-annual West Texas Opportunity Forum Wednesday.

The convention at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, sponsored by the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business Discussion Outreach and Texas Tech, promoted small-business development in West Texas.

One of the speakers was Gov. Rick Perry, who talked about the progress made by small businesses in Texas in recent years. He said now is the time to help them "flourish" and to educate more people about doing business.

"There's an all-time high in employment (in Texas), because of people who have energy and resources to pull a small business," Perry said.

Even though large companies

receive more attention, Perry said the small businesses fuel the Texas economy and account for 98 percent of the jobs.

"They are the dry cleaners; they are the auto parts store," he said. "They are who we are. We're the engine that drives the economy in the State of Texas."

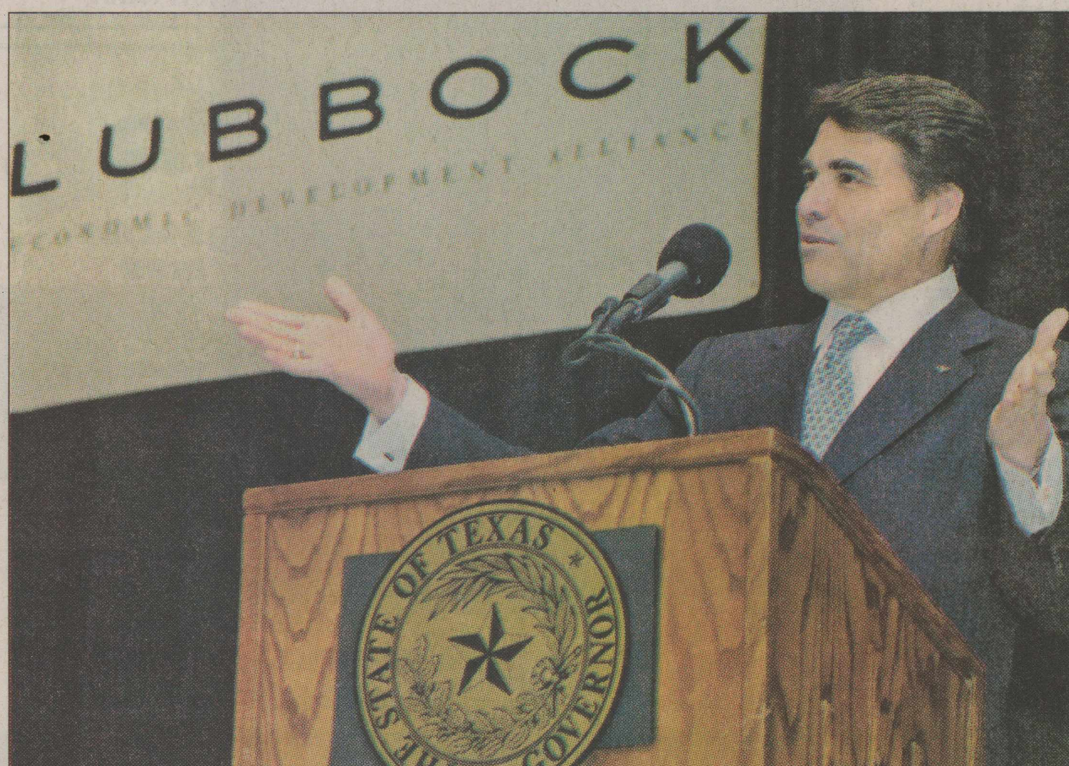
Two methods Perry discussed to improve small businesses were low rates and a "legal system where people know they will not be sued frivolously" along with a low tax structure and a skilled workforce, which he said begins in the classroom.

About 530,000 jobs have been created since 2003, Perry said, and the state is in its best shape since 1998.

"I don't think there's a better time to start a small business in Texas than today," he said.

While discussing ways small businesses benefit the economy, the governor said they also shape the

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DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Treador

TEXAS GOV. RICK Perry speaks in front of a crowd of small-business leaders at the second-annual West Texas Opportunity Forum Wednesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The event promoted small-business development in West Texas.

In Brief

Lecture provides "common ground" to evolution debate

For next week's Haragan Lecture, Brown University biology professor Kenneth Miller will be lecturing on the "common ground" between creationism and evolution.

During his lecture, he will provide a "cutting edge" analysis of the key issues that divide science and religion, according to a recent news release.

The lecture will begin 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, and a book signing will follow.

To attend, contact Lynda Durham at Lynda.Durham@ttu.edu by Friday.

Small Business Workshops next week

Beginning March 28, the Small Business Development Center, along the U.S. Small Business Administration are presenting workshops for business and marketing.

The workshops will be four nights in a two-week span, the news release states, and topics such as "Evaluating Your Business Idea" and "Ongoing Management Issues and Customer Service."

To attend the workshops, the cost is \$45 to cover all four workshops, or \$20 for one event each.

The workshops will be at the Southside Classroom at the Science Spectrum, located at 2579 S. Loop 289.

For more information, visit the center's Web site at www.ttusdbc.org.

Early Mother's Day presents on sale now

Although Mothers' Day is more than one month away, the Interior Maintenance Plant Program already is selling items for the holiday.

The department is offering "mixed color pots," starting at \$19.95, according to a recent news release.

"Put them on your patio or deck for beauty through the summer," the news release states.

Delivery will begin May 1. Contact Paula Lowe or Maria Rosales or visit the department's Web site at www.physicalplant.ttu.edu for more information about the Mothers' Day gifts.

Lifeguard Challenge offers

chance to renew training Summer is around the corner, which means many Tech students will begin looking for a job.

Recreational Sports already is offering the "Lifeguard Challenge," a "challenge format" for people who need to renew their certification with

the American Red Cross by the end of the school year, according to a news release, which states the cost is \$75 for the challenge, or \$40 for CPR only.

To reserve a spot in the challenge, contact the department at (806) 742-3896.

Program looks for teenagers to embrace their futures

The Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners is accepting applications for the summer program, "Shake Hands with Your Future."

The program is open to teenagers who are entering eighth through the 11th grade, according to a news release.

One of the program's objectives is to help students focus on their career and know what classes to take, the news release states.

At the retreat, students will take classes in areas ranging from architecture and law to art and theatre arts.

The program is not all about academics. There also will be field trips, sports and a talent show, the news release states.

For more information, contact Martha Hise at (806) 742-2420.

First Hands for Hope Walk scheduled

The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research is sponsoring the inaugural "Hands for Hope" Walk.

Increasing awareness about autism and the resources available to people who have it are two of the organizations goals, according to a recent news release.

At the walk, there also will be an information and resource fair, which will feature face paint and balloon art.

The walk will be 2 p.m. April 2 at Coronado High School's track and is free to the public.

For more information, contact the Burkhart Center at (806) 742-1998.

Equestrian Center hosting clinic

The Texas Tech Equestrian Center is hosting a horse clinic with Casey Deary, National Reining Horse Association and National Reining Breeders Classic finalist.

Prior to the clinic, Deary will have a demonstration open to the public 7 p.m. Friday at the equestrian center.

The clinic will be 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The event will cost \$15 to attend one day and \$25 for both.

For reservations, call Jared Melton at (806) 729-1920.

A map is available at www.afs.ttu.edu/horse.

Register now for Aging Parent's Seminar

The Tech System Employee Assistance Program is hosting a four-part Caring for Aging Parents Seminar.

The seminar will focus on the emotional issues associated with people caring for their aging parents, while caring for themselves and their family, according to a recent news release.

In the series, the first part will focus on ways to recognize when parents can no longer take care of themselves, the news release states, while the next parts will focus on other issues, such as the financial and legal aspects of caring for the parents and the transition into a new environment.

The registration deadline is April 5, and the seminar is free to Texas Tech employees.

To register, Tech employees must go to www.depts.ttu.edu/quality/classes/eap810.htm and HSC employees must go to www.ttuhs.edu/hr/training/lubbock.aspx.

The first seminar will begin 5:30 p.m. April 13 in Room 2C103 at the Health Sciences Center.

Sign up soon for early-morning run

The Spring Showdown 5K Run begins at 8 a.m. March 25 in front of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. The entry fee for the race is \$10, and participants will receive a T-shirt. The 5K run benefits the Texas Tech Detachment 820 Air Force ROTC.

Participants should RSVP by e-mailing afrotc5K@yahoo.com.

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Army dog handler gets six months in prison

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) — An Army dog handler was sentenced Wednesday to six months behind bars for using his snarling canine to torment prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

The military jury handed down the sentence a day after convicting Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He could have gotten 8 1/2 years in prison.

Smith was sentenced on five charges, including maltreatment of prisoners, conspiring with another dog handler in a contest to try to frighten detainees at the Iraqi prison into soiling themselves, and directing his dog to lick peanut butter off other soldiers' bodies.

Smith was also demoted to private and will receive a bad-conduct discharge after getting out of prison. He will forfeit \$2,250

in pay.

Prosecutors said he let his unmuzzled black Belgian shepherd bark and lunge at cowering Iraqis for his own amusement. The defense argued that Smith believed he was following orders to soften up prisoners for interrogation.

Smith appeared unrepentant when he addressed the jury Tuesday, shortly after he was convicted. "Soldiers are not supposed to be soft and cuddly," he said. Smith also said he wished he had gotten his orders in writing.

Nine other soldiers have been convicted of abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Among other things, prisoners were photographed in sexually humiliating poses.

Former Cpl. Charles Graner Jr. received the longest sentence — 10 years in prison. Lynndie England, a 23-year-old reservist photographed

giving a thumbs-up in front of naked prisoners, is serving three years behind bars.

In closing arguments, prosecutors urged the jury to send Smith to prison for at least three years, suggesting that his actions could undermine U.S. standing in the world.

"Every soldier must understand that individual acts of misconduct have strategic implications," said Maj. Matthew Miller, a prosecutor. "This is a global war on terror. It is a global battle for the hearts and minds of people all over the world."

But the defense said Smith should not serve jail time and instead be returned to his family and unit. Defense attorney Capt. Scott Rolle told the jury that while Smith made mistakes at Abu Ghraib, he is also a hero for saving the lives of other U.S. soldiers during a mortar attack.

