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Study: college drinkers more responsible

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Although alcohol is still an undeniable fact of campus life, recent statistics show students are becoming more responsible about excessive drinking.

Drinking is a huge part of some college students' social lives, and after a number of alcohol-induced student deaths this past year, collegiate drinking has opened the eyes of the entire nation.

A recent national study conducted by the University of Michigan concluded casual drinking among college students has actually started to decline.

Jo Henderson, director of student health education at Texas Tech, said the result of the survey does not surprise her at all.

"Students all over the country are beginning to realize the effects of going out and getting wasted," Henderson said. "Because of this, they are coming to the conclusion that they'd rather set their limits and still be able to function by the end of the night."

Henderson said students are slowly growing more and more responsible with drinking, not only because they are tired of obnoxious drunks, but also because they have found more constructive alternatives.

"Here at Texas Tech, drinking to have a good time is almost a way of life, especially because of the limited things there are to do in Lubbock," said Michael Gauen, a sophomore management information systems major from Houston, who said he averages six to

eight drinks when he goes out typically three or four nights a week.

And many students share Gauen's opinion, responsibility while drinking also seems to be popular.

Stephanie Peace, a waitress at Whaler's Bay, said the majority of the bar's customers are Tech students who usually come back two or three nights a week.

But Peace said that although a lot of the students are regulars who average six to eight drinks per trip, the majority of these students hardly ever get out of hand when they get too drunk.

"Everyone comes here to drink and have a good time," Peace said, "but at the same time they are pretty responsible." **See Drinking, page 4**



Brian White/The University Daily
Happy Times: Tech students Michael Gaven, a sophomore from Houston and Ryan Klemer, a senior from Canyon, enjoy happy hour at Bleacher's Sports Cafe. A recent study found college students are more responsible drinkers.

Trekkers beam up to wedding bliss at convention



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Live Long and Prosper: Ron Fell, Starfleet Commodore and Kristi Evans, Starfleet Commander, exchange vows Saturday at a Starfleet International Conference. Lubbock's Starfleet chapter hosted the Star Trek conference over the Fourth of July weekend.

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Wedding bells echoed throughout the galaxy Saturday as two Starfleet officers said the first "I do's" ever to be said at an international convention of the unofficial Star Trek fan association.

The bride and groom chose to wed at the 1998 IC, hosted by Lubbock's Starfleet chapter, U.S.S. Quannah Parker, in the Holiday Inn Civic Center, to conveniently include the more than 250 members of their extended family.

"We decided to get married in Starfleet because this is where our family is," said Ron Fell, the groom who ranks as a Starfleet Commodore. "There are Starfleet members literally

all over the world, and it was too difficult for us to get all of them together. So we decided it would be easier for us to come to them."

Eight Starfleet members made up the wedding party, and all, including the minister, bride and groom, dressed in traditional Starfleet dress uniform. A majority of the guests dressed similarly. The wedding was in full military style with an arch of sabers serving as a portal through which the bride and groom to exited. To add another touch of Starfleet, the minister made references to the United Federation of Planets and Captain Jean-Luc Picard throughout the ceremony.

The organization that represents Star Trek fans meets regionally throughout the year

and internationally only once a year.

The annual conference focuses more on the business aspect of the Starfleet organization, but with the help from Texas Tech's Legion West gaming group, Lubbock IC planners also aimed to provide an entertaining experience for those not officially affiliated with Starfleet, said C.J. Scott, a May graduate of Tech who organized this weekend's costume contest and charity auction.

"Our big thing was providing stuff for people who weren't officers," she said. "A lot of people are interested in this sort of thing, but they don't have anything in town to provide for that interest. Science fiction conventions, in general, pro-

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Pearl Jam fights corporate evil at concert



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UD REPORTER

Last weekend Texan Pearl Jam fans were treated to their first dose of Eddie Vedder and company in more than six years. The last time the band toured Dallas was when Lollapalooza was still a functioning tour during the summer of 1992.

So when I first heard about my favorite band coming through this part of the country, I immediately sent my fan club ticket request in. Two weeks later, the band sent me two fourth row tickets to the show last Sunday at Reunion Arena.

The show was a spectacular blend of Pearl Jam's patented energy filled stage show and their new more matured and focused music.

The candle-lit set included Jeff Ament's infamous six-foot bass and newly acquired Matt Cameron on drums from the recently disbanded

Soundgarden.

