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Memorial Circle revamped under Master Plan

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The first phases of the Master Plan, scheduled to begin early next year, will include improvements to the Broadway entrance and streetscape, Memorial Circle and the engineering key.

The plan includes more emphasis on the Broadway entrance, as the symbolic link between Texas Tech and Lubbock.

Memorial Circle will have a new fountain and landscaping

under the plan, said Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction. Officials are looking at ways to bring greater attention to the circle's message as a memorial for Tech students who have died in war.

One idea includes a new monument in the circle with the names of deceased veterans.

The lampposts, donated by the class of 1939, and the flagpoles will stay in the circle area under the current plan, Mann said.

A double row of shade trees

will line the original campus malls and the Will Rogers sculpture will be converted into a plazascape, he said. That means more emphasis will be given to the sculpture by building a base instead of the existing grass.

Another aspect of the Master Plan includes landscaping improvements and another fountain in front of the mechanical engineering building.

The campus will have a total of three new water features.

Mann said if a new challenge grant is fulfilled, construction

will begin by January or February 1999.

James Sowell, Tech Board of Regents member and owner of Sowell Construction Company, Inc. in Dallas, offered a challenge grant to the Campus Caregivers Committee.

Sowell will contribute one dollar for two dollars the committee raises. The challenge is a time-sensitive offer because \$1.5 million must be raised by the end of October. If the money is raised, he will contribute \$666,000.

April 13 Sowell made the

challenge to the committee to encourage aggressive fundraising by making it a time sensitive offer.

"Those tend to be very successful fund-raising mechanisms," Mann said. "Students make a decision in ten minutes on whether the campus is good or not. The buzz word would be that there wasn't a champion out there for the beautification of Texas Tech."

Mann said he is optimistic about the necessary funds being gathered.

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Officials: No current privatization plans

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Although privatization rumors are rampant, Texas Tech administrators said there are currently no developed plans to privatize any university services.

Officials are discussing options, however, including privatizing the physical plant, facilities planning and construction and housing and dining services.

The plant oversees the Tech's heating, cooling and other vital operations.

Representatives from Trammell Crow have been on campus recently to discuss privatization at Tech.

Trammell Crow Corporate Services, Inc., a Dallas-based real estate management company, and Trammell Crow Higher Education Services, Inc., took over the management control of most of the University of Pennsylvania's buildings

April 1.

Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said employees should not be concerned about either privatization or losing their jobs.

"I think that there are a number of deal breakers that make it difficult for a lot of people to see (privatization) coming to fruition," he said. "I don't think this is going to happen."

The main difference between the University of Pennsylvania and Tech is that Tech is run by the state, Mann said.

"Tech employees receive state benefits, and to match benefits is a big, tall order," he said.

No company has yet claimed to be able to provide those benefits, Mann said.

If officials decided to privatize, the university would still have to go through an open bidding process.

Mann said he would like to

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Remembrance: Residents honor sheriff Sonny Keesee at his funeral Monday.

Lubbock mourns Keesee

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Lubbock residents are still mourning the loss of county sheriff D.L. "Sonny" Keesee, who died from cardiac arrest Friday morning.

Keesee, 61, was most known for his charity and civic work with the community, along with being a firm lawman.

Before becoming sheriff of Lubbock County, Keesee studied pharmacy at the University of New Mexico. He later received an advanced law degree from the state of Texas and then spent six years as a sheriff's deputy in Lubbock County.

In 1980, Keesee was elected the first Republican sheriff in Lubbock County, and would then be elected four more times.

As sheriff of Lubbock

County, Keesee contributed and initiated many programs for the community. Immediately after taking office, Keesee implemented 24-hour patrols in rural sections of the county, and hired the first female patrol officer to serve Lubbock County.

Keesee's funeral services were Monday at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Students' voice can be weapon for change



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For the past two Sunday evenings, I've been helping to host "Vox Pop Expose," a news and opinions radio show on 88.1. We usually go over a number

of different topics, and then open the phone lines for concerned students to voice their opinions. The response has been good, but not half as good as an issue-oriented college radio show should be.

At first I just blamed this on it being a new show, one that hasn't risen to its full potential yet. And then I just considered that this is Lubbock, where the majority of residents aren't concerned about issues unless they involve Austin, Kerri,

Stephano, and the rest of Salem. But the more and more I think about it, the more and more I've come to the realization that as a society and especially as students, we are slowly becoming apathetic to the world surrounding us.