International students regaining interest in U.S. graduate schools

(AP) — International students are showing more interest in coming to the United States for graduate studies after a post-Sept. 11 attacks drop-off, a welcome development for American universities and policy-makers.

A report out Thursday from the Council of Graduate Schools finds international applications were up about 11 percent last fall, following a cumulative decline of 32 percent over the previous two years. It's still too early to tell whether that will translate into enrollment growth; a previous CGS report found enrollment rose 1 percent last fall after three straight years of declines.

The downturn, blamed on visa delays, anti-Americanism and growing competition from foreign universities, had prompted alarm in academia and in

Washington. Universities depend on foreign graduate students for research and teaching help — particularly in the sciences. And many foreign policy experts consider it essential that the United States maintain its standing as the preferred education destination for students who will eventually return to leadership positions in their home countries.

"Clearly the broad gains are welcome news," said CGS President Debra Stewart. "Applications are up from all countries and regions that we study," as well as across fields and at universities of all sizes.

There were significant increases from the two top source countries for foreign graduate students — India (up 23 percent) and China (up 21 percent). There was also strong interest in fields where American universities are particularly dependent on foreign talent.

Crash

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Johnson for his fun-loving way of life, while his wife will always be remembered as "the perfect lady."

"They were just a wonderful husband and wife, and neither would have wanted to be without the other," she said.

He was a fair employer and genuinely good person, she said of Paul Johnson.

"The best way I can describe Dr. Paul is that he treated everyone as an equal," Pesworth said.

Tech track coach Wes Kitley said Paul Johnson served as a volunteer coach with the track team

for roughly a decade and worked out with the team daily.

"He just loved to run," he said. "Paul was a fanatic runner and also a great friend. He really influenced me to come to Texas Tech in the first place."

Kitley said Paul Johnson packed more life into his 71 years than most people could ever hope to.

"His loss is a big blow to the track team," Kitley said. "We all really miss him."

Bill Starcher, executive minister at the Broadway Church of Christ, said the Johnsons had served as devoted elders at the church for several years.

"They were a very generous couple," he said. "They were outgoing and

friendly and had a lot of friends."

Echoing Paul Johnson's coworkers' sentiments about his love for Tech, Starcher said he would describe Paul Johnson as avid fan of Red Raider sports, especially the track and field program.

"He was very involved in the Tech track program," Starcher said. "In the 50s he had placed fourth in the Olympic trials, and he has continued to run over the world — he just loved to run."

According to *The Associated Press*, Paul Johnson was believed to be flying the plane; the other pair of passengers on the plane were Bill and Betty Roach.

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LONDON LOGGINS, A junior marketing major from Rockwall, works on his charcoal value for his drawing I class Wednesday afternoon.

Execution

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seven minutes after the lethal dose began to flow.

Salazar, 27, was the sixth prisoner put to death this year in Texas and the second of four scheduled this month in the nation's busiest capital punishment state.

Salazar told police he just wanted Adriana, whom he was baby-sitting, to stop crying. So he pushed her with the back of his hand, causing her to fall down in a bathtub and hit her head.

"I did not mean to hurt Adriana," Salazar told police in a statement after his arrest for the girl's death in her Lubbock home. "I don't want people to think I'm a bad person for what I did."

But authorities said Salazar did more than push the toddler. In a violent rage, he inflicted injuries on Adriana that a pathologist who testified at his trial said were worse than those suffered by victims of auto accidents.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles on Monday rejected requests to commute Salazar's sentence to life or halt the execution. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down requests by Salazar's attorney, Michael Charlton, to stop the execution based on claims the inmate is mentally retarded. There were no appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Authorities said Salazar delivered at least three life-threatening injuries to the girl: a blow to the head that left it feeling like gelatin, a blow to her chest that left her heart on the verge of rupturing and a blow to her abdomen that pushed internal organs against her backbone.

"Salazar destroyed that little girl's body, just destroyed it," said Rusty Ladd, who helped prosecute the case for

the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Salazar began dating Adriana's mother, Raylene Blakeburn, in 1996. He took care of the toddler while her mother worked. Blakeburn told authorities Salazar had abused her daughter several other times.

After beating her, Salazar left Adriana in the crib at her Lubbock home and went to his mother's house to drink beer with a friend. Adriana's mother found her when she got home from work and took her to a hospital, where she died a few hours later.

Salazar, 18 at the time of his crime, refused a request from *The Associated Press* for an interview in the weeks before his scheduled execution.

Philip Wischkaemper, Salazar's defense attorney during his 1999 trial, said the inmate's mental retardation is behind his lack of remorse. He also said Salazar was severely abused and neglected as a child by his father. The mental retardation issue was not brought up during Salazar's trial.

"We know mentally retarded people have difficulty showing emotion," said Wischkaemper, who added tests have shown that Salazar's IQ is probably under 75. The threshold for mental retardation is 70.

In 2002, the Supreme Court barred executions of the mentally retarded, on grounds they violated the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Wade Jackson, first assistant district attorney for Lubbock County, said other tests have shown that Salazar's IQ is as high as 102.

Wischkaemper said Salazar was condemned partly because jurors at his trial were misinformed by someone on the panel that he could have been released on parole in 20 to 25 years instead of the actual 40 if sentenced to life in prison.

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Disappointment felt by those whose hearts were in bid for Bush Presidential Library

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First Texas Tech lost Chancellor Dr. David Smith. Then Marsha Sharp announced her resignation. Now word comes that Lubbock has been eliminated from the running for the possible sight of the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Dallas still are in the running for the library.

David Miller, chairman of the West Texas Coalition for the library, received the news from the selection committee last Thursday.

"I am sad and disappointed," Miller said. "I am not sad for me. I am sad for the students at Texas Tech and the citizens of Lubbock. But you have to move on and pick up the pieces."

Miller said the selection committee did not provide a reason why Lubbock was eliminated from the list of contenders.

"I can only speculate that location had to do with the decision," he said. "I think that once the president is out of office, he is going to want to work directly with the library. The president and first lady are more likely to live closely to one of the three other sites."

There are 12 presidential libraries in the United States. Miller said a presidential library in Lubbock would have helped boost the economy, including about 1,400 new construction jobs and 500 permanent staff at the library.

"The economic impact of such

a library would be immeasurable," he said.

As an example, Miller said, College Station has received an extra \$10 million annually since the George Bush Library was built.

"Anytime you have a library of that stature it would be a big boost to the economy," Mayor Marc McDougal said.

McDougal said he was not surprised by the decision of the selection committee. He said he agrees location was the determining factor.

"It was not because of the presentation we put together," McDougal said. "We had a very good, professional presentation."

Miller said a presidential library would cost between \$200 million and \$300 million. In October the Lubbock City Council proposed \$50 million to help fund the building of the library. McDougal voted against the proposal.

"I voted against the \$50 million, not against the library," he said. "My main concern was how to fund the library."

Tech Interim Chancellor Donald Haragan said in a news release that he is proud of the efforts of all of the

individuals involved in trying to bring the library to Lubbock.

"We are obviously disappointed by the decision of the selection committee," Haragan

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Chairman
West Texas Coalition

said in the news release. "But we are very supportive of its efforts and are proud of the work done by the West Texas Coalition. There is no question that we put our best foot forward and had an outstanding proposal on the table. I believe that an objective look at our proposal will show there is nothing else would could have done."

The West Texas Coalition was the last of the four candidates to throw its hat into the ring for the library. But despite the fact that Lub-

bock was eliminated, Miller said he would not change anything the coalition did.

"I would not do a single thing differently," he said. "You can always second guess the time frame, but I really believe that the sense of urgency helped us come together more quickly with a better proposal."