Eddie Vedder was once again in amazing form, adding his infamous improvisations on classics such as "Better Man" and "Daughter."

And to top everything off, all seventeen thousand in attendance were amazed to see none other than Chicago Bulls bad boy Dennis Rodman jump on stage and even help out on vocals during "Spin the Black Circle" and "Hail, Hail."

Later, Vedder introduced the Worm as "a close friend," and said he admired Rodman for "who he was and where he came from."

And once again, Pearl Jam not only gave their all to entertain devoted fans, but also went over and above the call of duty to protect their fan's wallets from the evils of corporate America.

After a four year battle with Ticket Master, Pearl Jam finally agreed to play *some* Ticket Monster venues as long as the monopolizing harvesters of greed kept ticket prices under \$25.

Rather than sell their band merchandise at Reunion Arena where T-shirt prices reach the \$40 and \$50-dollar range, the band rented out a train station

across the street from the arena and sold merchandise for half price.

But none of this surprised me at all.

As an avid fan for years now, receiving fourth row seats and being able to hear the band play more than 25 tracks for more than an hour and a half seemed all too normal.

This is because Pearl Jam are one of the few remaining mainstream bands that haven't jumped on the popular rock

band wagon of exploiting desperate fans.

Even bands like Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones, who in the '60s played concerts dates for free, are being sponsored by giant corporations. And for the cost of one Rolling Stones ticket, you could get three tickets to Pearl Jam, along with four T-shirts and enough cups of beer to make you forget who you were there to see in the first place.

And don't forget about the

added surprises at a Pearl Jam show.

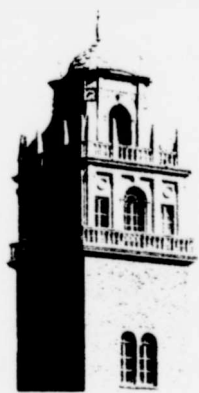
You never know when Eddie Vedder is going to make a stage dive.

Or when the NBA's most talented rebounding transvestite is going to show up in nothing but his underwear, and hoist the lead vocalist on his shoulders while he guzzles down an entire bottle of champagne.

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Odds & Ends

Israeli rocker plans U.S. tour

NEW YORK (AP) — *The Village Voice* called him the "Hasidic Hendrix." Sound engineer Rob Childs says: "The rabbi rocks. We call him the 'gefilte Garcia.'"

Yosi Piamenta, 46, an Israeli discovered in Tel Aviv by jazz great Stan Getz, does resemble the Grateful Dead's late guitarist Jerry Garcia. But although he's an Orthodox Jew, he's not Hasidic or a rabbi.

The Forward, a Jewish newspaper, recently crowned him "the greatest ultra-Orthodox rock guitarist in the world," although it would seem he didn't have much competition for that superlative.

Piamenta, who also plays klezmer, blues, jazz and fusion, plans on taking his act on the road. He has hired a publicist, and no longer has to paste posters on light poles with some of his six children in tow to advertise his concerts.

He's working on a U.S. tour for 1999 and a world tour to follow.

"The music that gets me closer to God is the best music. If there's music that calls for hate, that's not the music for God," he says. "Music that melts the heart is good music."

N.M. sees red over black beans

AZTEC, N.M. (AP) — Don't mess with Steve Neville's beans.

When a local restaurant served Neville black beans recently, he saw red.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "It appears that an insidious invasion of the inferior South American black bean has begun in Southwestern-style cuisine."

But as chairman of the San Juan County Commission, Neville was in a position to act. He called for a resolution encouraging the use of the venerable, local-grown pinto bean, and it passed unanimously.

"The black bean is obviously inferior in taste, texture, flavor and nutritional content to the pinto bean, is not historically a part of Southwestern cuisine and is not grown anywhere in the Southwestern United States," the resolution says.

New Mexico grows about 7,000 acres of pinto beans, making it the largest dry bean crop in the state, Neville said.

City uses dowser to find graves

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — When utility workers installing a water pipe came across a coffin, they feared they might be disturbing an unmarked graveyard. But instead of poring over old maps or property records to get the answer, they called in Ben Young.

"I told Mr. Ben what I needed," said Larry Marchbanks, an engineering associate with Albany's Water, Gas & Light Commission. "I gave him no clue as to where the graves might be. He started working ... and he pinpointed them."