And I have to admit to it also. Sometimes, especially in the state of individualism that our country has quickly adapted to, it's really hard to convince yourself that your individual opinion will be heard by the

masses, and not drowned out by them. Think about it. How many times have you seen or read about an issue that concerned you quite a bit, and attached to it was an address or phone number to call and get involved? You really want to, but then decide that one person can't make a difference, anyway.

And you're probably right.

But once people unite and cooperate to accomplish a goal, it is almost always successful.

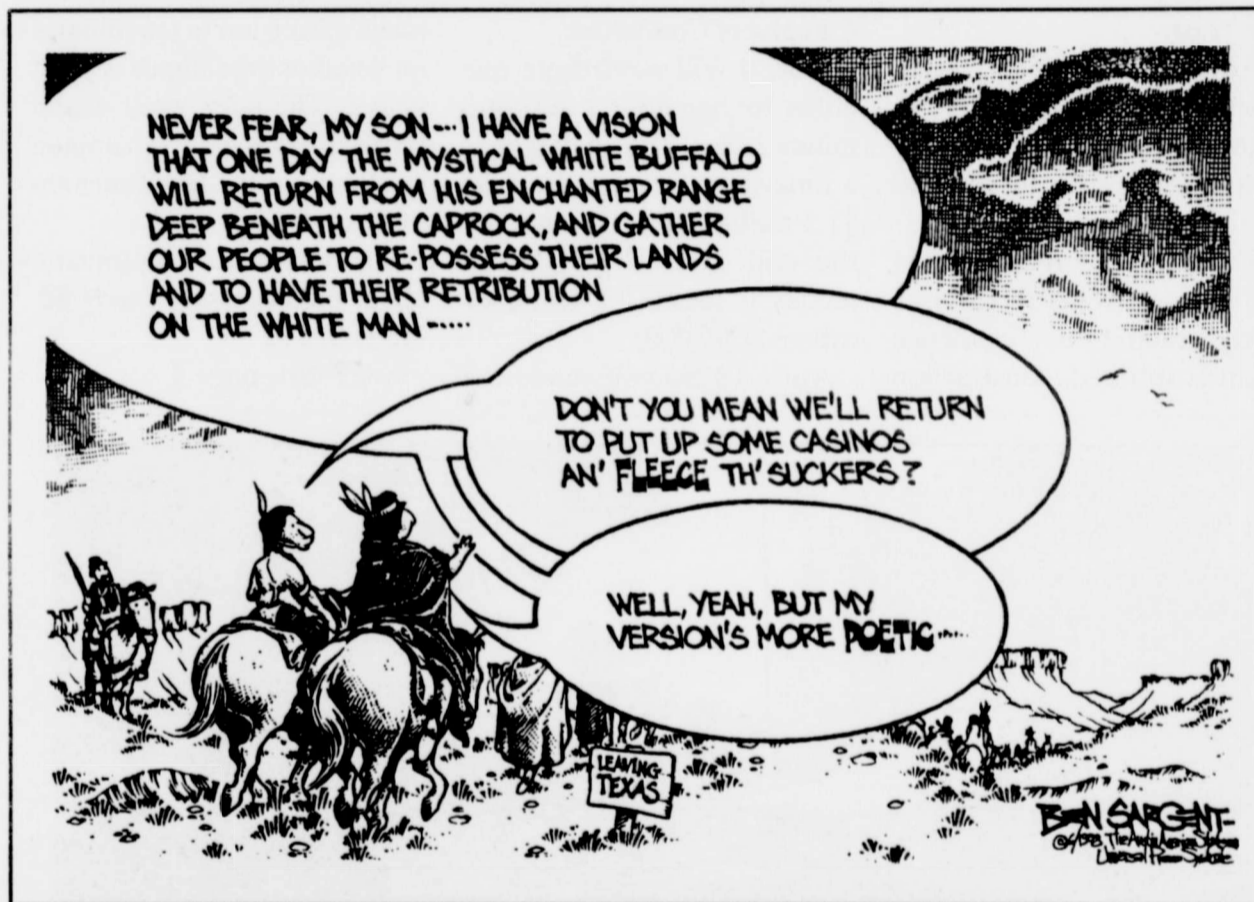
And this is true especially of us as students in a democratic society, in which we have immense power at our fingertips.