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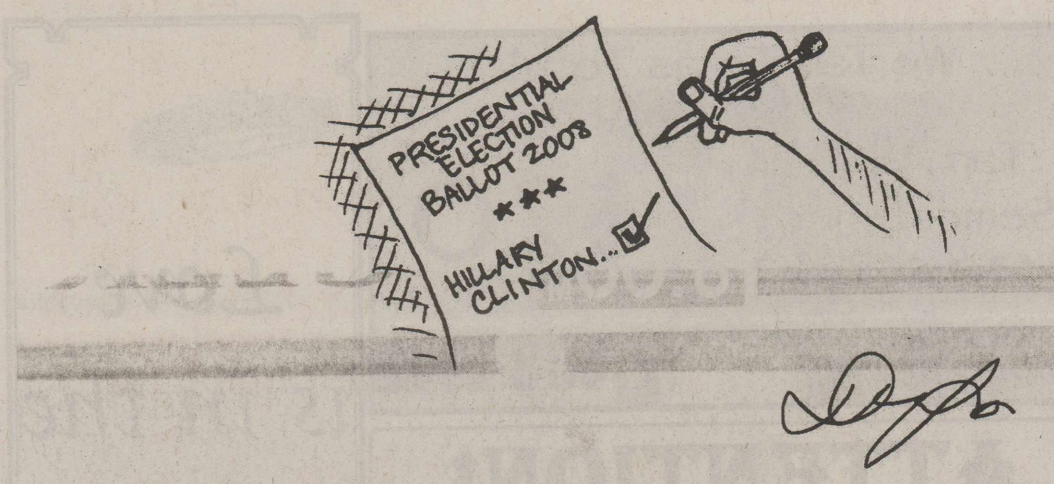
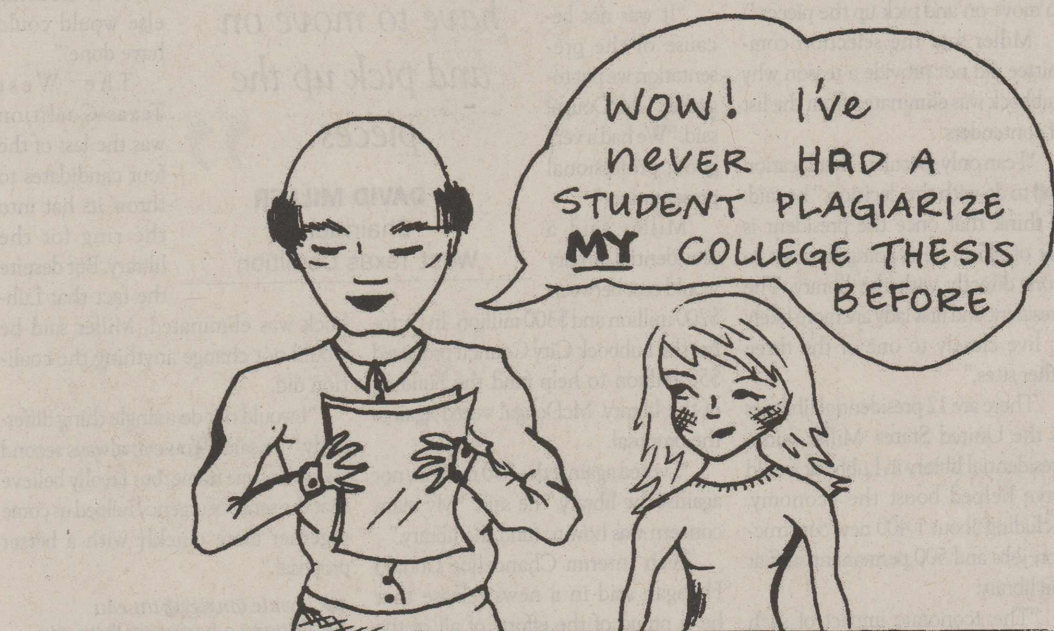
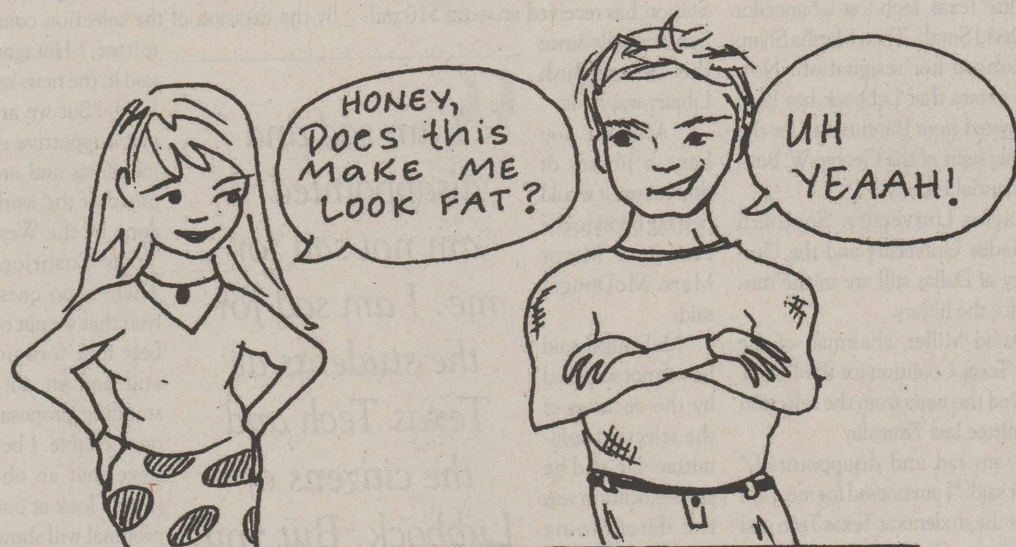
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STUPID THINGS TO DO:



President should be native born

The discussion among our congressional leaders about the constitutional relevance of a "natural-born" president is a disturbing issue for many reasons.

Article II, Section I of the constitution states, "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of the President."

At first glance, the importance of this does not seem relevant for such a discussion. At second glance, after all the opinions are weighed, it is a critical issue in American politics and involves the fate of the American people. Why would allowing a foreign-born president be such a problem?

There are plenty reasons why, and our founding fathers knew this. First, historically, the founding fathers, of which I have the utmost respect, made this undoubtedly clear with their wording in the Constitution. Because of their experiences with the King of England and colonial governorships, they were distrustful of authority and power. They specifically drafted Article II, Section I to purposely restrict the executive branch — another form of "checking" the government's power.

John Jay, then the superintendent of foreign affairs, (now equivalent to the secretary of state), wrote in a letter to George Washington that "(it would be) wise and seasonable to provide a strong check to the admission of foreigners into the administration of our national government; and to declare expressly that the command in the chief of the American Army shall not be given to, nor devolve on, any but a natural born citizen."

Because we are chronologically separated from what our forefathers had to endure, the consequences of such a decision does not seem relevant. Because of the founding father's decisions so long ago, we have not had to experience any form of tyranny in our lifetime.

When the amendment was written, there was no comment for or

Rebekah Wilks

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against it, because it was something that needed not be talked about because of the agreeing general consensus — it was not an issue.

Second to what the Constitution outlines, how can a citizen not born in the United States be separated from a foreign influence — whether good or bad? Consider two scenarios.

For most Americans, espionage is the subject of movies and novels, not reality. But it is when people believe they are safe that the enemy works. Foreign spies are trained by their mother country, indoctrinated here and can stay dormant for decades.

No matter if it is hostility or favoritism, no one can be separated from their motherland. Prejudice develops — whether good or bad. When faced with a decision, the president of the United States must have the most objective view possible.

Consider the Cuban American. These individuals tend to be more patriotic than natural-born citizens. They possess much prejudice against their mother country. What would this president do when faced with the Elian-Gonzales situation? Would he have true objectivity? What would happen if a crisis came up between a Cuban ally and the U.S.? When unexpected events do arise, how would this president act — out of instinct

or reason?

A natural-born American also is capable of prejudice, however, the chances of prejudice is generally more from non-Americans because of experiences elsewhere. Our forefathers wanted to protect America by balancing the government and strictly limiting the president. The most safeguarded office in the world has somehow become one of the most powerful offices in the world. Shielding this office from these changes is more vital than ever before in history. The Office of the President is one of great trust, and we cannot afford to give this trust away to someone who was not born here. It is not possible to achieve perfection, only to strive for it.

Some say times have changed. During the time of our nations founding, there were less natural-born Americans. There were many, many immigrants who came to America to get away from their mother country, and these immigrants exhibited extreme patriotism — just like today. Time has changed in relation to the rights of the American citizen, not the protection of the American citizen from the American government.

Throughout the history of this great nation, no matter the circumstance, we have been directed by the insight and knowledge of our founding fathers. The Constitution has been tested with time and has proved to be a success. Civil rights were a much needed change in American history.

However, changing the requirements for President specifically stated in the Constitution under the banner of this argument is an inappropriate dispute. Amending parts of this great document must be taken under serious consideration and the problem debated extensively before any recommendation is even made regarding a change to the Constitution of the United States of America.

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A blind eye to Darfur
Americans ignorant about genocide in Sudan

When most people watch films like "Schindler's List" or "Hotel Rwanda," they are filled with a deep sadness. They leave theaters with tears in their eyes, wondering how the world could let atrocities like the Holocaust and the genocide in Rwanda occur, hoping nothing like that ever occurs again.

However, many innocent people are being slaughtered right now in Darfur and those who mourn the Jews and Tutsis who perished in Nazi Germany and Rwanda do not even know about it.

Darfur, a region located in the western part of the Sudan, is experiencing what many prominent United States officials, including former Secretary of State Colin Powell, are calling genocide. The Sudanese government has permitted the Janjaweed, an Arab militia, to help eliminate threats from rebel groups such as the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Movement.

These groups are from tribes not of Arab origin such as the Zaghawa, Masalit and the Fur who contend the government oppresses them and favors people of Arab origin. More than 400,000 people from these tribes have died and more than 2.5 million people have been displaced from their homes. The government of Sudan denies being linked to the Janjaweed militia; meanwhile thousands of people are dying.

The Janjaweed militia raids villages, raping and killing the inhabitants. Many flee from their homes into neighboring country of Chad. As a result, tensions have risen between the two countries making it hard for the refugees who are not living in the country, and many of them are starving to death.

One of the most devastating aspects of the tragedy is that innocent farming villages are the ones being attacked. The Janjaweed militia invades communities and executes the leaders and young men. The women are often raped.

The rape committed against the women of the region is atrocious. After a village has been destroyed, women and children are displaced with nowhere to go, trying to find food and water. Leaving the villages makes them vulnerable, as being in the open increases the risk of being

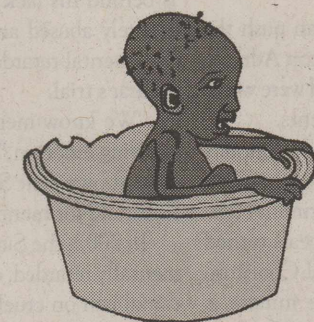
Katie Kinney



raped, beaten or killed by the militia. The number of rapes in Darfur is indeterminable because many victims who survive are too scared and ashamed to admit what has happened to them. Rape is looked at as a social disgrace in Sudan, and the community often ostracizes the women, especially if they become pregnant.

The Janjaweed seeks to massacre a population because of their ethnic background, similar to the Nazis and the Hutus. More disheartening is that the government approves of the death and destruction.

The U.S., European Union and United Nations have done little to



stop the killing. They are reluctant to use the term "genocide" because doing so would require action under UN law. But journalists and diplomats who have visited the country say there is no other way to describe it.

One problem that stands in the way of helping the region of Darfur is oil. Once again, this precious commodity is influencing leaders not to help the dying people of Darfur. Companies in China and Russia both contracts to drill for the oil there. Because they are on the UN Security Council, they are blocking any motion to deploy force there. Despite this disgusting act of greed, the other members of the Council, the U.S., Great Britain and France are not putting much pressure on China and Russia to allow troops.

It is tragically laughable that nations who claim to value life and be compassionate to others in

need turn a blind eye to the deaths of men, women and children. Certainly, the leaders of the U.S. and other countries are to blame as are everyday people like the students at Texas Tech for not speaking up on this issue. But why isn't the media bringing this story to our attention on a daily basis?