How did he do it? Young claims to use the ancient art of dowsing to find buried bones. The 80-year-old retired postal worker uses two L-shaped rods to find buried remains. Holding the rods chest high, like a gunfighter poised for a shootout, he walks along until the tips begin to swing inward. When they cross, he says, he has found a grave.



CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

June 25

- A UPD officer responded to a 911 medical call at the Texas Tech Museum. A staff member was transported by EMS to the UMC for treatment after complaining of dizziness and chest pains.

- A UPD officer responded to a 911 medical call at Dan Law Field. A female subject reported having problems with high blood pressure and requested medical attention.

June 26

- A UPD officer responded to a request at the University Medical Center ER for an emergency detention.

June 27

- A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief to a concrete bench located on the east side of the University Center.

June 28

- A UPD officer investigated a terrorist threat which occurred at the UMC ER.
- A UPD officer responded to a request by the staff of the UMC ER to restrain a patient.

June 29

- A UPD officer investigated a traffic accident with no injuries which occurred at Coleman Hall.

- A UPD officer investigated a burglary of a coin operated machine which occurred at Knapp Hall.

- A UPD officer investigated criminal mischief which occurred in the R-1 parking lot.

June 30

- A UPD officer responded to a 911 medical call at Knapp Hall in reference to a subject having difficulty breathing. The student was transported by private vehicle for treatment.

- A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred at the industrial engineering building.

July 1

- A UPD officer investigated a theft in the UMC gift shop.

- A UPD officer investigated an assault which occurred in the petroleum engineering building.

- A UPD officer investigated disorderly conduct which occurred on the second floor of the Health Sciences Center.

- A UPD officer investigated a theft which occurred at the foreign language building.

Gender identity may be altered during infancy, researchers say

CHICAGO (AP) — A Canadian boy who was raised as a girl after his penis was irreparably damaged during circumcision continues to live as a woman, suggesting gender identity develops after birth, researchers say.

The study, released Monday in the July issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, contradicts the findings in an earlier case, in which the boy returned to life as a male.

The Canadian who is living as a woman describes herself as bisexual. As of last summer, she was in a relationship with a woman.

To researchers, that suggests that sexual orientation may be determined in the womb, by

genetics and prenatal hormones, but that gender identity may be determined months after birth.

"When you think about the fact that this person was an entirely normal biological male prior to the circumcision accident, this case may shed some insight of how malleable someone's gender identity is," said Kenneth Zucker, one of the study's authors and a researcher with the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

"The outcome of our case — at least with regard to gender identity — suggests that it is pliable after all."

In both cases, the testicles and remainder of the penis were removed and a vagina created.

The patients also were given female hormones, which enabled them to develop breasts and other female traits.

The operation in the first case was done at 21 months, vs. seven months in the second case. Researchers say that may mean there's a "window" of time after birth in which babies identify as neither boys nor girls.

"It suggests that, if you reassign a child early enough and tell them that they are whatever sex, then they probably believe you and tend to accept themselves," said Michael Bailey, a professor of psychology at Northwestern University who studies gender identity and sexual orientation.

Drinking

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about knowing where to draw the line."

Apparently, the annoying drunk who falls on his face and vomits is no longer the life of the party.

"What starts out as a party where everyone shows up to

enjoy themselves turns into a night of babysitting someone who doesn't know his limits," said Todd Melton, a senior English major.

Justin Shumate, a senior sports sciences major from Fort Worth, said he not only tries to go out to bars several nights out of every week, but he also bartends at two local bars.

Shumate said that overall, students at Tech have a good mentality about drinking and having a good time.

"Of course, every now and then, some idiot manages to get out of line," Shumate said, "but for the most part, students are just laid back and go out to have a drink with friends."

The national study also concluded that recent alcohol related deaths covered by the media and bad personal experiences have been influential in the growing awareness among student drinkers.

Three Jasper men indicted for murder

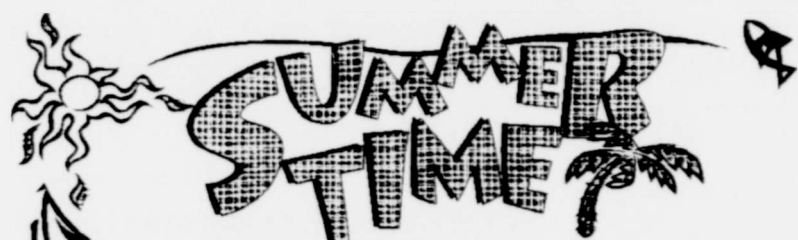
JASPER(AP) — Three white men were indicted on capital murder charges Monday in the alleged hate-slaying of a black man who was chained to a pickup truck and dragged to his death.