Too often today we label ourselves as a helpless, unimportant generation. But in actuality, the opposite is true.

The old saying goes: "You can't fight city hall," but who do you think wrote it?

City hall.

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Odds & Ends

Nursing home throws biker bash

ALBEMARLE, N.C. (AP) — With her skintight black pants, leather jacket and Harley-Davidson tattoo, Katie Boyett was the favorite to win the title of Biker Babe '98.

Mrs. Boyett also is 93. She won hands down.

The contest Saturday was part of nursing home Stanly Manor's 10th anniversary party, an annual event at the home that this year attracted a number of motorcycle fans.

Residents pushed aside their wheelchairs and climbed into Harley sidecars. Some wore black vests with chains and buttons that read "Born to Ride."

Everyone at the party credited the Stanly Manor staff for getting the whole biker idea going — by accident. A field trip for residents to Myrtle Beach, S.C., last year just happened to be the same weekend that 2,000 Harley Davidson owners were in town.

Yearbook fades into history

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — University of Vermont seniors will need good memories to recall their college days.

That's because members of the class of 1998 won't have a yearbook, the first time in more than 100 years that the annual hasn't been published.

Blame a declining interest in yearbooks, said Patrick Brown, the university's director of student life.

"It wasn't published because there were no students who came forward to publish it," Brown said.

"The Ariel" has been greeted with a collective yawn at the University of Vermont in recent years. The 320-page 1997 yearbook did not come out until this spring because of a lack of a volunteer staff to put it together, said Jen Dwyer, a sophomore.

Sales of the yearbook also were lackluster. The university produced 500 at a cost of about \$48,000 and roughly half of those sold, Brown said. That's out of a student population of 7,200 undergraduates and more than 2,100 graduate students.

Senior's silly stunt turns serious

McCAMEY (AP) — Who feels silly now?

Nick Zahasky, 19, has been denied his high school diploma for celebrating his success with Silly String.

Zahasky was the last graduating senior to file out of his high school auditorium on May 22. Before exiting, he turned, pulled a can of the gooey streamer from under his robe and sprayed a colorful jet into the air.

Outside the auditorium, two other graduates also fired Silly String. They weren't punished, but Zahasky was.

Zahasky said principal Jerry Stinson told him his diploma would not be released unless he completed eight hours of community service.

"I don't feel this is right," Zahasky said Sunday. "The punishment didn't fit the crime."

"I think every senior ought to go through a few hours of community service whether they acted inappropriately at their graduation ceremony or not," said Superintendent Joe Neill.

Heston named NRA chief

'Moses' could help cast gun-rights group as mainstream

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The National Rifle Association elected Charlton Heston as its president Monday in the hope that the man who played Moses on screen would give it instant credibility and lead it to the promised land of a more mainstream public image.

"We've been demonized by the media to a certain extent. I think this is a way of saying, 'Hey, Moses is on our side,'" said Wayne LaPierre, who was re-elected NRA executive vice president.

The NRA has come under fire recently following a series of school shootings across the

country since last fall.

The election of the 73-year-old star of "The Ten Commandments" capped Heston's rapid rise through the hierarchy of the nation's oldest and largest gun rights organization, with 2.8 million members — down from a peak of 3.4 million three years ago. He was previously first vice president.

Heston and LaPierre want to bring back supporters who were scared away by more extreme members who oppose nearly all restrictions on guns.

Following his nearly unanimous election by the 76-member board of directors, Heston vowed to use his star power to broaden membership and to recast the NRA as a moderate organization.

"I think it's a question of re-

storing the image the NRA has enjoyed for, what, 120-some years," the movie star said. "I think we will find ourselves back in the mainstream of American public life."

He said the NRA under his leadership will worry less about changing policy than about doing a better job communicating the message that the NRA's members are regular, all-American folk.

"At least that's a skill I have, and my public face is useful, too," Heston said.

The group's efforts to improve its image took a blow shortly before the vote, when NRA security guards had a confrontation with the husband of a board member who made a complaint about the organization's bylaws.