It has been reported by the Genocide Intervention Fund and the American Progress Action Fund that the major network and cable television stations gave 50 times more coverage to the Michael Jackson trial than the crisis in Darfur. According to www.thinkprogress.org, American Progress created an ad that promotes awareness of Darfur, but three Washington television affiliates including ABC, NBC and CBS all refused to air it.

Even Tom Cruise and his crazy antics received 12 times more the coverage than the killings in the Sudan, according to the American Progress Action Fund. What does this say about our priorities as a country? What does this say about us a people? Why are we so obsessed with issues that will long be forgotten and have no real merit to society?

It is a sad reality that Americans gorge themselves on Hollywood gossip while thousands of innocent people are being raped, beaten, displaced, starved and ultimately dying. We focus solely on topics like the war in Iraq, that we overlook other major problems going on. What is going on in Iraq is not good, but it's nothing new. Do we really need to repeat things about the war when we could be educating people on the genocide of Darfur and getting people together to stop the fighting and the killing?

What Darfur needs now are people to stand up and help. They need people to come forward and give their time to help the troubled residents of Sudan who have been through more than anyone of us could ever imagine. As this nation perishes as others did in Germany and Rwanda, what can the citizens U.S. say about ourselves if we continue to do nothing?

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

U.S. 'Big Brother' fears unfounded

**By KEVIN ALEXANDER
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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — George Orwell opened up a Pandora's box with "1984." His vision of total state control served as modern political fodder for those paranoid of the government. The concept of Big Brother, however, is not possible in today's America.

Paranoics cast a wide net when speaking about Big Brother. From the Patriot Act to cell phones and video surveillance to agents in trench coats, Big Brother is everywhere. The government doesn't have the capability, or motivation, to assume an Orwell dystopia.

People should never give up their rights without a fight. The government is constantly seeking to increase its power, but it cannot unless the people let it. This is the ultimate reason why Big Brother could not exist in America: citizens know their rights and will die for them.

The most recent fear is surveillance without a warrant. This is nothing new. In the 1980 court case, *United States v. Truong Dinh Hung*, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asserted the president's power to monitor foreign elements without a warrant. Every president since Jimmy Carter has exercised this power in some form.

When asked if the National Security Agency was keeping tabs on people with no ties to terrorism, Gen. Hayden, principal deputy director of National Intelligence, responded, "We can't waste resources on targets that simply don't provide enough information."

Simply put, there is little incentive for the government to track innocent citizens.

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SANDRA GARCIA, FRONT, a senior visual studies major from Lubbock, and Ragan Settle, a senior visual studies major from Allen, work to finish their submissions for their art class.

Owners can infect pets

ATLANTA (AP) — People can get plenty of diseases from animals — bird flu, for one.

Now there are signs dogs and cats can catch a dangerous superbug from people.

At a large Philadelphia veterinary hospital, scientists report that over a three-year period, 38 dogs, cats and other pets caught a drug-resistant staph infection.

They think six of the animals caught the bug from hospital workers. But it's likely that at least some of the other cases were spread to pets by their owners, said Shelley Rankin, chief of clinical microbiology at Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine.

"I don't think its necessarily that you come home and pat Fluffy on the head and then Fluffy gets sick," said Rankin, who presented the data this week at a medical conference in Atlanta.

But given that an estimated 1 in every 100 people carry such bacteria in their noses, it could be transmitted by closer contact, she added.

"We pick them up, kiss them on the face. We let them lick us," she said. "Then they lick their skin."

The animals were infected with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a bacterial infection that is typically hard to treat, although all the pets recovered.

GM, Delphi offer buyouts, early retirement

DETROIT (AP) — In one of the largest buyout programs ever, more than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. are being offered up to \$140,000 to give up their jobs to help cut the companies' crippling labor costs.

GM did not say how many workers it expected to accept the offer, but it is aiming to slash 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008.

Some workers wasted no time in declaring the deal "fantastic" and started calculating what they would get, based on years of service, if they accepted the offer.

GM and Delphi have said that if enough workers sign up for buyouts or early retirement, their operating costs would drop significantly. Analysts warned that it still might not be enough to restore the companies' financial health or avoid a paralyzing strike.

Under the program, about 113,000 GM workers will be eligible for early-retirement incentives or buyouts of between \$35,000 and \$140,000 depending on how long they were employed and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits. At Delphi, GM's former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 U.S. hourly work-

ers will be eligible for a lump sum payment of \$35,000 to retire. Also, up to 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM.

The deal comes at a critical time for GM, which increased by \$2 billion its reported 2005 loss to \$10.6 billion last week. The world's largest automaker has been losing U.S. market share to Asian automakers and is saddled with labor agreements that make it difficult to close plants or cut workers. The plan also is crucial for Delphi, the largest U.S. auto parts supplier, which is reorganizing in bankruptcy court after filing for Chapter 11 protection in October.

The companies made no predictions of how many employees might accept the offers or exactly how much they would save in operating costs. GM has a goal of cutting 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008.

David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research and the son of a former GM president, said the deal is of historic proportions.

"It's huge, far more than I expected," Cole said. He said the deal could go a long way toward helping GM return to profitability and to speeding Delphi's exit from bankruptcy. Cole said he expects many workers will take the buyout.

"For our members, this is fantas-

tic," said Dan Fairbanks, president of United Auto Workers Local 1618 in Lansing. "There's some huge incentives here."

Michael Balls, 49, a pipefitter at the Delphi steering systems plant in Saginaw, was more cautious about his own options after reading details of the agreement.

"I feel a lot better, but I'm still questionable about some things," said Balls, who with 30 years of service is eligible to retire and would get \$35,000. He said he might take the offer — or might return to GM if they will offer him a skilled trades job.

Under the plan, GM would pay for the Delphi early-retirement incentives and assume some post-retire-

ment benefits for Delphi employees who go back to work for GM. GM spokesman Dan Flores said GM didn't yet know the full cost of the plans, since it's unclear how many workers will participate.

Himanshu Patel, an auto analyst with JPMorgan, said GM will likely pay around \$2 billion for the Delphi buyouts based on recent financial filings, while Merrill Lynch analyst John Murphy said GM will probably pay "well in excess of \$1 billion" for its own buyouts.

Several analysts questioned how much GM and Delphi will save. Most workers that retire will get full benefits, which doesn't relieve GM's sizable pension obligations.

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12:30 PM	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beaut.		Cosby Show		Extra
1 PM	Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	The Nanny	One Life to Live	People's Court
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5 PM	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	Yes, Dear	News	That '70s Show
5:30 PM	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	Yes, Dear	World News	Simpsons
6 PM	News	NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional semifinals (Live) (HD)	Extra	King of Queens	News	Friends
6:30 PM	Wheel Fortune		Extra	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond
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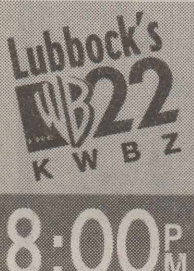
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Crash kills 12 U.S. tourists

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A bus carrying cruise ship tourists plunged 300 feet down a mountain-side in northern Chile Wednesday, killing 12 Americans, U.S. and Chilean officials said.

Two other Americans and two Chileans — the driver and the tour guide — were hospitalized in serious condition following the crash along a rugged highway near the Pacific port city of Arica, 1,250 miles north of Santiago, said Juan Carlos Poli, an Arica city hall spokesman.

"We have confirmed that all the victims were American citizens," Poli told *The Associated Press* by telephone from the hospital.

The tourists were returning to Celebrity Cruises' ship Millennium, docked in Arica, from an excursion to nearby Lauca National Park when the crash occurred.

The driver reported that he lost control of the bus while swerving to avoid a truck approaching on a collision course, Poli said. The truck went off the narrow highway and tumbled nearly 300 feet down a mountainside.

He said the bus had a capacity of 16 passengers and "was totally destroyed."

The accident occurred 25 miles northeast of Arica on the road to the Bolivian capital city of La Paz, he said.

U.S. Embassy spokesman John Vance, who also confirmed the 12 U.S. deaths, said the embassy was sending consular officers to Arica.

The ship was scheduled to leave for Peru early Monday, but the departure was postponed in the wake of the accident, police said. He said it isn't clear when it will leave.

A statement by Celebrity Cruises said the tourists were sailing aboard Celebrity Cruises' Millennium, but it was an independent private tour, not affiliated with the cruise line.

The ship was sailing a 14-night South American cruise that departed Valparaiso, Chile, on March 19 and was scheduled to conclude in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on April 2.

Second try at antidepressants often works, according to extensive study

(AP) — Many depressed patients who didn't get better on one medicine were able to overcome their crushing dark spells with another, according to the largest study ever of treatments for America's top mental health problem.

Up to one-third of those who added or changed medicines recovered. When viewed with earlier results, the new findings mean that roughly half the people who suffer from serious, long-term depression can get over it — not just improve their symptoms — with adequate medication.

"The goal here was to find treatments that help people to get well, not just better," said Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health. "We have safe and effective treatments."

His agency paid for the \$35 million study, which involved thousands of people across the United States and has been widely praised as a real-world test of popular drugs that have received only limited testing until now.

The study found little difference among the five drugs tested — Celexa, Zoloft, Wellbutrin, Effexor and Buspar — and wasn't designed to compare them. All proved similarly effective and relatively safe. The clear message, doctors said, was that antidepressants should be given a 6-to-12-week chance to work and that if one doesn't help, another should be tried.

"It's important not to give up if the first treatment doesn't work fully," or causes side effects, said one study leader, Dr. John Rush of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Almost as many people were helped the second time around as the first, he said.

Two reports from the study were published Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. About 15 million Americans each year suffer

depression, and it is the leading cause of disability in people ages 15 to 44. It often recurs, and doctors sometimes talk of it as an emotional cancer that, rather than cured, is put "in remission" with successful treatment.

Nearly two dozen antidepressants are on the market — 189 million prescriptions were filled last year alone — but they are controversial. Evidence on their effectiveness is limited, and the government recently ordered stronger warnings that some can worsen suicidal tendencies in teenagers in rare cases. The risk in adults is still being studied.