Two separate indictments, issued by a Jasper County grand jury, accuse the three suspects of kidnapping and

killing James Byrd Jr. on June 7 on a rural East Texas road.

Named in one indictment are John William King, 23, of Jasper and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, of Sulphur Springs.

A second indictment names Shawn Allen Berry, 23, of Jasper.



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Florida residents get relief from wildfires

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP) — Three days after being driven out by wildfires closing in around them, the 40,000 people of Flagler County were allowed to return Monday and found the woods and fields charred but most of their homes unscathed.

Neighbors ran up and hugged each other. Some stopped passing fire trucks to thank the firefighters who saved their homes.

"I love you guys," Diane Mastropietro told them.

By early afternoon, even the weather seemed to cooperate — it began to rain.

The entire county was or-

dered evacuated Friday for fear that four fires would merge and burn all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. By Monday morning, firefighters had managed to contain the blazes, though the threat of flare-ups remained.

About 97 percent of the homes in Flagler County escaped the fires, Sheriff Robert McCarthy said. At least 46 homes were destroyed and 179 were damaged, and 49,000 acres were scorched.

The most heavily damaged areas, in the Matanzas Woods and Indian Trails parts of Palm Coast, looked like war zones with burned-out homes,

scorched yards and not a green tree in sight. At the Matanzas Woods Golf Club, trees were blackened and the fairways were burned.

Hugh and Geraldine Conklin's house was the only one in their Palm Coast neighborhood to be destroyed. "I cried a lot last night and a little bit this morning," Mrs. Conklin said. "I'll probably cry some more."

Some people who returned to find their homes still standing were angry that the lush greenery of palmettos and pines that had been a big reason for their moving to Flagler County were

"How am I going to sell my house? What am I supposed to do?"
 —John Ostorch
 Palm Coast resident

gone. Some also found that their neighborhoods had been plowed up by firefighters using bulldozers to create fire breaks.

John Ostorch of Palm Coast had intended to put his house on the market last week because of a job-related move to Pennsylvania. He had recently spent \$15,000 on landscaping, all of which was destroyed by

fire. "How am I going to sell my house? What am I supposed to do?" he asked.

Wildfires have devoured more than 474,400 acres in drought-stricken Florida since Memorial Day, with the damage concentrated mostly in three counties along the Atlantic Coast.

Cornyn says he will withdraw tobacco lawsuit if elected

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican attorney general candidate John Cornyn says Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has been using a lawsuit filed by Cornyn as an excuse to hold up an agreement that would finalize the state's \$15.3 billion settle-

ment with Big Tobacco.

Monday, Cornyn said he would withdraw the lawsuit "to remove General Morales' last bogus excuse and stop him from holding hostage millions of dollars from cigarette makers that should be flowing into

the state's coffers."

Morales Monday said he hadn't yet seen a new court motion in the tobacco case filed by Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, and declined comment on Cornyn's statements about the tobacco

suit.

Morales said only that progress was being made in talks with Gov. George W. Bush and with the private attorneys who represented the state in the tobacco lawsuit. The case originated over smoking-related

health care costs incurred by the state.

The parties are trying to resolve legal objections raised by Bush, Cornyn and seven legislators regarding \$2.3 billion in attorneys' fees stemming from the tobacco case.

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'Armageddon' fireworks light up screen

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UD Staff Writer

This Fourth of July's explosive action flick has something for everyone. With patriotism, romance and laughs, "Armageddon" all but disappoints as this summer's blockbuster sensation.

"Armageddon" is a fast-paced action/adventure about an asteroid the size of Texas heading for Earth. NASA officials call this type of asteroid a global killer, and not a single living organism would survive if it hit.

A special team of drillers, led by Bruce Willis' character Harry Stamper, is the world's only chance. Their mission is to travel into space, drill an

800-foot-deep hole in the asteroid and drop a nuclear bomb into its core.

Although it's hard to believe a team of unqualified astronauts could successfully land on an asteroid traveling thousands of miles per hour, the story makes for a great movie.

A basic rule to follow for "Armageddon" is if something bad can happen, it will. And if the clock is ticking, count on Harry to deliver a pep-talk so down to the wire, you want to jump up and scream, "Shut up, and turn off the bomb."

