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London attacks kill 45, more wounded



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THE WRECKED DOUBLEDECKER bus near Tavistock Square after an explosion in central London, Thursday, July 7. At least 33 people were killed Thursday in three explosions in London's subway system, a senior police official said. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick said others died in an explosion on the bus but gave no figures.

A Red Raider's perspective

In an email through the Alumni Association's database, the co-president of the Texas Tech Alumni chapter in London responded to *The Daily Toreador* with his account of Thursday's attacks.

David Mirmelli, a Tech graduate, was home with his visiting aunt. If not, he might have been a victim as well. The station he and his wife, Lorna, normally use was near where the blasts occurred.

"It is hard to comprehend," he said via email. "I've never seen anything like this before."

London is at a stand still, and he said he finds it interesting that the attacks also took place when many of the best in the police force were gone to help protect the world leaders at the G8 conference in Scotland.

By Donna Bryson/
The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) - Buses were turned into ambulances. An emergency medical station was set up at a hotel. Rescue workers, police and ordinary people streamed into the streets to help.

Nearly simultaneous blasts on three subway trains and a red double-decker bus brought chaos to the streets of London Thursday.

Ambulances sped from the wreckage of the bus torn apart by a blast near central London's Russell Square. Its mangled upper deck was open to the sky and debris littered the street. The facade of a nearby building was blackened and scarred by shrapnel.

"I could see the bus with the roof ripped off and one side peeled down," said Jenny Gimpel, who was on her way to work when she saw the blasted bus. "It looked absolutely horrific."

Just a day before, London had been basking in the glory of winning the 2012 Olympic Games, with wild celebrations on Trafalgar Square. On Thursday, an eerie quiet had taken hold in some parts of the city.

"Yesterday we were quite glad that we got the Olympic bid," said Arvind Mavji, a transport worker at Euston Station, near the site of the Russell Square bus blast. "Today we are wondering if it was worth it."

Buses were pressed into service as ambulances as dozens of casualties were taken to hospitals. At the scene of several blasts, specialist emergency workers in orange biochemical suits searched for evidence of biological, chemical or nuclear agents.

At the London Hospital, a medic pumped the chest of a man

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Clarkson rocks municipal auditorium

By Jenni Ward/
The Daily Toreador

Pop singer Kelly Clarkson thrilled many fans with the voice behind her hazel eyes.

Clarkson performed in front of a full Lubbock Municipal Auditorium of screaming fans of all ages Wednesday night.

Lubbock is the first Texas stop on Clarkson's 50-city "Behind These Hazel Eyes Tour."

"I haven't been in Texas for a while, so I'm really excited," Clarkson said after her two opening songs.

The Graham Colton Band, a group that started out in the Dallas area, opened for Clarkson, getting the crowd excited for the upcoming performance.

Clarkson performed songs from her newest album "Breakaway" along with a few other chart-topping hits such as "Miss Independent" and "Trouble With Love Is."

She also treated fans with "Because of You," set to be her next single, and "Come

Here," a song that will appear on her future album.

Many fans screamed and sang along during the concert; however, the entire auditorium was energized when Clarkson came out to perform her newest hit "Behind These Hazel Eyes."

Clarkson ended the evening with "Breakaway" as fans sang and swayed to the song, watching themselves on screens behind the pop star.

Heather Payton, a Texas Tech graduate, said she has been a Clarkson fan since she appeared on American Idol.

"She did a really great job," Payton said. "It's so much better live."

Payton said one thing about the concert that she did not like was Clarkson's last outfit which she thought was too revealing in the back.

"She seemed kind of uncomfortable in it," Payton said.

Stephanie Colorado, a freshman restaura-

rant hotel and institutional management major from Lubbock, said she thought Clarkson put on a great show.

"I was amazed that she sang live," Colorado said. "It sounded really well."

Colorado said her favorite performance during the concert was "Beautiful Disaster," a song off of Clarkson's album Breakaway.

Yvette Vargas, who came with her daughter Alyssa, said she really enjoyed the concert.

"It was very close and personal," Vargas said.

"Since You've Been Gone" was the favorite performance of the mother-daughter pair.

Vargas said she thinks that Clarkson is a good role model for young girls.

"I haven't seen or heard anything that would make me tell my daughter she couldn't listen to her music," Vargas said.



Photo by Caity Colvard

AMERICAN IDOL WINNER Kelly Clarkson sang for her "Behind these Hazel Eyes" tour Wednesday night.

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who lay on a stretcher, clothes ripped and body blackened.

"There was an explosion and the flash of flames down the side of the train," said Derek Price, 55, who was on a subway train near Liverpool Street station. "It was all very quick - a loud bang happened in a matter of seconds."

Emergency workers set up a medical command post in a Hilton hotel near Edgware Road subway station, where an explosion ripped through a crowded train.

Deep underground, a Swedish woman riding the subway toward the station said she heard the blast behind her train.

"Everything went black, and people threw themselves to the floor in panic," Cornelia Berg told Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet by phone.

"The car quickly filled with smoke and a lot of people used their umbrellas to try to break the windows so that we could get air. A mother with her two small children sat next to me and cried

desperately."

When passengers were evacuated, there were body parts scattered around them, she said.

American Sean Barron, 20, said he helped treat the wounded at Edgware Road station.

"One gentleman told me that the floor of the train he was on was blown out, it was just gone. I believe another gentleman was ejected from the train," he said.

Gary Lewis, 32, was evacuated from a subway train at King's Cross station and described a scene of panic as medics tended to casualties brought to a ticket hall.

"People were covered in black soot and smoke. People were running everywhere and screaming. It was chaos," he said. "... The one haunting image was someone whose face was totally black and pouring with blood."

As police shut down subways and buses across the city, central London streets became all but empty of traffic. Some commuters tried to make their way to work or home on foot. Groups gathered around corner shops with televisions, watching in silence pictures

of a mangled red bus.