The big federal study first tested Forest Laboratories' Celexa, a newer type of antidepressant called a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, or SSRI, mostly because it's an easy-to-take daily pill.

One-third of the roughly 3,000 taking it recovered, though they generally took higher doses and were monitored more closely than most patients, researchers reported several months ago.

The new research, step 2 of the study, was on people who didn't get well the first time around, an especially tough-to-treat group. They had depression for 16 years on average and two-thirds had other mental or physical problems.

Out of this group, 727 chose to switch from Celexa to a different medication and were randomly assigned to get either Zoloft, another SSRI made by

Pfizer Inc.; Wellbutrin, a non-SSRI antidepressant made by GlaxoSmithKline; or Effexor, an antidepressant made by Wyeth that works on another brain chemical in addition to the one targeted by SSRIs.

Roughly one-fourth became symptom-free within 14 weeks. No big differences were seen in safety or side effects among the drugs.

Another 565 patients chose to add a second drug to Celexa and were given either Wellbutrin or Buspar, a Bristol-Myers Squibb anti-anxiety medication that can boost the effectiveness of SSRIs.

Within 14 weeks, about one-third were symptom-free. Those on Wellbutrin had slightly fewer symptoms and side effects than those on Buspar.

One study participant, Kasey Thompson, a 40-year-old medical school administrator from Fort Worth, had suffered depression for nearly 20 years despite having a good job and lots of family and friends.

"Everything should have been fine, but it wasn't. I was not happy and I could not figure out why. And it wasn't just not being happy, I was down. Deep down," she said.

Celexa helped, but she still had sleep problems and avoided friends until she added Wellbutrin.

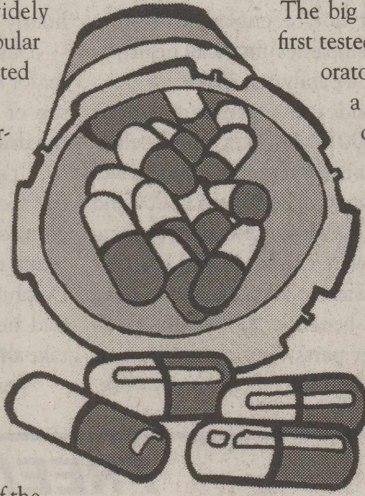
"Piggybacking these two drugs together made a huge impact on my depression," Thompson said.

The study will continue to test third and even fourth treatment attempts, and to analyze genes to see if any patterns emerge with particular drugs.

"It's quite possible in the near future we may be able to predict who's going to respond to what," said another study leader, Dr. Madhukar Trivedi of UT Southwestern.

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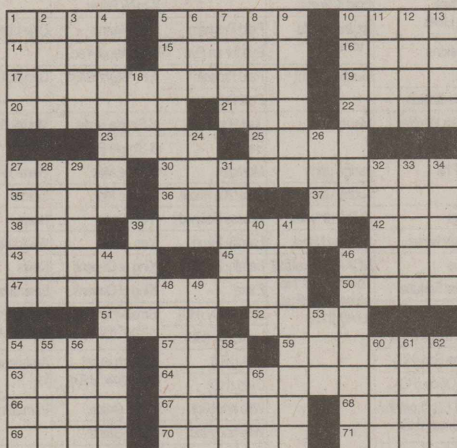
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Collapse

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Once the nine survivors were rescued from the debris, EMS rushed them to the UMC.

The LFD has concluded their investigation, but a few other agencies plan on investigating the scene.

The Lubbock Building Inspection

Department was asked by the city to conduct an investigation.

Aubrey Long, assistant building official for the LBID, said their investigation not only will determine if wind was the cause but will see if the problem could be a potential danger to other buildings similar to the one that collapsed.

"We consulted an engineer to assist us in finding the cause," Long

said. "The investigation will include us addressing the problems of the Little Panda restaurant, then locating other restaurants in Lubbock that could potentially have the same problem."

He said the building has been around since 1977, and the conditions could have been just right that day for the wind to push the building over.

Long said Little Panda had a few modifications throughout the years, but nothing that would lead to the cause of the roof collapsing.

The company that owns the building also will be conducting its own investigation.

Truststreet Properties Inc. of Orlando, Fla., is in the process of investigating the incident through an insurance company to determine

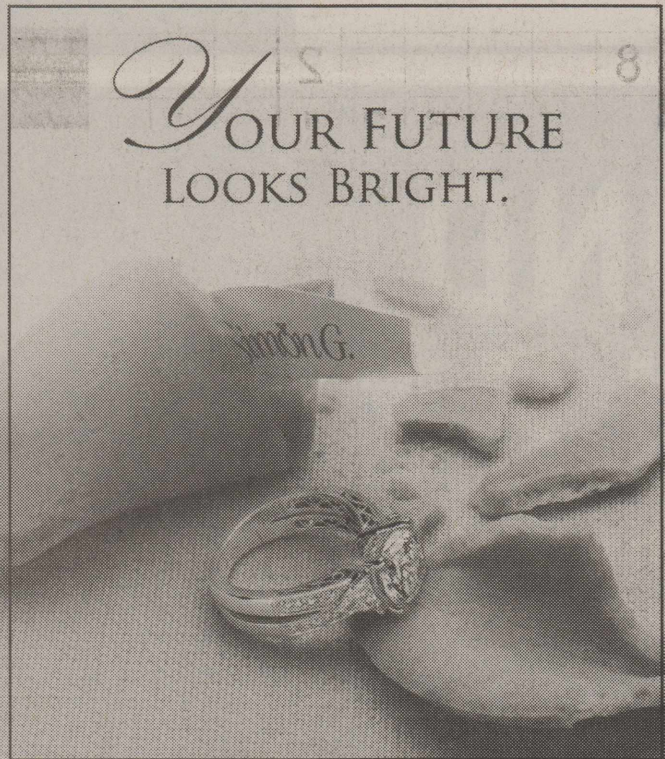
how and why of roof collapsed, communications manager Liz Kohlmyer said.

"We are deeply saddened for the loss this accident caused," Kohlmyer said. "We want to make sure we establish the cause and to make sure this does not happen again."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration said it would be opening its own investigation, as well.

Diana Peterson of OSHA said they would go in and look at the site, talk to employees and see how they handled the situation. They will try to determine whether any of the equipment employees used caused the collapse or if the restaurant was unsafe before the roof collapsed.

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Official: FAA didn't know Moussaoui's plans

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—An aviation security officer testified Wednesday that numerous measures could have been instituted to thwart suicide hijackers had officials known in August 2001 that Zacarias Moussaoui was an al-Qaida member plotting to fly jetliners into U.S. buildings.

Robert Cammaroto, who was in charge of issuing federal security directives to airlines in 2001, said the Federal Aviation Administration could have moved its just-under-three dozen armed federal air marshals from foreign to domestic flights, tightened security checkpoints and directed flight crews to resist rather than cooperate with hijackers. And he said most of

these steps could have been ordered by FAA within a matter of hours and remained in effect indefinitely.

In 2001, "we believed airplane bombings would not involve suicide," Cammaroto told a U.S. District Court jury which must decide whether Moussaoui is executed or imprisoned for life.

But defense attorney Gerald Zerkin got Cammaroto to concede that the FAA was aware before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that terrorists had considered flying a plane into the Eiffel Tower in Paris and that he was aware of al-Qaida suicide missions on land and sea. Cammaroto said he didn't know if al-Qaida's suicide attacks would be extended to civil aviation.

Later, former FBI agent Aaron Zebley testified that if Moussaoui had confessed details of his plans in August 2001, the FBI could have assigned more agents to look for other Middle Easterners taking flight training in this country and to track al-Qaida's money trail.

Moussaoui, a 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent pleaded guilty last April to conspiring with al-Qaida to fly planes into U.S. buildings. The only person charged in this country in connection with the Sept. 11, attacks, he says he had nothing to do with them but was training to pilot a 747 jetliner into the White House as part of a possible later attack.

Prosecutors showed a videotape of

hijackers Nawaf and Salem al-Hazmi going through security at Washington's Dulles Airport on Sept. 11, 2001, and being checked because a computer screening system raised an alert about them. But they were allowed to board American Airlines Flight 77, which they helped fly into the Pentagon. Cammaroto testified that security measures then in effect were designed to detect "the home-sick Cuban" intending to hijack a plane to that Caribbean island.

If the FAA had known Moussaoui planned to hijack a plane with the short-bladed knife he had when arrested, Cammaroto said, the agency could have ordered facilities like Dulles to raise the sensitivity of metal detectors to pick up such knives.

Business

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way America is portrayed.

"Small businesses represent the best of mainstream America," Perry said. "They are the incubators where opportunity is tested."

Sen. Robert Duncan also spoke and talked about investing with small businesses.

"When you use a small business, basically, the money comes back through Texas," he said. "When we use small businesses, we help people locally."

Norma Barrera, Historically Underutilized Businesses Discussion Workgroup chairwoman, discussed West Texas' importance with the money spent by the state government.

"The State of Texas spends \$60 billion every year," she said. "We're here to make sure West Texas is part of what's spent."

Joe Morin, director of Small Business Assistance, talked about incentives

for working in a small business, such as access to affordable health care and ways to "lessen the burden" of starting new businesses.

Lorenzo Sedeno, manager of HUB Operations at Tech, said the conference gave small business vendors a chance to network with Texas agencies.

He said the conference benefitted local small businesses because they can come to the civic center without traveling to Dallas or Houston like they were forced to do in the past.

Texas A&M University, Texas Tech and the University of Texas System were a few of the 64 agencies represented at the forum, along with Texas Comptroller's Office and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Sedeno said he wanted the agencies from the state capital to make sure West Texas businesses are on their bidding lists.

"We want to bring the capital in Austin to the capital of West Texas, which is Lubbock. We want to get on the vendors' list," Sedeno said. "I want all small businesses to come and network their small businesses with procurement officers."