This movie evokes such a gamut of emotions from hand-wringing suspense to misty-eyed joy, it's hard to return to reality when the credits start rolling. With American flags



...serving as backdrops and waving in front of everyone's home, a patriotic theme pulls audience members into the movie, making them part of the masses awaiting Earth's fate.

The special effects and cinematography compose wonderful images on the screen. The camera captures intriguing shots into NASA's training center and a believable creation of the asteroid surface. Of course no blockbuster would be complete unless the special effects were incredibly destructive.

Some of the best are of the meteor showers both on Earth and in space.

The cast of "Armageddon" is magnificent. Not a single actor provided a weak performance.

Bruce Willis ("12 Monkeys" and "Die Hard") and Billy Bob Thornton ("Sling Blade" and "Primary Colors") take on the lead roles with extreme intensity.

While Willis' endearing grins lighten the mood of some of the more suspenseful scenes, Thornton's fierce concentration makes him exceptional as Dan Truman, NASA's executive director in

charge of the asteroid mission.

The hot-headed A.J. Frost, played by Ben Affleck ("Good Will Hunting" and "Chasing Amy"), and vulnerable Grace Stamper, played by Liv Tyler ("Inventing the Abbotts" and "Stealing Beauty"), are the players in "Armageddon's" love story. The two create a heartfelt romance that adds to the emotional content of the movie.

Grace also is Harry's daughter. Tyler's ability to portray her character's anguish as she waits for her fiancé and father to come home is so intense, it's almost too painful to watch.

With fireworks of its own, "Armageddon" opened as the perfect movie for Independence Day weekend.

'Armageddon' does not shake Earth in box office earnings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It isn't the end of the world, but Disney's "Armageddon" still fell short of expectations, debuting at \$36.1 million — below past Fourth of July action releases and this season's first sky-is-falling picture, "Deep Impact," final figures showed

Monday.

With the Fourth arriving on a Saturday this year, box office business overall was down 14 percent from last year's weekend, though family films held up well. "Dr. Dolittle" grossed \$19.7 million for second and "Mulan" collected \$11.5 mil-

lion for third.

Both "The X-Files" and "Out of Sight" lost nearly half their audiences.

Among films in limited release, the restored version of "Gone With the Wind" continued to do draw big audiences nearly six decades after it pre-

miered in 1939. "Smoke Signals" also did strong business as it ventured out of New York and Los Angeles to smaller markets in its second week.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Monday included "Armageddon," "Dr. Dolittle,"

"Mulan," "Out of Sight," "The X-Files," "The Truman Show," "Six Days, Seven Nights," "A Perfect Murder," "Hope Floats," "The Horse Whisperer," "Everest," "Gone With the Wind," "Godzilla," "Deep Impact," "Can't Hardly Wait" and "Titanic."



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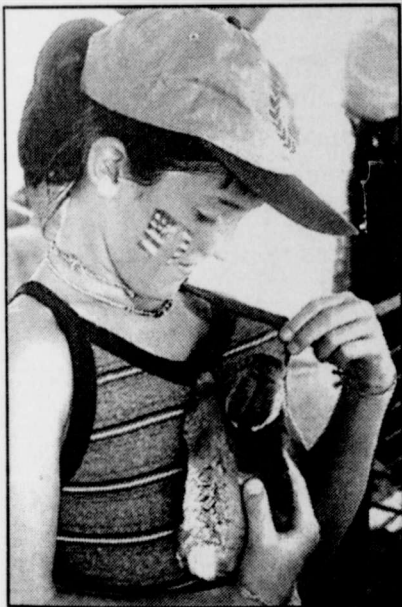
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American Spirit: A proud group of Lubbockites dress up like the American flag and march together down Broadway during the parade Saturday.

Fourth on Broadway



Hopping Fun: Clare Reeves of Lubbock pets a Rex rabbit at the Lubbock County 4-H petting zoo.



Puppet Fun: The Lubbock Art Alliance pulled puppets in the parade



Cool Down: Mehmet Dilsiz, a senior industrial engineering student from Turkey, cools off Brice Blancet and Matt Henning as they walk down Broadway.



Jam Session: This year's marching band was composed of area youth and Texas Tech students.

Photos by Wes Underwood

Wedding

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vide alternatives to the mainstream groups."