Shuttle makes last Mir visit

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery popped the latches and pulled away from Mir on Monday, ending one phase of U.S.-Russian cooperation and ushering in the next: an international space station that should be flying by the end of the year.

Before the nine astronauts and cosmonauts parted company, the commander of the Russian space station pressed a 2-foot wrench into the hands of Discovery's skipper, Charles Precourt.

"Charlie, take this wrench," Talgat Musabayev said. "It's sort of a relay stick from an old lady, station Mir, to the international space station."

Precourt replied: "We're going to need this for all the work that we have ahead of us. ... The whole Phase 1 has been fantastic, and we're looking forward to working with you again."

Phase 2 gets under way in November when construction of the international space station begins in orbit. It will take five years, 43 flights and 16

nations to assemble the outpost; if all goes well, an American-led crew will move in next summer.

As for Mir, the Russians will let the aging outpost burn up in the atmosphere at the end of 1999, 13 years after it was put in orbit.

Discovery made the ninth and final shuttle visit to Mir since June 1995. The shuttle will return home on Friday with Andrew Thomas, who just completed a stay of more than four months aboard the Russian space station. Altogether, seven U.S. astronauts racked up 907 days on Mir.

"It was a great time," Thomas radioed to Russian flight controllers. "We did a good job."

Discovery separated from Mir after four days of joint flight as the two spacecraft soared 240 miles above Russia.

As a final favor, Discovery's seven crew members aimed cameras and binoculars at Mir from 240 feet away as the cosmonauts pumped a glowing

green gas into the Mir laboratory module to help find the holes that resulted from last year's near-catastrophic collision with a cargo ship. The leak test yielded nothing.

"Sure is a pretty view of the station, though," Precourt said. "It's really something."

"Enjoy the view because you're probably the last crew to have a good look at Mir," replied Mission Control.

Mir's two cosmonauts waved goodbye from a window as Discovery fired its thrusters and vanished into the void of space.

Mir served as a testing ground for all sorts of things for NASA. Besides the collision, Americans aboard Mir endured a fierce fire, repeated computer breakdowns, power outages, toxic leaks and sweltering temperatures.

"We are, in fact, vastly better prepared to go forward into the international space station era than we were three years ago," said Jim Van Laak, deputy director of NASA's shuttle-Mir program.

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see an end to privatization speculation and false rumors.

"I would hope that anybody who thinks they're affected by this would come up and see me or their immediate supervisor and get it from the horse's mouth," he said. "There's a commitment and a loyalty out at Texas Tech. When you begin to privatize and think about that you have to think about what it's going to do to commitment and loyalty."

Bruce Craig, who was an employee at University of Pennsylvania and now is with Trammel Crow, said his loyal-

ties lie with both the university and the company, in the April 7 edition of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*.

"I feel as if I'm still working at Penn," he said. "I'm just working for another company."

Of the 160 University of Pennsylvania employees that were to be privatized, Trammel Crow interviewed 151 people, and gave 122 job offers, about 80 percent of those interviewed.

116 accepted, about 75 percent of those interviewed.

The university required Trammeli Crow to hire at least 70 percent of Penn employees.

Greg Latran, who oversees Trammel Crow HES, said any

discussions on privatization at Tech are preliminary.

"We haven't had anything more than a couple of preliminary and exploratory meetings," he said. "There isn't anything of material nature to discuss yet."

Prospective plans for Trammel Crow to privatize Tech's physical plant came from several sources, Latran said.

Gene West, physical plant director, has met with the physical plant staff to keep them apprised of the situation.

"I had an all-hands meeting," he said. "I just wanted to keep them informed as to what's happening and answer any

questions that they might have."

Plant employees have little to worry about, West said.

"If they (Tech administration) did outsource the physical plant, most of the people would still have their job," he said.

West said the physical plant does not need to contract its services to anyone.

"I believe we do a really good job for the university," he said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

T. G. Caraway, a storekeeper at the physical plant, said plant employees feel helpless.

"I guess they feel it's going to happen, it's going to happen, he said.

"They don't feel they've got any control over it."

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"Our intent is that we will raise the money," Mann said. "It's all contingent on private funds, plus the match that he would give us."

James Arnold, assistant vice chancellor for institutional advancement, is helping to develop a strategic plan on how to raise that money.