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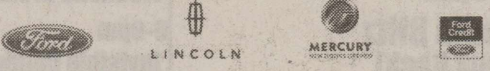
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Editor of diplomatic journal visits Tech

By JAMES HERSHBERGER
STAFF WRITER

Between school, work and having fun, many students do not think much about world affairs and the activities of the U.S. in other countries. However, several classes at Tech had the opportunity to meet and hear about the career of a world newsman and former U.S. diplomat.

Steve Honley, editor of the Foreign Service Journal was on campus Monday and Tuesday speaking to mass communications classes and political science classes that deal with foreign affairs.

"This was my first time lecturing students on a college campus, and I really enjoyed it," he said. "Texas Tech is a beautiful campus, and I met some very intelligent students."

The Washington, D.C.-based Foreign Service Journal is a monthly magazine published by the American Foreign Service Association. Honley has been its editor since 2001.

Honley spoke to mass communications students about magazine publishing and obtaining internships. His focus in the political science classes was on his experiences as a Foreign Service officer and knowledge of international affairs.

"My main areas of expertise are political military information, Africa and Latin America," Honley said.

A Louisiana native, Honley graduated from Centenary College with a bachelor's degree in history and from George Washington University with a master's degree in international affairs. It was after graduation that Honley decided to enter the Foreign Service.

"I sort of fell into the profession by accident," he said. "I had never really considered a career in it, but I heard about the Foreign Service exam and decided to take it."

Honley entered the U.S. Foreign Service

and did tours of duty in Mexico City, Wellington, New Zealand and worked at the office of the State Department in Washington, D.C. He went on to serve as a desk officer for the African nation of Cameroon. It was during his time as a desk officer for the African nation of Cameroon he met Tibor Nagy, director of the International Cultural Center at Tech and former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia, while Nagy was deputy ambassador in Cameroon.

"Steve was an excellent political officer," Nagy said. "(Honley) and I had to respond to an election dispute in Cameroon that turned violent. Steve played a key role in resolving it."

After 12 years in the Foreign Service, Honley was hired as the Foreign Service Journal's editor. He believes the magazine is a unique publication.

"While other publications feature articles about world events by journalists, most of our magazine is written by members of the American Foreign Service Association," he said. "They have more practical knowledge as they are in the field."

Honley said the magazine does not take political stances and presents a wide range of perspectives. Nagy complimented Honley's objectivity.

"The diplomatic core of the U.S. tends to lean left," Nagy said. "It would be easy for the magazine to be biased as well. But Steve works hard to keep balance in the Journal."

One of Honley's goals is to provide more detailed accounts of events in foreign countries.

"Most of the headlines about other countries are about wars and disasters. The Journal tries to explore cultures and trends occurring around the world," Honley said. "Most people don't realize the importance of what's happening elsewhere. We are trying to raise consciousness of world events."

Nagy believes Americans should educate themselves on international news as many events in other countries have an effect on life in the U.S.

"There is major disruption in Nigeria right now," he said. "Oil companies, Nigerian authorities and locals are clashing in the Niger Delta. The violence is small right now, but it is very likely to become more severe soon. Nigeria provides ten percent of America's oil supply. When gas goes up to \$3 or \$4 gallons next year, people will be surprised but the signs are here now."

The latest issue of the Foreign Service Journal contains a story about the Foreign Service in Iraq.

"Most people have a stereotype about diplomats, that we are elitist snobs who don't do real work," Honley said. "But seven diplomats have been killed in Iraq and there will probably be more. Diplomats are extremely dedicated and work around the clock."

On the subject of whether Iraq is on the verge of a civil war, Honley said there are mixed signals.

"There are signs that civil war will break out soon," he said. "The former prime minister says there is reason to be concerned and he would obviously know. But on the other hand, there is still a strong movement for a functional government."

Honley has advice for students interested in international journalism or Foreign Service for the U.S.

"Read information about events around the world. Try to get a variety of sources," he said. "Talk to people involved in political science and history. Get to know students from other countries who go to your school. The state department offers internships."

Alan Flack, a senior biology major from Wichita Falls, said Honley's lecture was interesting and informational.

"It was great to hear from someone in the loop in Washington, D.C., about what is really going on," Flack said. "Most people don't know much about foreign embassies and our relations with other countries. It was interesting to hear about what they do."

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STEVE HONLEY, EDITOR of the Foreign Service Journal, lectures Tibor Nagy's Africa in the contemporary world class about about diplomacy and his experiences in Africa Wednesday afternoon.

Korean drama craze reaches United States

HONOLULU (AP) — It's become a daily ritual for Gayle Stephens. She often laughs and cries while getting her daily fix. She's even tried to get her family hooked.

Stephens loves Korean dramas.

She is among a growing number of Americans with no connection to Korean culture who say the shows are a more compelling and wholesome alternative to the usual daytime programming on American TV. And retail giants are also starting to tune in.

"I like the fact that they're cleaner, they're not as smutty as the American dramas," said Stephens, a 32-year-old black woman who grew up in Durham, N.C.

TV dramas have become South Korea's hottest export since cell phones, female golfers and kimchi.

"It's just a small peninsula nestled between Japan and China, but they've just hit it right," said Tom Larsen, general manager of YA Entertainment LLC, a major

North American distributor of Korean dramas. "They know how to put together a good drama that their neighbors in Asia are eating up."

Now, more Americans are saying hello to "hallyu," or the "Korean wave."

Larsen said the dramas are the driver behind the wave, but it is really "all things Korea."

Korean soap operas used to be only offered in select Asian video stores, but now they are going mainstream English subtitles.

In Hawaii, retailers as Wal-Mart, Costco, Borders, Blockbuster Tower Records are capitalizing on the craze and in the past few months began selling Korean drama box DVD sets for \$60 to \$120.

The DVDs are also sold in music and book stores in cities with large Asian communities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago

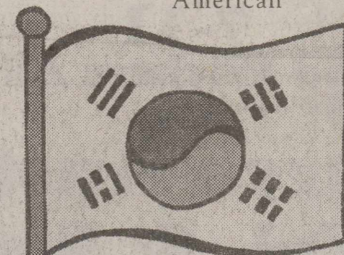
and New York, as well as online at Amazon.com.

Fans say the Korean shows, centered around relationships and family, focus more on story lines than special effects and are a refreshing change from American programming they see as too violent and too racy.

Annette Marten, a 69-year-old nurse from Kailua, said Korean soaps depict love in a more romantic and artistic way, without steamy, bedroom scenes.

"I'm not prudish in any way, but it's so lovely how they express themselves," she said. "I get all excited if they get a hug. It has so much more meaning."

Many Korean dramas feature elements also found in American soap operas — love triangles, forbidden love, evil mothers-in-law and corrupt business partners.



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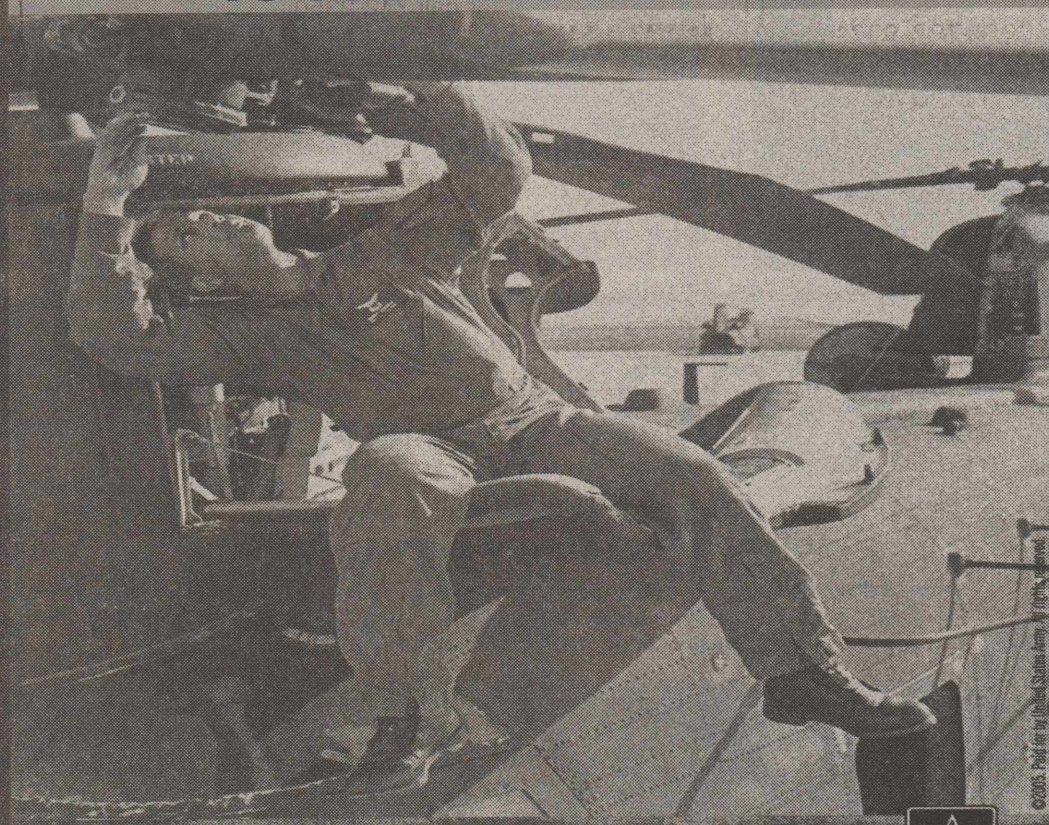
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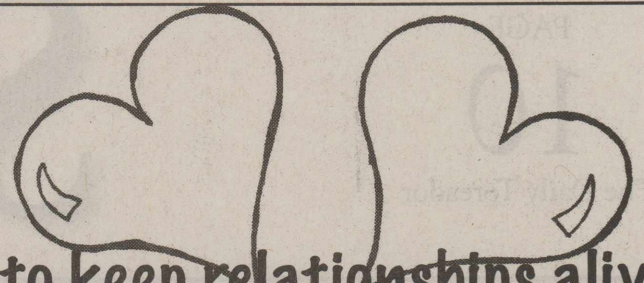
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Dating in Lubbock



Tech students offer advice on where to pick up a date, how to keep relationships alive

By **LAUREN SCOTT**
FEATURES WRITER

As many people in relationships would say, there is not a better feeling than that of being loved. But for those not in a relationship, this kind of talk can make them sick.