Some conference highlights for the weekend featured special guests Tom Morga, a stuntman for several Star Trek motion pictures and Jamie Murray, a make-up artist and the creator of the lionman character Myhr.

A costume contest, a yeoman's auction and various gaming activities provided additional entertain-

ment for the weekend-long event.

Often times interests of science fiction fans and war game participants overlap, and these interests can be brought together at conventions like those of Starfleet, said David Scott, the gaming director for this year's IC and a senior English major from Coahoma.

"Having the gaming club on board is one of the reasons we had such a wide variety of things going on," he said. "A lot of the ICs are purely business. We wanted to make it fun

for the family."

Starfleet enables Star Trek fans to contribute to their communities and come together around a shared topic of interest, said Jack Hopkins, president of the Pilot Mountain Area Star Trek Fan Association of North Carolina.

"It's not these stereotypical get-a-lifers," Hopkins said. "What you will find in our organization are hard-working, decent, well-educated people who enjoy Star Trek."

Polo Magazine keeps name

HOUSTON (AP) — *Polo Magazine* can keep its name for now — as long as it takes several steps to distance itself from designer Ralph Lauren's Polo products line, a federal magistrate ruled.

Disclaimers must appear on the magazine's cover, masthead and table of contents page under a preliminary injunction granted to Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. last week.

The injunction will remain in effect until after a trial scheduled for late this year or early 1999.

U.S. Magistrate Mary Milloy found that recent format changes of the U.S. Polo Association's official magazine have made it less a sporting periodical and more a lifestyle publication that could infringe on Lauren's name.

By aiming the publication at a general upscale audience, Milloy ruled, owner Westchester Media Co. "created the opportunity to capitalize on the public's familiarity" with Polo products. She noted in the ruling last Thursday that the magazine sent promotional materials last fall to credit card holders of Neiman Marcus stores, which sell Lauren's Polo line.

"We're not a company that takes legal action lightly," Polo Ralph Lauren spokesman Hamilton South said. "We're a company that vigorously defends trademarks."

The Dallas-based magazine sued to protect its copyright when Lauren's company demanded the 22-year-old magazine stop publishing under its name.

Lauren's company responded with a request for a preliminary injunction against the magazine to stop publication under that name until trial.

"Ultimately the relief we want is for them to change the name of the magazine," Lauren attorney Cary Ramos said.

Magazine attorney Tom Godbold said he was confident the magazine will retain control over its name.

Rubber duckies and squirt guns ease work stress

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — America's office workers are getting in touch with their inner child.

At their desks and computers, they are playing with toys — Slinkys, Nerf balls, Etch-a-Sketch keychains, plastic Godzillas, Star Wars action figures and

s q u i r t

g u n s .

Workers have found that toys in the office add smiles and reduce

s t r e s s . They are also, perhaps, a mild act of subversion against the corporate

order. "If you look at people who are straining to be individual in a cubicle jungle, toys are one way people do it," said Chris Byrne, who edits *Playthings MarketWatch*, an industry newsletter.

Sales figures aren't available because companies can't tell whether toys are going into children's playpens or grown-ups' briefcases. But talk to workers and the trend is clear.

Robin Corey, a vice president at the publishing house Simon & Schuster in New York, has

found that toys can lighten up "the suits." Her Nunzilla, a wind-up, walking nun that spews sparks, cracked up her boss.

"He's a straight business guy who went bananas when he saw it," she said.

"He was just laughing hysterically."

A 3-foot toy blimp was enough to persuade Web site developer Eva Bunker, 26, to take a job at a startup company in Dallas instead of at a more established business.

The blimp arrived while she happened to be visiting, and employees started screaming with delight.

"It was really exciting," she recalled.

"It was a celebration that they got their blimp. That was just kind of the deciding factor."

Aside from reducing stress, toys in the office can have other health benefits. Ergonomic experts say squeezing a soft ball provides beneficial stretching and gives workers a break from the keyboard.

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The Singing Cowboy, Roy Rogers, dies at 86

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Happy trails, Roy Rogers. The singing cowboy and one of the last of the white hats from the golden era of Hollywood Westerns died Monday. He was 86.

Rogers died in his sleep of congestive heart failure at his Apple Valley home, in the high desert 90 miles from Los Angeles.

"What a blessing to have shared my life together with him for almost 51 years," said Dale Evans, Rogers' wife and singing partner.

Rogers was a star of television, radio and movies, turning out country music songs, 87 Westerns — 26 of them with Evans — and a 1950s TV series that continues in reruns.