The mood was somber and subdued, but there was little outright panic. People tried to call loved ones on cell phones, and many loaned their phones so strangers could make calls.

Many tourists in central London were caught in the blasts.

"I think these were terrorists. They were successful," said Nadia Ivanova from Bulgaria. "Their idea was to disturb society. They've reached that. Everyone is afraid now, and not only now but these last few years."

But others said they would not be deterred by the attacks,

"I think we just have to go on about our business," said Richard Bomar, a tourist from Louisville, Kentucky. "I'm just not afraid. I'm not going to let it affect me."

Taxi driver Steve Green said that despite the carnage, "people are getting on with it. It's marvelous that they're showing their backbone."

"The thing is, with us Londoners, we're used to the IRA. We don't know anything else. You don't like it, but you learn to deal with it."

National Science Foundation appoints faculty to committee

The National Science Foundation has chosen Germán R. Núñez, the vice president of multicultural affairs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, to serve as a consultant to the foundation and also as a member in a committee on equal opportunity.

Núñez, who holds a doctorate in cardiovascular physiology, said he is excited to serve both of these positions, but he is especially honored to be one of 15 members in the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering.

"My enthusiasm in joining is that I believe the committee will increase the percent of under-rep-

resented minorities in science and technology," he said.

Women and minorities have traditionally made up a much smaller percentage in the professional fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics than they have in the overall population.

Increasing the number of these under-represented groups in science-related fields will have a kind of network effect on women and minority students hoping to pursue careers in those fields, Núñez said.

"I think I can personally contribute to provide guidance and advice on how the NSF can accomplish these goals," he said.

Nursing school one of 'America's best'

U.S. News and World Report placed the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing among the finest nursing schools in the nation in its 2006 publication of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

Barbara Johnston, the associate dean of graduate programs in the School of Nursing, said the school's program has developed significantly in the past few years.

"We're moving up there," she said. "We were never on there until last year. That's progress."

Tech's graduate nursing program was ranked 75th in the 2006 edition, one spot up from last year's ranking of 76th.

The survey includes every graduate program in the nation, and Johnston said the distinction results from several factors.

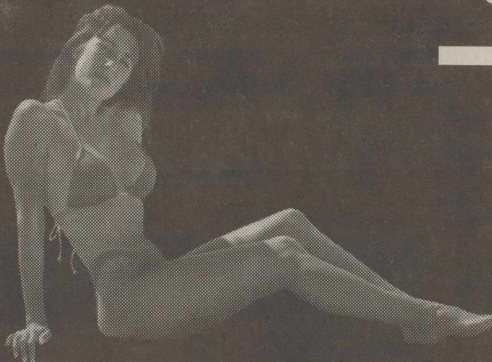
"I think we have a great emphasis on distance learning as well as the use of technology," she said. "We maintain a high standard, and the results are very positive because all of our students get positions right out of college."

Johnston also said the school's nurse practitioners have a 100 percent pass rate on their certification exams.

The survey of nursing schools is based on peer assessment by the administrative staff of the nation's other nursing schools.

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United Spirit Arena to host FFA convention

By Jeremy Reynolds/
The Daily Toreador

They may not be Red Raiders yet, but starting next week close to 10,000 high school and junior high students with their parents will visit the Texas Tech campus. The Future Farmers of America will hold its annual meeting at the United Spirit Arena on July 12-15.

This is the first time that the convention is held in Lubbock, as well as the first time it has been held on a college campus.

Steven Frazee, an agriculture education and communications professor, said Tech has not played host to the convention in previous years because of a lack of hotels.

"Before all the new hotels were built around Lubbock, we didn't have enough rooms to hold everyone coming," Frazee said.

During the four days, students from all over Texas will participate

in workshops, concerts and contests.

"The convention will benefit all kids," Frazee said. "One of the best things we'll do is announce students who've received scholarship money. All together the students have received \$1,100,000."

By seeing students who have received scholarships, Frazee said this would encourage others to strive for excellence during the next school year. Primary support for this scholarship money has come from the Houston and San Antonio livestock shows.

Other features at the convention will be motivational speakers, whom Frazee said have nationwide recognition. A fair will be held during the four days and will display science projects created by members of the FFA.

"This is a good thing for Tech because it will give students who would otherwise not have come to our campus a chance to come and

see it," Frazee said.

Throughout the convention there will be recruiting efforts going on by the agricultural college. Frazee said students will have a chance to get free hotdogs at lunch instead of going off campus for food, and while eating they will get brochures and pamphlets on the various schools at Tech.

Angie Burkes, coordinator of student programs for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said at the convention there will be new laws passed for the agriculture community and it is very beneficial for the students to come and learn about the changes.

"The skills they gain here, they'll be able to use in whatever field they go into," Burkes said.

By coming to Lubbock, Burkes said, the FFA members from East Texas, who've only had experience in forestry areas, would get to learn

about Lubbock's agriculture life.

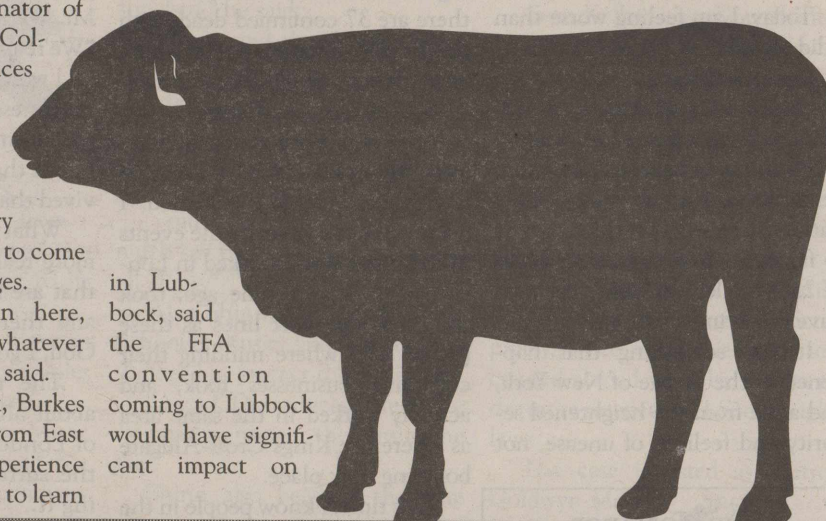
Not every member of the FFA will make the trip to Lubbock next week. Burkes said some of the smaller schools will only send their chapter officers, while the bigger schools with more funding could send as many as 50 if they wanted.