With people looking for that special someone all the time, how do single people meet others who can become so special in their lives?

Texas Tech students often frequent the Depot Entertainment District or Graham Central Station to meet others.

Marla Roberts, a junior education major from San Antonio, believes meeting people at bars is a bad idea.

"Most people would go to the bar to meet people, but I work at a bar. I would never want to meet people at the bar," she said.

"I think the best place to meet people is in random places, like the bookstore or the mall."

According to www.chow.com, the best places to meet a potential significant other include school, church, through friends and at places that are of interest to the person looking to meet someone.

In order to meet someone special, people should not go out looking, Roberts said.

"I met my fiancé through a chance meeting," she said. "It was a friend-of-a-friend type of thing."

Jimmy Morgan, a senior animal science major from Ringling, Okla., said he enjoys going to bars to meet people.

"There are just so many people there," he said. "It's kind of like, if you don't see what you're looking for at one bar, you can just go across the street to

another bar and see if the girl you're looking for is there."

A good conversation is a good way to tell if the other person is interested, Morgan said. If the conversation is flowing, then there is some attraction and compatibility between the two people, he said.

When meeting someone new, many different physical and personality traits make someone attractive.

H.T. Crenshaw, a junior wildlife management major from Era, said a girl's smile is the most attractive feature.

"You can tell so much about someone by their smile," he said. "It usually tells you their personality, and also it shows if they're into you or not."

After a couple has been in a relationship for a long time, it can tend to get in a rut, Roberts said. To prevent her relationship

from getting stale, Roberts said she designates one night per week to keeping things fresh.

"We have date nights once a week," she said. "We both work all day so we don't really get to see each other very often."

"So because of that, we go out, just the two of us, once a week, whether it's to a movie or dinner or whatever. It keeps us alive, and I think all couples, no matter how long they've been together, need this togetherness."

Roberts believes one aspect of a relationship is crucial, especially for those who are in serious relationships.

"Honestly, a good sex life is important," she said. "When you're in a healthy, committed relationship, it just makes everything better. You can cuddle and talk afterward. Good sex leads to other good things in a relationship."

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Wine tastings — People who can afford to go to wine tastings and wine dinners tend to be able to afford dates and enjoy the finer things in life.

Dance classes — Dancing is fun, people laugh at themselves and it makes for a great environment to meet others.

Source: www.singlesonthego.com

Royal wife named 'Spouse of the Year' by satirical magazine

LONDON (AP) — The wife of Britain's Prince Charles said she was "lost for words" at being named "Spouse of the Year" by a satirical magazine for older readers.

The former Camilla Parker Bowles said Tuesday she regretted being unable to attend the awards ceremony organized by The Oldie magazine because she was on "spousing duties" in "some far-flung corner of the globe." Her speech was read by friend and author Jilly Cooper.

The royal couple began a tour of the Middle East on Monday.

Cooper said Camilla, who became the Duchess of Cornwall when she married Charles last year, was "absolutely knocked out, thrilled to bits" to receive the award.

The citation said the 58-year-old duchess had shown strength and conviction under the public gaze.

Her marriage last April has thrust the home-loving duchess into the spotlight as she has carried out a variety of royal duties with her husband.

Marriage and college students: Does it work?

By **JAMIE WILLIAMS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Balancing marriage and school is an issue for many students at Texas Tech and those students have differing opinions on whether marriage hinders or helps school performance.

Rachael Day, a senior human development and family studies major from Rockwall, said students should wait to get married until one or both graduate.

Day said waiting to marry until after graduation allows more time to build the relationship.

"You're more financially prepared to take on the responsibility of marriage," she said. "It is very taxing on nerves and time. There's enough stress in marriage without throwing classes into the mix."

Day said she believes many people are impatient about getting married.

"A lot of people think they are supposed to be married at this age," she said. "They don't think about the difficulties

that go along with it."

Dino Bryant, a graduate student from Charlotte, N.C., said he is engaged and is expecting marriage and school to be difficult in some ways.

"It will not be overwhelmingly difficult because there are no children involved," he said.

Bryant said there needs to be a common understanding between a couple that there is schoolwork to do and that as students, school comes first.

"We don't want to neglect each other; we will have to make time for each other," Bryant said. "Particularly for graduate students, you have to have a pre-conditional understanding."

According to the American College Personnel Association's Web site, there are an increasing number of married students attending universities. These married students have moderate difficulties adjusting to the demands of higher education.

University counselors can help students adapt to these new roles and

to find constructive ways to manage and decrease stress related to college attendance, according to the Johns Hopkins Web site, www.jhu.edu.

Natasha Long, a senior broadcast journalism major from Guyton, Okla., said she has been married since June 17, 2004.

Long said she met her husband at Tech.

Long said marriage has caused her to be a better student.

"I'm not at the clubs or bars, I don't want to go out without (my husband)," Long said. "Being a family really puts things in perspective."

Long said her husband has done much better in all his classes because he is home with his family.

"I've done better in school," Long said. "I have someone there to keep me

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focused. We help each other out with homework."

According to the Journal of Marriage and the Family's Web site, several aspects of student life are left unchanged or improved by marriage.

Finding a place to study is less difficult for married students than for single students, according to www.jstor.org. There is no significant difference between the GPAs of married and unmarried students, but the GPAs of married students either did not change or improved from their previous GPAs.

Long said she scheduled her classes with three hours between classes to do homework, study and read, and she has no alone time or free time.

"I hate being alone. I'm from a huge family," she said. "I'm not used to being alone."

Long said keeping school and family separate keeps things balanced.

"When I come home, I don't have time, my daughter wants attention, my husband wants attention ... I leave school at school," Long said.

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Raiders begin spring fling

By TRAVIS CRAM
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With the cold air still in West Texas this March, most people would think it is great football weather, but do not ask anyone on the Texas Tech roster.

"I do not like it cold, but I can deal with it," Tech assistant head coach Ruffin McNeill said of the weather for the team's first spring practice Wednesday. "I like it hot and steamy."

The Raiders held their first of 15 team workouts that will continue through April 17, two days after the annual Red-Black Game.

With field renovations being done to the practice field behind Jones AT&T Stadium as well as the stadium turf, the team is holding all practices at the intramural soccer fields west of Rocky Johnson Field.

The Red-Black Game will be held April 15 at LUSD's Lowery Field.

Coach Mike Leach said the bus trips back and forth between the practice facility and the intramural fields are not too bad but that is not anyone's concern right now.

He said it was good to get the first day out of the way, but the Tech ringleader will expect more from his players than what he saw on Wednesday.

"It was OK," he said. "For a first day though, but not long term."

Tech returns to the field after suffering its first loss in a bowl game since being edged-out by Iowa in the 2002 Alamo Bowl.

They were barely beaten on a last-second field goal by Alabama in this year's AT&T Cotton Bowl, but junior wideout Jarrett Hicks said the



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TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL players engage in what proved to be a frigid first day of their annual spring practices Wednesday.

loss might have been a good thing for the team, even though he doesn't like to say that too often.

"It helps motivate us to get some good work done," he said. "We want to be back at that same stage where we were in December, if not better."

Hicks and McNeill both said the rigorous off-season workouts have been a strong key into keeping the players in shape and that a lot of the credit has to be attributed to strength and conditioning coach Bennie Wylie.

"His guidance and his staff's guidance are part of a tremendous work ethic," McNeill said. "It makes it easier for you, as a coach, when you have guys like that."

Leach said he also has been impressed with the off-season conditioning and it always plays a big part in helping players get stronger and faster.

Redshirt freshman Graham Har-

rell got his first snaps Wednesday since the AT&T Cotton Classic and said it was a much easier feeling as he went behind the offensive line this time.

"That was quite a different situation," he said of being put into the fourth quarter of the Cotton Bowl with Tech down by seven. "It was a good experience though, and hopefully, we will all be able to learn from that game for this next year."

Harrell and freshman quarterback Chris Todd split the majority of the snaps for the day, and sophomore Ryan Rowland also took under center a few times.

Although Todd and Harrell seem to be the front-runners in the quarterback race, Leach said he is looking at all three and the decision on who will be starting in the fall is too soon to call.

"I thought they all look good," he said.

McNeill said the learning experience is very valuable with these workouts in helping to redevelop that mentality the players have all season long and then work into the depth of the team at each position.

"Even the older guys start out again as if they knew nothing," he said. "But hopefully, we will be able to establish the mentality they need going into the fall."

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Who's on second? Not Soriano; all-star takes left

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Alfonso Soriano jogged in a few steps to catch a routine fly ball by Albert Pujols, then threw to second base to double off David Eckstein.

Nice start by the Washington Nationals' reluctant left fielder.

Soriano agreed to take his new spot in the outfield for an exhibition game Wednesday, two days after refusing to move from second base.

"It's a relief for everybody, it really is," manager Frank Robinson said before the Nationals played the St. Louis Cardinals.

"We get the distractions away from here and we can focus on baseball now and getting this ballclub tuned up and ready to go for opening day," he said.

Soriano did not comment before the game. He was all smiles as players stretched and took batting practice, and he also signed several autographs.

Soriano was an AL All-Star the last four years at second base, and played there this spring for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic. He has never played the outfield in a major league game.

The Nationals got Soriano in an offseason trade, with Texas and general manager Jim Bowden and Robinson have been trying to persuade him to switch positions since then. Washington already has an established

second baseman, three-time All-Star Jose Vidro.

Robinson said he considered the position move permanent, saying he doesn't even consider Soriano the backup at second base.

"We're doing it for the season," Robinson said. "We didn't ask him to do it for today, that's not the answer we wanted."

Soriano flew out to lead off against the Cardinals. He later doubled and scored the Nationals' first run in the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth, Soriano made the play to double off Eckstein, who wandered far from the bag.