Arnold said the funds for the grant are currently more than \$50,000 and that announcements of donations will be upcoming.

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Tech wind researchers study tornado effects

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In the aftermath of the near destruction of the small South Dakota town of Spencer, researchers at Texas Tech hope to learn how to help prevent destruction in the future

Spencer, a town with a population of just more than 300, was virtually destroyed May 31 by a tornado. Members of the Wind Engineering Research Center at Tech were there to study the damage in the aftermath.

"The damage was exhaustive," said Larry Tanner, a research associate with the Wind Engineering Research Center.

Tanner, a member of the Damage Documentation Program, said all but a dozen build-

ings in the small town were either destroyed or heavily damaged by the tornado. Six fatalities and more than 150 injuries were also reported.

"The whole city was wiped out," Tanner said.

At the point of the tornado's touchdown about a quarter mile outside Spencer, it was nearly a half-mile wide, and grew to almost a mile in width as it tore through the town, Tanner said.

"By studying the degree of destruction, we can learn how to resist positive and negative wind forces and blowing debris," Tanner said.

The aim of the Damage Documentation Program is to study the ways in which structures are damaged in tornadoes.

The information is used in the center's ongoing project to

study in home tornado shelters, said Russell Carter, a research associate with the Wind Research Center.

"We look at which buildings were destroyed, which were damaged, which ones survived," Carter said.

The information is used to determine the specific safe areas inside a home during a tornado, Carter said.

The center is also studying above ground severe weather shelters and ways to protect mobile home parks, Tanner said.

In the case of the Spencer tornado, there was a good opportunity to see a correlation between the meteorological and engineering damage aspects of the storm, Carter said.

The Wind Engineering Re-



Courtesy Photo
Destruction: Tornadoes, like this one that hit Spencer, S.D. in late May, help Texas Tech researchers study the aftermath of the devastating storms.

search Center has been studying the use of above ground and in home tornado shelters since the Lubbock tornado more than 28 years ago, said Tanner, who

is also a professional engineer and architect. The Wind Research Center team has studied tornadoes of similar strength throughout the nation.

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Carrey gets serious with 'Truman Show'

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"The Truman Show" is proof to everyone that Jim Carrey has a serious side.

The film features Carrey

("Liar, Liar" and "Cable Guy") as Truman Burbank, the star of a 24-hour television show. Millions of people around the world have watched Truman since his birth. But he has no idea his life is made up of ac-

tors, cameras and elaborate set designs.

Carrey is perfect for the role of Truman. He gives his character the innocently boyish charm that makes audiences care about Truman. Of course Carrey cannot be expected to give up his sense of humor. When there is an opportunity for a silly face or an outrageous gesture, Carrey takes it, but it fits Truman's character.

Christof, played by Ed Harris, is the creator and director of the show featuring Truman. He builds a fictitious environment in which the sun, weather and people are controlled so that Truman has no reason to think the town of Sea Haven is not real.



Though there are no scripts, Christof shapes the life

he wants Truman to lead through actors, newspapers and radio announcers.

But when uncontrollable events occur, like a spotlight falling from the sky, Truman begins to question his situation.

Harris' ("Apollo 13" and "Absolute Power") intensity makes him a great director. Christof pretty much plays the role of God for Truman, so Harris needed to present his character as omnipotent. The seriousness of Harris' expressions allows him to do just this.

The setting outside Truman's world is the very near future, but a mix of today's technology with aesthetics of the 1950s prevails in the town of Sea Haven.

It resembles the theme of con-

formity portrayed in the book, "A Wrinkle in Time."

All of the houses in Sea Haven look alike, though architecturally up to date. The people in the town, except Truman, must act accordingly and follow the story line. If they contribute their own ideas, they are removed from the show. Life is perfect and safe in Sea Haven, but it is not enough for Truman.

Truman's situation shows audiences that a life full of certainty and security is not as fulfilling as it allures to be.

"The Truman Show" is a creative idea for a movie.

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Futuristic car takes Tech students to Detroit

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In the future, consumers may purchase cars that get 80 miles per gallon of gasoline.

It is possible that one of Texas Tech's engineering students will have contributed to the design.

A team of nine mechanical and electrical engineering students are competing in the FutureCar Competition in Detroit.