Mary Jane Short, vice president of business development

the business community.

"They'll be eating in our restaurants, shopping in our shops and staying in our hotels," Short said. "We want them to have the best experience possible."

Short said the business bureau is "tickled" to have the event coming to Lubbock.



in Lubbock, said the FFA convention coming to Lubbock would have significant impact on

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Blasts shake up Tech grad in London

Linda Robertson Pilcher is a 2001 graduate of Tech's School of Mass Communication. She now lives in London, England.

Today, I am feeling worse than I did on 9/11.

Let me explain.

When 9/11 occurred, it was absolutely horrible. The loss of life was unbelievable, and the devastation surreal. The whole nation stopped, but since it was so far away from us (on the order of 2,000 miles), it didn't seem to have much impact on us.

It was something that happened to the people of New York, and aside from the heightened security and feelings of unease, not

much happened in Lubbock as a result of it.

I know that compared to 9/11, the casualty figures in this bombing incident sound minute. So far, there are 37 confirmed dead, with nearly 400 injuries, 45 of which were considered life-threatening.

So, why am I so shaken?

I live in a town about 30 miles away from the middle of London, where the bombings occurred. I am much more upset by the events of today because I worked in London a very short time ago, took the same transport lines as these people who were minding their collective businesses took, and actually worked in the same area as where the Kings Cross-Aldgate bombing took place.

This time, I know people in the area. They are, as far as I know,

safe and well.

I'm not saying that 9/11 was not serious. I was in my advanced news writing class then the first plane hit the first tower, and heard Mr. Wernsman whisper in my ear, "We're under siege!"

I won't soon or easily forget the numbness I felt, or the icy fingers around my heart, as I desperately hoped that many more people survived than actually did.

What makes this so much more real is that there are places that are familiar to me involved, and there, but for the grace of God, I go.

The more interesting thing about all this is how the people of London, and indeed those of the surrounding areas, are taking it.

Completely in their stride.

Absolutely mind-boggling.

I asked Andrew, my beloved Englishman, how he was able to act as if nothing happened.

He told me that after all of the incidents with the Northern Ireland unrest, and the Irish Republican Army bombings that occurred in London throughout the '70's and early '80's, people just got used to the idea that going out into the world had its risks. The alternative, he said, was to stop living, and letting the bombers win.

Listening to the news reports and seeing the scenes coming from London gave the indications that while people were upset, most of them were seeing this occurrence as a giant transport strike, which came, unfortunately, with casualties.

I think it goes without saying that the wonderful news London received yesterday about winning the Olympic bid in 2012 has been ever so slightly overshadowed.

I think it also goes without saying that the days ahead will prove to be interesting, as London gets back on its feet, and sets about proving to the world that life goes on, much as it did during the bombing blitzes of World War II.

Then, the enemy was known. Now, it is not...

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Letter to the Editor

Caliva does 'not look at cultural benefits

Certainly border security is a critical issue for the United States in light of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. But it is patently offensive to cloak racism in the rhetoric of protecting our country. Caliva's argument is little more than racist diatribe against a culture that he sees as inferior to that of the United States.

Caliva's proposition of culture saturation is about the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard, especially since he has a very limited understanding of what comprises culture. And he does not clearly explain how the illegal immigration of Mexican people into this country will undermine the apparently highly superior standards that he lists in his article, namely "baseball and corn dogs, Hollywood and ease of lifestyle."

Caliva seems unreasonably concerned about preserving these American "ideals." He would have us quiver at an apocalyptic vision of hordes of Mexican immigrants swarming through our country, eating all our hot dogs, trampling baseball fields, and burning down movie studios. Surely that would mean the complete decline of our country, if not the entire Western world. Caliva should write propagandistic graphic novels, not newspaper articles.

In his article, Caliva mouths the rhetoric of a privileged class. He seems to assume that when these immigrants come into our country, that they automatically enjoy the "ease of living" that he seems to think all Americans enjoy. He forgets that these immigrants probably work harder in one

year than he will in his whole life, and for a fraction of the pay.

And in many cases, they will send that money back to help their families. Let's see, being willing to make the sacrifice of working in a strange place at a strenuous job for low pay to help your family. Yeah, you're right Trey, that's an awful value to bring into our culture. That kind of devotion to family might just undermine the superior culture of meat by-products and over-priced distractions that you prize so highly.

If Caliva wants to suggest policies that might help with national security, I think there might be some good arguments to be made with regard to more closely regulating the borders. If there is evidence to show that how immigrants from Mexico are "not ben-

eficial and productive to American interests," then Caliva should produce it and the point can be debated from there.

But far from making any substantial argument for his case, Caliva had simply reveals an irrational fear of cultures that don't subscribe to his all-too superficial view of what culture is, or should be.

I certainly hope that U. S. culture holds within it something more valuable than fast food, sports, convenience, (and implicit in his article, an unsubstantiated dislike of certain people); if not, then perhaps our culture could use an infusion of some more mature and humane elements, perhaps a little intelligence and compassion.

Dean Bowers is a graduate student studying English from Austin.