Bowden had been scheduled to make his first spring appearance on Monday night against the Dodgers. But after being listed on the lineup card in left field, he refused to play.

Bowden had threatened to put Soriano on the disqualified list, which would prevent him from playing, accruing service time and receiving his \$10 million salary.

Bowden said he'd explore a trade if it would benefit the Nationals.

"My preference would be to keep him, you're a much better team with him," Bowden said. "But I'll never close the door — ever — on an opportunity to make everybody happy."

Robinson said he gave Soriano the

option of not playing Wednesday and making his outfield debut on Thursday for a home game. But he said Soriano wanted to get started now.

"All I wanted to know from him was, was he willing to play left field," Robinson said. "He said he was ready to go, he wanted to get at-bats and get out there and play."

Robinson said he'd be patient with Soriano if he struggles at his new position. All he wanted to see was effort.

"Just knowing him for a brief period of time I feel like he's going to go out there and give it 110 percent," Robinson said. "We're not talking about a Gold Glove or anything like that, just go out there and do the best you possibly can."

Robinson said Soriano never really took a "defiant" stand in conversations with the team. He said it just took time for the team's desire to sink in.

"I told him you have to understand our side of it, and I think now he does," Robinson said. "It makes us a much better ballclub."

Despite the chaos, Bowden said he does not regret making the trade.

"The risk is always there," Bowden said. "When I made the Ken Griffey Jr. trade with Cincinnati, everyone said this was one of the best trades in baseball, congratulations, and he was hurt for four years and it was a horrible trade. That's part of the game."

Young impressive in first workouts for NFL scouts

AUSTIN (AP) — Vince Young threw sideline passes, deep routes and across the middle. Some were touch passes, others he fired as hard as he could.

Almost all were on target.

The former Texas quarterback worked out for 30 minutes Wednesday in front of more than 100 NFL scouts, coaches and executives who are paying close attention to the quirky throwing motion that still raises questions despite delivering a national championship.

"Very impressed," said new Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak, whose team owns the No. 1 pick. "The kid put on a show."

It was a long time coming.

Young declared for the draft four days after leading Texas to a Rose Bowl victory over Southern California. Since then, he has cashed in on paid autograph sessions, been the guest of honor at a Houston

parade and fought back rumors and reports that he bombed an intelligence test at the NFL Combine, where he didn't take part in any drills.

What he hadn't done was work out for the teams thinking about investing millions of dollars in him.

"You hear so much 'Vince not working out, Vince not doing this,'" Young said. "I wanted to go out here and show them I had been working. That was the biggest key. I feel like I did a good job."

Texas officials said Washington was the only team not to have someone watching the workout.

One owner, the Texans' Bob McNair, introduced himself to Young before the throwing session. Young is from Houston and has said he'd like to play for his hometown fans.

"I think he had a good workout," McNair said.

The Texans, who were 2-14 last season, are expected to lean toward drafting USC tailback and Heisman Trophy winner Reg-

gie Bush after extending quarterback David Carr's contract for three years.

McNair said he hopes to attend a Bush workout early next month. But he also indicated the Texans haven't decided who to draft or whether to keep or trade the pick.

As a quarterback who can run or throw, Young is the most intriguing player in the draft, scheduled for April 29-30 in New York. He may also be the most scrutinized as teams try to decide if his Rose Bowl performance of 467 total yards and three rushing touchdowns will translate into the NFL.

"It's a very valuable pick," McNair said. "We all want to make a good decision."

During the season, Young often wore his iPod digital music player during pregame warmups. There was no music Wednesday, but Young kept things loose by clapping his hands and chatting with family members who watched.

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Sweet 16 much safer gamble than field of 64 — maybe

I didn't fill out a bracket this season. Entering a March Madness tournament pool is usually one of the highlights of my year, but for some reason I didn't feel like it.

Gambling just didn't seem appealing at the time considering I visited the lovely town of Shreveport, La., just two days before.

I'm not sure, but I think Satan is part owner of the Horseshoe Casino. I should have listened to the grizzled homeless look-alike on my way in.

"That place will eat you alive," he said. That man was so wise.

Judging from the way the 2006 tourney has gone, it looks like I made the right choice in staying out of the game this year.

All the No. 1s still are present and accounted for, but the fact that Bradley and George Mason still are dancing just tells me I would have done nothing but accelerate my aging process.

And if anyone you know still has those two teams alive in their bracket, let me know because I'm taking them to Shreveport and getting my money back.

One thing I did learn on my excursion to the land o' losing money is that it's all about the odds. I didn't have it in me to pick from 64, but now that it's down to 16, I'm taking the easy way out and starting from there. I know this kind of like playing Jeopardy during Kids Week, but I always dominate those Doogie Howser wanna-bes, so I like my chances here.

ATLANTA REGIONAL

1 DUKE OVER 4 LSU

I'm not jumping on this LSU bandwagon. They're athletic and they're as good as anyone in the country at causing match-up problems for opponents. But Coach K has had nearly a week to prepare and he's got a guy named J.J. on his side.

Trey Shipman

2 TEXAS OVER 6 WEST VIRGINIA

As much as I love underdogs, I'm looking forward to a rematch between Duke and Texas. West Virginia was one of my favorite teams at the beginning of the year, but I just don't think they'll have an answer for P.J. Tucker and 7-foot sophomore LaMarcus Aldridge.

OAKLAND REGIONAL

1 MEMPHIS OVER 13 BRADLEY

Are we kidding here? I think we might see Texas Tech in the Elite Eight if they only had to beat Oral Roberts, Bucknell and Bradley. You're right, that's a stretch — but not for Memphis.

2 UCLA OVER 3 GONZAGA

The Zags are a great story, and I love seeing them have success, but count me with those who think Adam Morrison is just getting annoying. It might be a security issue, but UCLA fans should think about throwing bags of Bic razors on the floor after their victory — Morrison might get

the hint.

WASHINGTON REGIONAL

1 CONNECTICUT OVER 5 WASHINGTON

This might end up being one of the better games of the tournament. Washington seems to be hitting their stride, while UConn hasn't exactly breezed through the first two rounds. Washington will prove to be the lesser of the Huskies in the end — they wear purple jerseys, it's inevitable.

7 WICHITA ST. OVER 11 GEORGE MASON

In a sense it's David vs. David. I've loved the Missouri Valley Conference from the beginning, and even though they beat a highly overrated Tennessee squad to get where they are, they're doing the little guys everywhere justice.

MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL

4 BOSTON COLLEGE OVER 1 VILLANOVA

I might not have actually picked to win it all. I gotta stick with them in what will be a Final Four quality game and might even produce the national champion. This is why I didn't fill out a bracket. Do I seriously have the Golden Eagles winning it all?

3 FLORIDA OVER 7 GEORGETOWN

I really want to pick the Hoyas in this one. They beat two quality teams in the first two rounds, including next year's national

champion Ohio State Buckeye's (I won't fill out a bracket but I'll call a national champion more than a year in advance. I know, I'm complicated). I might regret this one, but a more fundamentally sound Florida team will find a way to advance.

FINAL FOUR

Picking my Final Four is painful. It's like trying to decide whether to hit or stay on 15 when the dealer is showing 10. But I've gone this far, might as well hit.

Boston College comes out of Minneapolis, and UConn survives Washington. Texas avenges its 31-point early season loss to Duke to conquer Atlanta and Memphis overcomes its first test of the tourney to down UCLA and round out the field.

In the championship, unfortunately for the 'Horns, Vince Young can't come to the rescue and Boston College gives me at least a little credibility by cutting down the nets.

I improved my odds by cheating and starting at 16. But I can assure you, if this is anything like the Horseshoe in Shreveport, a familiar phrase will ring in my ears.

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ATLANTA REGION IN BRIEF

(AP) — PITTSNOGLE WOBBLED: West Virginia's rematch against Texas in the NCAA round of 16 on Thursday gave center Kevin Pittsnogle a chance to review one of the low points of his season.

On Nov. 21, the then-No. 13 Mountaineers were in position to upset the then-No. 2 Longhorns. West Virginia led 40-35 at halftime and 75-72 with 1:30 left.

Then Pittsnogle, held to nine points in the game, missed two free throws in 1-and-1 situations, opening the door for Texas to win 76-75.

The misses were Pittsnogle's only free throws of the game.

"I kind of tried to forget about it as much as possible, actually," he said Wednesday. "I missed two big free throws and really doubted myself after the game. I didn't want to talk to anybody."

Said teammate Mike Gansery: "I could tell Kevin was obviously upset after the game. I know when Kevin is upset, he kind of keeps to himself."

Pittsnogle retreated to the gym, taking "a couple hundred" extra free throws each day for a few weeks.

"I have learned a lot from that game because the way we ended that game we should have won and hopefully we can get it back," he said.

The day after the loss to Texas, Pittsnogle scored 27 points with 10 rebounds in a loss to Ken-

nedy in the Guardians Classic in Kansas City.

In the next eight games following the loss to Texas, Pittsnogle made 28 of 30 free throws. He finished fifth in the Big East in free-throw shooting, making 85.7 percent of his attempts (84 of 98).

NINE IN A ROW: Duke is in the NCAA round of 16 for the ninth straight year.

"This time of year, people kind of expect Duke to still be playing," Duke forward Lee Melchiorri said. "We are excited because we want to accomplish something for ourselves as our part of this storied program."

The Blue Devils are 12-4 in the round of 16 under Krzyzewski.

Duke is a No. 1 seed for the 10th time. Only North Carolina has been a No. 1 seed as many times.

JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE, RINGO AND J.J.: Glen "Big Baby" Davis is an emerging star and Shelden Williams is a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference pick.

But Melchiorri says no one on the team could compare with guard J.J. Redick's star power.

"Even if (Williams) is not getting the national pub, he may be crying all the way to the bank one day," Melchiorri said, referring to Williams' NBA potential. "J.J. has been unbelievable. That guy is like a Beanie or something with his popularity, so Shelden probably understands."

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