The students left June 1 and began competing Wednesday with teams from 13 other universities, said Tim Maxwell, associate professor of mechanical engineering. The event lasts 10 days with different levels of competition each day.

"The objective is to create

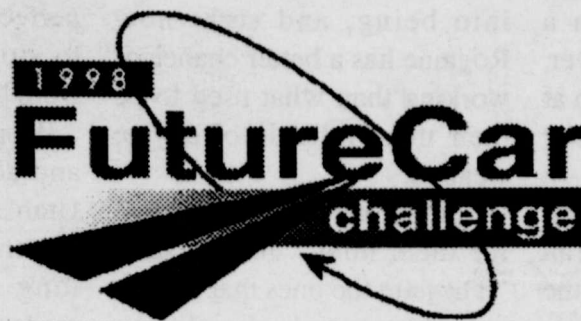
normal performance for a mid-size vehicle and get 80 miles to the gallon cruising on the highway," Maxwell said.

"The students are free to do anything they want to the car."

All teams were given either a Chevrolet Lumina, a Ford Taurus or a Dodge Neon. Tech worked with a Lumina.

Sponsors for this year's competition are the U.S. Department of Energy, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. The DOE reviews proposals from the universities and chooses the ones to participate in the competition.

The DOE chose two of the competing schools, based on proposals, to design a vehicle with a fuel cell. Tech and Vir-



ginia Tech were chosen.

But, because the manufacturer of the fuel cell did not have the cell in time for the competition, Tech and Virginia Tech both will enter an electric car that has no fuel source.

"There's no way we're going to win first place, but we will do well," Maxwell said.

"We can still win some of the events."

A faculty adviser who returned Sunday from the FutureCar event said Tech's

team members were relieved to qualify for the competition.

"They've (team members) been working around the clock; it's been pretty hectic," said Jesse Jones, a mechanical engineering lecturer.

"They have really come together as a team."

The teams competed in the design competition Saturday and the emissions testing Sunday, Jones said, but word of the results had not reached Tech. The duration and driveability competitions will complete the event this week, he said.

The students at Tech have worked on the project since the fall as part of a senior design class. Tech has had a team of students working on some type

of car for the future since 1989.

The DOE and the automotive manufacturers will use information from the students' projects to create cars like these for consumers. By participating in the competition, the students are able to make career connections, Parten said.

"There's a good interplay between the manufacturers and the students," he said.

"The students get a lot out of it. They work on a real project that's as close as it could be to industry."

Participating in the competition are graduate students Richard Howlett, Wallace Turner, Erle Rowllins and Chris Machuca and undergraduate students Chris Larson, Greg Lawford, Jason Harris, Ryan Montgomery and Mark Shuck.

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Jordan: 'I think we have a good feel for them now'

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan rarely bluffs. When he says he has your number is not the time to argue. It's time to get a new number. Otherwise, you do not want to see what comes next.

That is where the Utah Jazz find themselves after three games against the Bulls: in need

of something better than a Jenny Jones-caliber makeover. The next time they show up at the United Center, they better have a different look.

They are coming off the worst beating ever administered in an NBA Finals, after scoring the fewest points in ANY game since the 24-second clock came

into being, and right now Rogaine has a better chance of working than what used to be their most reliable offensive weapon.

"I think we have a good feel for them now," Jordan said. "They are the ones that are going to have to go back and make adjustments. We're starting to

perfect, to some degree, a way to stop their screen-and-roll from being effective."

People like to call Game 3 and scores like Chicago 96, Utah 54 "statement" games, but this was practically one long scream. Karl Malone made his first six shots, then pretty much took the night off after the last of them dropped with 3 1/2 minutes remaining — in the first quarter. None of his teammates put in an appearance that lasted even that long.

Take away Malone's 8-for-11 shooting performance and the rest of the Jazz were 13-for-59 on the night. John Stockton missed three of four shots, fin-

ished with two points and five turnovers.

Afterward, he shared a stage with Malone in the interview room, and somebody asked whether the Bulls had embarrassed both, among the top 50 greatest NBA players.

"I don't think we have to answer that one," Stockton said, not bothering to get Malone's consensus. "It should have been obvious."

Nonetheless, Utah coach Jerry Sloan felt obligated to point it out several times more.

"I'm somewhat embarrassed for NBA basketball to come out and play the way we did," he said.

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