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Supreme court rules on file sharing

By Andrew Wood/
The Daily Toreador

In the continuous battle of lawsuits involving Internet file-sharing, the U.S. Supreme Court provided a new twist, potentially placing the weight upon the companies, instead of the users.

The court's unanimous decision sent the case back to the lower court, which had ruled in approval of transfer services, Grokster Ltd. and StreamCast.

"We hold that one who distributes a device with the object of promoting its use to infringe copyright, as shown by the clear expression or other affirmative steps take to foster infringement, is liable for the resulting acts of infringement by third parties," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court.

The issue was whether file-sharing services should be responsible despite the fact that they have no direct control over the way the millions of people use the free software. According

to the music industry filings, 90 percent of the songs and movies are downloaded illegally.

Two lower courts previously ruled in favor of Grokster, finding a trial unnecessary. Both courts based their assessment on the 1984 Supreme Court ruling that Sony Corp could not be sued over consumers who used its VCRs to produce and commercialize illegal copies of movies.

The lower courts said that the online services were not legally responsible because they don't include central servers directing users to copyright material; however, Souter said that the lower courts could find the services responsible by investigating factors such as how the companies market the product or whether they took small steps to reduce the amount of infringing users.

"There is substantial evidence in MGM's favor on all elements of inducement," Souter wrote.

Wesley Cochran, a law professor, said he sees the reality of the situation.

"The music makers are trying

to prevent file-swapping by going after the only ones who they have a realistic chance of catching," he said.

Cochran believes the problem will not be solved by randomly targeting citizens.

"You and me don't have sizeable assets," he said.

Jason Buchta, a senior Exercise & Sports Sciences major from Spring, believes that the problem should be solved by going to its core.

"It's better if they can limit to the source, and the companies would be the source," he said.

Nathan Beatty, junior Music major from San Antonio, said that the users, as well as the company should be liable.

"Both should be held responsible for providing unethical material," he said.

Local music producers gave reason for the importance of

protecting the creative and intellectual property. Barry Nelson, part owner of Digital Base Productions in Lubbock, is one who happened to be surprised by the ruling of the Supreme Court.

"I read the ruling of the Supreme Court, and frankly, I was shocked," he said.

Nelson said that he has had a firm position on this issue, from the beginning.

"I'm personally opposed to file-sharing programs," Nelson said. "I'm also a musician, and I can pretty much say that I've been against it all along."

Alan Shinn, professor from the School of Music, said that he finds the need to protect the material.

"As a CD producer, I feel like we need to protect the music," he said.

Shinn also believes that the programs serve a purpose, only if they're legitimate.

"I'm a subscriber to three programs that are legal, and I just think that it should be sold legally."

Nelson said that he wasn't against the file-sharing companies, but he is against the purpose that most users have been using them for.

"It's really legitimate, other than what people are using it for," he said.

Sean Kelley, a graduate theater student studying Lubbock, believes the widespread of illegal music has been uncontrollable, and action needs to be taken.

"When it gets to a point where it gets to a website, where anyone can come and download, I would say they've gone too far."

It is still unclear as to whether the decision will actually deter piracy, since companies that are created abroad won't be subject to the more restrictive U.S. copyright laws.

The case is listed as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios v. Grokster, 04-480.

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Driver attacked by Atlanta teens

ATLANTA (AP) — Rafael Diaz Jr. was driving his oil tanker through an Atlanta neighborhood this week when a bottle rocket flew into the cab and struck him in the face, sending the truck careening out of control.

What happened next was even more disturbing: The same band of teens who shot the firework quickly swarmed the overturned rig, dragged Diaz out, stole his wallet and beat him senseless.

"The kids are either doped up or drunk," said Bill Nothdorft, Diaz's supervisor at Penn Tank Lines. "They're just creating their own good time - a good time gone bad."

Diaz, 29, remained in critical condition Thursday - four days after the attack. Following seven hours of brain surgery, his head remained swollen, Nothdorft said.

Police say Diaz was the hapless victim of a Fourth of July offensive

against Atlanta drivers, with about a dozen teens hurling explosives, rocks and jagged chunks of concrete at passing vehicles on a busy highway.

Police have cited an 18-year-old with reckless conduct in the case, and they are searching for other suspects, including a 16-year-old, said police spokeswoman Sylvia Abernathy.

After the firework exploded below Diaz's left eye, his truck went hurtling down a grassy incline until it finally halted in a grove of pine trees just 50 yards from an apartment building. Diaz said the teens then pulled him out and "were punching him in the back of the head, trying to rob him," according to Nothdorft.

Hours earlier, a tractor-trailer driver called police after his vehicle was hit by a slew of bricks, but the juveniles eluded officers when they arrived at the scene, said Atlanta police Sgt. Kevin Losty.

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Ministry builds home for cancer victim, family

By Jay Langley/
The Daily Toreador

First you pour the foundation. Then comes the framing, the sheathing and the decking.

Next you work on the electrical, the plumbing and the roofing.

Building a home in the hot Texas weather is hard work. The Rodriguez family appreciates the hard work.

Levi Ministries is currently building a 1600 square foot home for Daniel and Gloria Rodriguez and their three children. Gloria Rodriguez suffers from terminal gastric cancer.

Gloria Rodriguez, who turned 27 on Tuesday, said the Lubbock community has been very supportive.

"When I go to the grocery store or out to eat, people I don't know will walk up to me and tell me they are praying for me," she said.

"People are always asking what they can do to help."

Gloria Rodriguez said her tragedy shows how people can help each other.

"It shows how the Lords kingdom comes together to help one another in times of need," she said.

In April, Gloria Rodriguez was scheduled to have a small lesion removed from her stomach. But when doctors opened her stomach they found cancer on the lining of her body cavities. The doctors told Rodriguez with chemotherapy she will live 2-3 more years.

Gloria Rodriguez said her husband Daniel has been strong.

"He never gives me a hard time any more," she said. "He now does a lot of the work I cannot do. Now he knows what the job of mother entails."

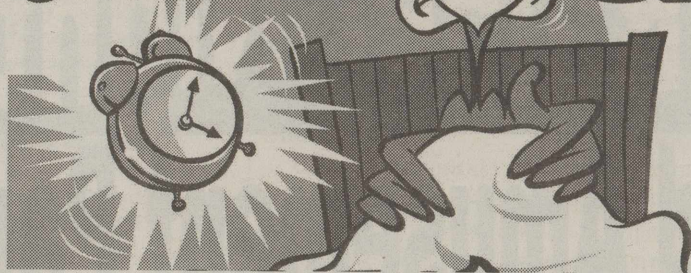
Gloria and Daniel Rodriguez



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have three children, Brittani, 10, seven year-old Ryan and Sara, 3. Gloria Rodriguez said her oldest daughter Brittani is taking the news the hardest.

"The other day she told me I couldn't go because she needed her mom."

Shortly after Gloria Rodriguez was diagnosed, Allison and Richard Smith of Levi Ministries offered to build the Rodriguez's new home.

"It just felt like the right thing to do," Allison Smith said.

The new home, she said, will give the Rodriguez family more room to create memories with friends and family.

"The house is also an investment for the kids," she said. "Danny and Gloria got married when they were pretty young so they didn't have a lot of money. Right now they are completely debt free."

Allison Smith said the original idea was to buy a small house for the Rodriguez family. But as her and her husband asked around people started donating time and money.

"It actually worked out better

this way," she said. "We can build exactly the kind of house they need, and it actually is cheaper this way."

In June, Levi Ministries threw a concert at Davis Park at 42nd and Nashville. The money raised at the event is being used to help build the house.

Jason Davis, a Tech graduate, is one of the many volunteers who came to help build the house.

"I was there the first weekend when they put up all of the framing," Davis said. "I will be going back next weekend to help out with whatever needs to be done."

During the week the house is built by contractors, but every Saturday volunteers go to East 78th Street to help with the project.

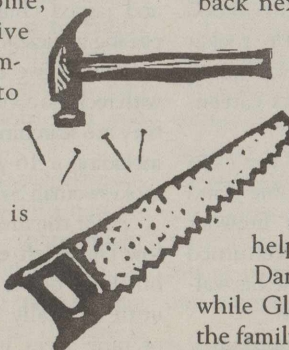
Daniel Rodriguez said that while Gloria's cancer is terminal, the family refuses to give up.

"Like all families we have good days and bad days," he said. "But with the kids we try to keep them on the same routine."

Daniel Rodriguez said a strong belief in God is important.

"Both Gloria and I are very spiritual people," he said. "We are not giving up on a miracle."

Daniel Rodriguez said the family is scheduled to move into the house on Aug. 1.



Student wins martial arts world championships

By Carlos Bergfeld/
The Daily Toreador

For ages, artists have cited greats like Michelangelo and Leonardo as primary influences for the style of their work.

Ty Garrett, a senior management major at Tech, listed these names as the inspirations that led him to pursue and refine his artistic style since he was seven years old.

Garrett was not referring to the renaissance artists, however, but to a group of well-known green reptilian ninjas.

"When I was growing up in the '80s, that's right when 'The Karate Kid' and 'The Ninja Turtles' came out, and it made karate really popular," he said.

Garrett recently used his 15 years of experience to win two first-place titles, one in extreme sparring and the other in continuous sparring, at the International Martial Arts World Championships in Las Vegas held June 17-19.

The competition, sponsored by the International Martial Arts Council, awarded Garrett his fourth and fifth world titles, as well as a \$1000 prize to go with his first-place win in the continuous sparring event.

Garrett attributed his success partially to his training partner, Darren Walters, a Lubbock Independent School District police officer who won the Toughman Competition three separate times.

"One of the things that really got me ready for this tournament was sparring with a heavyweight every day," Garrett said. "When he hits me, it's like getting hit by a car."

Walters, owner of Extreme Karate with Darren Walters in Lubbock, said he chose to train with Garrett because he could not find anyone else good enough to spar with.

"He has exceptional skill and talent," he said. "He is by far the best fighter, probably in this whole region."

The tournament allowed any style of martial arts, and Garrett fought with a combination of Tae Kwon Do and American kickboxing, among other styles he has picked up in his training.

"If the guy's not a good puncher, I usually go in close and punch, and if he's a weak kicker, I can use Tae Kwon Do and just keep kicking him," he said.

Nelson Harvey has instructed Garrett his entire martial arts career, and said Garrett's knowledge of multiple fighting styles allows

him to get the edge on his competitors.

"That's why Ty's winning, he's got exposure to five or six different systems," he said. "He's an all-around martial artist."

Initially, Harvey said, Garrett showed little promise, being a rambunctious child who almost lost his chance at becoming a fighter.



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TYE GARRETT executes a jumping high kick in a dojo. He placed first in two events in the International Martial Arts Championships in June.

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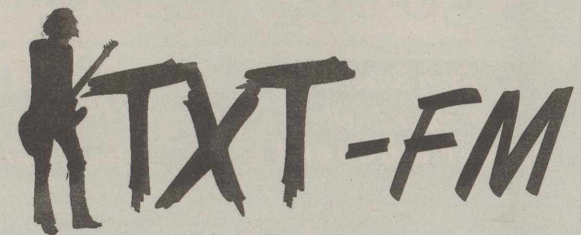
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Sitting pool-side

Son decides to go into the family business with his degree

By Carlos Bergfeld/
The Daily Toreador

Many people enjoy going to swimming pools to relax and shift their thoughts from the stress of the workplace.

For Wolfe McLarty, a 2001 Tech graduate, going to his family's pool every day is his job.

"I get to work out here, I get to wear my bathing suit and if I'm hot I get to jump in," he said.

His grandfather, Marvin McLarty, built the Seahorse Swim School in Lubbock in 1955 to teach very young children how to swim.

In 1985, Wolfe McLarty's father, Tom McLarty, took over the pool as owner and manager.

The younger McLarty worked in the pool's snack bar when he was 12, and began managing in 1997 at around age 26.

McLarty said he enjoyed attending Tech immensely, but he was not sure which field he wanted to pursue in the beginning.

"I just wanted to hang out and party when I first started," he said. "I took the long route, definitely."

Originally a journalism major, McLarty later changed his focus to Spanish and obtained a degree in the language.

McLarty said he has considered teaching Spanish, but his job at the pool has been a dream-come-true for him.

"I love the pool," he said. "I think it has spoiled me to a normal career,

an office job."

Aaron Campbell, a friend of the McLarty family from Lubbock who has worked at the Seahorse, said it is easy to see McLarty enjoys his work.

"I know it's his passion and he loves to do it every summer," he said. "I think it suits him better than a desk job for sure."

Campbell said he enjoyed his own work at the pool and would like to see McLarty furthering the family business for many years to come.

"I hope, someday, his dad will sell it to him," he said. "That could be something I think he would like to do."

McLarty said he would definitely consider taking over the family business if the situation arises.

Born in Grass Valley, California, in 1971, Wolfe McLarty came to Lubbock in 1985 when his father took over the swimming school.

Tom McLarty was doing construction work in California when his father informed him of his retirement and desire to sell the business.

"It was a price I couldn't refuse," the elder McLarty said.

The younger McLarty brought a part of California with him in the form of skateboarding, something he kept up for over 10 years, and he won a competition in the sport during the '90s.

"It reminds you a little of surfing and allows you to get around the pavement really quickly," he said. "Flying off ramps and things, it's a pretty cool feeling."

Both Wolfe and Tom McLarty began their swimming careers the same way: Marvin McLarty threw his reluctant child and later his grandchild into the water.

This tradition has made its way into the Seahorse's curriculum in the form of a guarantee the McLartys make to their clients.

At the end of 10 lessons, students are thrown into the deep water area of the pool. If the students cannot swim back to the edge of the pool, they will receive as many lessons as it takes to improve their skills at no additional charge.

McLarty said sharing his knowledge of swimming with young children makes working at the pool a rewarding experience.

"I think one of the best feelings is when you get a very timid kid, and you show him that swimming isn't scary and it's not that hard," he said.

WOLFE MCLARTY, A 2001 Tech graduate helps his father run a local pool, the Seahorse. His father and his grandfather, Tom and Marvin McLarty, look on as Wolfe watches the water. Wolfe chose to go into the family business instead of pursuing another career. The pool has operated in Lubbock for 50 years.

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Cowboy records his unusual herding methods

By Jeremy Reynolds/
The Daily Toreador

Jimmie Tiller saw cattle as few cowboys do. He saw them from above in his Bell 47 helicopter. Tiller is a breed of cowboy who took the art of herding cattle and went vertical. Starting Saturday, the Lubbock Ranching Heritage Center will display a collection of photographs he took from high atop the pastures.

Herding with the aid of helicopters is a profession that took off after World War II. In recent years the demand for their services have gone down because of high costs of cattle and new designs of pastures and corals.

"It was absolutely the greatest time of my life and I will never forget it," Tiller said. "I got to see the biggest ranches around the state."

Tiller was in the helicopter cowboy business for over twenty years. He said his profession still exists in the heavily brush areas around the state. In those parts, cattle can get into the trees and it is hard to get them out.

Having a helicopter herd the cattle does not mean the job will be done quicker. Tiller said it is not about speed; it is about being able to have a better view of the cattle and being able to keep the cattle together so none get away.

"If we have 500 cattle and we come out of there with 95 percent, then we felt like we've made a

mistake," Tiller said. "You want to move them at the same speed of the cowboy on the ground."

Tiller graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in animal science after he served in World War II. After graduation he began taking flying lessons while also teaching in public schools, according to his website. He spent 19 years teaching until he decided to buy a helicopter and go to work as a herder.

Henry Crawford, curator of history for the Texas Tech Museum, said Tiller loved talking about his experiences as a pilot.

"He's very articulate," Crawford said. "And he talks like he really enjoys what he did."

Crawford said he wanted to get

Tiller to come to the museum and talk because he has such great stories.

Tiller said he was once working a ranch and the rancher asked if Tiller could take up one of his friends who had never been in a helicopter before. The friend was sick the entire flight but refused to go back down.

During that flight, from their altitude they saw two trails meeting up ahead. On one trail was a coyote and coming down the other was a jackrabbit. Tiller said the two met when the trails converged and the coyote had its dinner right there, and the friend in the helicopter thought it was so funny he threw up again.

Robin Gilliam-Crawford, cura-

tor for the ranching heritage center, said she expected the public to be interested in the exhibit. She said the pictures Tiller had taken were unique and interesting.

"It's an interesting idea, moving cattle with a helicopter," Gilliam-Crawford said. "A lot of people have probably heard of it but have never seen it."

In addition to the exhibit, the ranching heritage center will have a DVD playing footage of the helicopter cowboys at work. The DVD and a book called "The Adventures of a Helicopter Cowboy" will be on sale in the gift shop, and all the books are autographed by Tiller. There is no cost for admission to the museum and it is open seven days a week.

Lil' Kim sentenced to one year for perjury after shootout

By Tom Hays/
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Rapper Lil' Kim's raunchy lyrics and revealing outfits helped her become one of hardcore rap's first female stars. Now she's poised to break another barrier: becoming the first big-name female rapper to go to prison.

The Grammy winner was sentenced Wednesday to one year and one day for perjury and conspiracy - a term far less than the three years and seven months sought by prosecutors.

Kim escaped a stiffer sentence after telling a judge she was a "God-fearing good person" who regretted lying to a federal grand jury about a 2001 shootout outside a Manhattan radio station.

U.S. District Judge Gerard Lynch said he had weighed the idea of sending a young black entertainer to prison far longer than Martha Stewart, who spent five months behind bars after a false statements conviction.

Lynch suggested Lil' Kim - her real name is Kimberly Jones - deserved more time because she had lied about a violent crime, not a white-collar scheme. He also noted that unlike Stewart, she took the witness stand at her trial earlier this year and repeated her lies.

"You sat right next to me there and stared in the eyes of the jurors, and you tried to charm them and you

tried to fake them out," Lynch said.

But the judge also credited Lil' Kim with returning to court Wednesday and admitting she had lied all along to protect members of her entourage.

"At the time I thought it was the right thing to do, but I now know it was wrong," she said.

Lil' Kim said she wanted to "take complete blame" for the actions of her assistant, Monique Dopwell, who's awaiting sentencing for the same crimes.

She also asked the judge "to consider my entire life's work and not just the days in the grand jury and on the witness stand in the courtroom. I'm a God-fearing,

good person."

Lil' Kim, who was ordered to report to prison Sept. 19, left the courthouse without speaking to reporters.

The artist, who turns 30 next week, was the sidekick and mistress of the late Notorious B.I.G. As a solo artist, she has become known for her revealing outfits and suggestive lyrics. She won a Grammy

in 2001 for her part in the hit remake of "Lady Marmalade."

The case stemmed from a gun battle that erupted outside WQHT-FM, known as Hot 97, when Lil' Kim's entourage crossed paths with a rival rap group, Capone-N-Noreaga.

Lil' Kim's group confronted the others about the Capone-N-Norea-

ga song "Bang, Bang," which contained an insult to Lil' Kim from rival Foxy Brown. One man was hurt in the shootout that followed.

Before the grand jury and at the trial, the rapper claimed she did not notice two of her close friends at the scene of the shootout - her manager, Damion Butler, and Suif Jackson. Both have pleaded guilty to gun charges.

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Armstrong's lead slips in rain-drenched Tour de France stage 6

By John Leicester/
Associated Press

NANCY, France (AP)—Lance Armstrong kept his overall lead in the Tour de France by finishing in 32nd place Thursday, with heavy rain and crashes making for a tough ride during a sixth stage won Italy's Lorenzo Bernucci.

Armstrong's advantage over Alexandre Vinokourov narrowed to 62 seconds after the cyclist from Kazakhstan placed second in the ride from Troyes to Nancy. Armstrong's teammate George Hincapie remained second overall,

55 seconds behind the Texan.

"It wasn't pretty today," said Armstrong, who is bidding for a seventh straight title before retirement.

The pack rode through downpours that made roads slick and chilled riders. It wasn't enough to deter Bernucci, who won a Tour stage for the first time. He kissed his wedding ring as he crossed the line and dedicated the victory to his wife.

The Fassa Bortolo team rider took the lead on the final turn when French racer Christophe Mengin slipped and crashed into a safety barrier. The finish was almost within sight, less than a half-mile

away on a crowd-lined finishing straightaway.

At least four other riders plowed into Mengin and went down, too. Armstrong was slowed but did not appear to tumble.

Mengin finished way back with a puffed bruised left eye but won the daily prize given to the rider judged to have ridden most courageously or aggressively.

Mengin had led for much of the 123-mile stage, riding with a small group of four other riders who surged ahead of the chasing pack. Mengin then took the lead alone heading into Nancy, on a final

uphill climb. But he was about to be caught when he fell.

Bernucci said the final turn was dangerous because of the rain. After Mengin crashed, "I gave everything I had," the Italian said.

"I am truly very happy," he added. "I wasn't expecting it. When I got to the end, I saw there was no one there."

Vinokourov narrowly avoided the crash to finish second in the stage. He had started the day in seventh place overall, 1:21 behind Armstrong. But he narrowed that deficit and climbed to third place overall.

Two years ago, Armstrong was caught in a 35-man crash as riders arrived in a similar sprint stage. He escaped with cuts and bruises. Armstrong said he was scared it could happen again Thursday.

"It was a hairy finish with a lot of turns," he said. "The last corner was nearly blocked and so there was nothing you could do. When you're behind a crash like that you have to just pick your way through and try and get to the finish."

Armstrong does not look to win sprint stages but understands the importance of not falling too far off the pace.

Ranger's Rogers apologizes for shoving cameramen; undecided on All-Star Game

By Stephen Hawkins/
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Kenny Rogers paused several times while reading from two handwritten pages. Even with the words in front of him, the Texas Rangers pitcher found them hard to say.

With a sense of contriteness, Rogers apologized Wednesday for last week's videotaped tirade against two TV cameramen that sent one of them to the hospital and got him suspended for 20 games.

"I feel compelled to come before you and express my deep regret for my actions," Rogers said. "This incident was completely out character, and I think without question that you know that it will never happen again."

The 40-year-old left-hander said he has not decided if he will go to next week's All-Star game.

Rogers was soft-spoken during his two-minute statement, his first public comments since his outburst a week earlier. Saying he was speaking against the advice of his lawyer,

Rogers apologized to fans and the cameramen who have filed assault reports against him with police.

Commissioner Bud Selig suspended Rogers and fined him \$50,000, the same amount of the bonus in his contract for being on the All-Star team.

The players' association appealed the penalty, allowing Rogers to keep playing until after a hearing and a decision. The hearing isn't expected until after the All-Star game.

The suspension was among

the most severe imposed by the commissioner's office for on-field conduct in decades. Only the 30-day penalty given Cincinnati manager Pete Rose in 1988 for pushing umpire Dave Pallone was longer.

When he started to walk away from the podium after his apology, Rogers was asked if he planned to be at the All-Star game in Detroit.

"I have made no decisions on anything else," Rogers said. "This is the issue I wanted to address and nothing else, I don't want to confuse anything else."

Rogers wore jeans and a plain blue T-shirt, but nothing with a Rangers emblem. General manager John Hart said last week that the team won't have any more discussions with Rogers about a contract extension until after the season.

On June 29, Rogers lashed out at the cameramen as they filmed him walking to the field for pregame stretching. The episode led to KDFW cameraman Larry Rodriguez being treated at a hospital after the camera was ripped from his hands and thrown to the ground.

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Internet voting fills final two MLB All-Star Game spots

NEW YORK (AP) — Speedy outfielder Scott Podsednik of the Chicago White Sox and Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt earned the final spots on the All-Star teams in Internet fan voting completed Wednesday.

In a surprise finish, the unheralded Podsednik edged popular Yankees captain Derek Jeter for the 32nd roster spot on the American League squad. With Podsednik's teammates campaigning for him, the major league leader in stolen bases also beat out Minnesota cen-

ter fielder Torii Hunter, New York outfielder Hideki Matsui and Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford.

"I really don't have the vocabulary to describe what these last three days have been like for me," Podsednik said. "With the success that we're having as a team, to now have the opportunity to play in the All-Star game with three of my teammates, it's going to be a special couple days."

Acquired from Milwaukee last December in a trade that involved fellow All-Star Carlos Lee, Podsed-

nik is batting .286 with 46 runs as the leadoff hitter for the White Sox, who have the best record in baseball.

He and Oswalt each made the All-Star team for the first time.

"I clicked on the enter button a few times. I'm not going to lie to you," Podsednik said.

Oswalt is 11-7 with a 2.44 ERA after beating the Padres 4-1 Monday. He topped four other NL pitchers in the voting: San Diego's Trevor Hoffman, Arizona's Brandon Webb, and Philadelphia's Billy Wagner and

Brett Myers - the first time fans had a chance to elect a pitcher to the All-Star game since 1934.

"I think that's the best way. If they get to pick the position players, they ought to get to pick the pitchers, too," Oswalt said.

Astros general manager Tim Purpura said he voted online for Oswalt "a lot." The right-hander got a standing ovation and tipped his cap when his selection was announced during Wednesday night's home game against San Diego.

"It's great. It's the first one

I've had and it means a lot. It's something I've wanted to do," said Oswalt, who plans to bring plenty of family members to Detroit. "It's a big deal."

The White Sox also made a strong push for Podsednik the past few days. They had a laptop in the dugout before Tuesday's game for players to cast their votes. Employees wore shirts and pins encouraging fans to vote for Podsednik, and the organization ran announcements at the stadium and during broadcasts.

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Lady Raiders return undefeated from 'land down under'

By Jay Langley/
The Daily Toreador

For the first time in a long while winning was not a top priority but an added bonus for the Lady Raiders. Monday the Texas Tech women's basketball team returned from their Australian tour with a 5-0 record.

The Lady Raiders spent June 22-July 4 in the Australian cities of Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns. Every four years the NCAA allows each team to play teams from other countries.

The team finished the tour with two victories against the Australian Junior National Team, a win over the Southern Districts Spartans and victories against two teams from Australia's WNBL- the Sydney Flames and Townsville Fire. The team was led by LaToya Davis who recorded four double-doubles in five games.

Head Coach Marsha Sharp was out on recruiting trips and could not be reached by The Daily Toreador.

Assistant Coach Krista Gerlick said the trip was a valuable experi-

ence for the team.

"We only had eight players so it gave us the opportunity to play new players and have different lineups," Gerlick said.

The team is trying new defenses, Gerlick said.

"We have always been primarily a man to man team, but on the trip we played zone the whole time. We have a small front court so it forces us to play more zones."

Gerlick said the new defenses will help the team next year.

"When we open with LSU next year it won't be the first time we

play the zone," she said.

The Lady Raiders had to play under some adverse conditions, Gerlick said.

"We traveled for like 22 hours," she said. "And then less than 24 hours later we were on the court. I thought the team fought really hard in every game."

During off days the players and coaches had the opportunity to sight-see.

"Sydney is a beautiful city," Gerlick said. "It is one of the cleanest cities I have ever been to."

Gerlick said she really enjoyed

visiting the Olympic Stadium and the Australian Zoo.

"But my favorite place was Cairns. The fish were beautiful."

In Cairns the team took a 15 mile boat ride into the middle of the ocean where the coaches and players could jet ski, scuba dive and snorkel.

Erin Grant, a 5'8 guard from Arlington, said she was proud of the way the team played in Australia.

"We played really well," Grant said. "We won all five games against some pretty good teams."

Maverick free agent Alan Henderson arrested on airport gun charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Mavericks free agent Alan Henderson was arrested and charged with carrying a gun in his luggage while trying to board a flight over the weekend.

The 32-year-old Henderson was

released without bail Sunday, a day after his arrest at John F. Kennedy International Airport, a spokesman for the Queens County Criminal Court said.

Henderson had a loaded 9 mm pistol stored in a metal

lock box inside his suitcase, said Patrick Clark, a spokesman for the Queens District Attorney's office. Clark said Henderson was stopped by airport officials when he acknowledged he didn't have a valid New York permit or a license

for the weapon.

Henderson is charged with second- and third-degree counts of criminal possession of a weapon. His court date is set for Aug. 25. If convicted, Henderson could face 15 years in prison.

A message seeking comment was left Thursday for Henderson's agent, Bill Strickland.

Henderson, a 6-foot-9 forward, was a first-round pick by Atlanta in 1995 and has played 10 NBA seasons.

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