For 12 years, from 1943 to 1954, he was the No. 1 Western star at the box office in a

magazine poll of theater operators.

With his trusty horse Trigger, Rogers played the straight-shooting good guy who always fought fair — instead of killing the bad guys, he would shoot the gun out of their hands — and always lived to sing about it.

"I really appreciate what he stood for, the movies he made and the kind of values they embodied," President Clinton said.

"Today there will be a lot of sad and grateful Americans, especially of my generation, because of his career."

Rogers' theme song was "Happy Trails to You," sung over a clippity-clop beat and bum-bah-dee-dah bass line. It was co-written by his wife.

His movies included "King of the Cowboys," "Song of

Texas," "The Cowboy and the Senorita," "Don't Fence Me In" and "My Pal Trigger."

In the movies, his sidekick was whiskered Gabby Hayes; on television, it was Pat Brady.

Rogers and Gene Autry were the most popular cowboy crooners in Hollywood history.

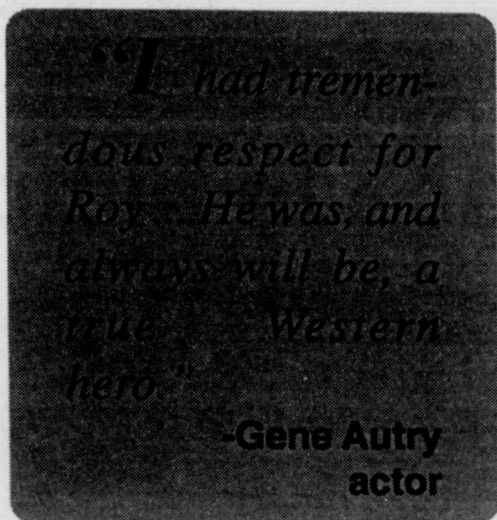
"This is a terrible loss for me," Autry, 90, said in a statement. "I had tremendous respect for Roy and considered him a great humanitarian and an outstanding American. He was, and will always be, a true Western hero."

A shrewd businessman, Rogers became a millionaire many times over through real estate, Roy Rogers restaurants and television productions.

He opened a museum near his Apple Valley home in 1967. When Trigger died in 1965, Rogers had the golden palomino stuffed and placed on display in the museum, to Evans' chagrin.

"I was so angry, I said, 'All right, but when you go, I'm going to have you stuffed and placed on top of Trigger,'" she said in 1984.

Rogers responded: "I told her just make sure I'm smiling."



People Briefly

Celeb son writes tell-all book

NEW YORK (AP) — Milton Berle's son is circulating a proposal for a tell-all biography that his father might find as funny as a heart attack.

The *New York Post* reported Monday that several publishers have been reviewing a draft of the book, which portrays the comic as an absentee father, domestic tyrant, chronic gambler and a world-class womanizer.

In "Near You," 36-year-old Bill Berle writes that he lost his virginity when his father hired a Las Vegas showgirl to disguise herself as a maid and seduce him.

"After that, when Berle and his son shared hotel suites, Milton would finish having sex with a woman and then shout into Billy's room, 'Billy, you want her now?'" the book's co-author, Brad Lewis, told the newspaper.

Buddy Arnold, a writer and producer for Berle, said he had not seen the draft.

He said of the general criticisms: "I don't believe any of them. To me they are false."

Berle is about to celebrate his 90th birthday with charity parties in Los Angeles this month and in New York this fall.

Madonna plans theater debut


LONDON (AP) — Madonna will make her London theater debut next summer in a revival of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," producer Bill Kenwright said Monday.

Although contracts have yet to be signed, Sir Peter Hall's production, with Madonna as the sexually voracious Maggie the Cat, is expected to begin rehearsals after Madonna completes her role in the film version of the musical "Chicago."

The Williams play will mark Madonna's first stage appearance since David Mamet's "Speed the Plow" on Broadway a decade ago.

Madonna is expected to commit herself to the role for 20 weeks.

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Baylor looks at scrapping live bear mascot

WACO (AP) — Baylor University is considering phasing out its tradition of using a live bear as its mascot.

"In the past when we retired bears we found new homes for them at zoos and wildlife parks," Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said. "Now we're running into challenges finding acceptable places for the bears to retire to. That's part of what's driving this."

Baylor has used live bears as mascots since World War I, when a bear named Ted was



given to the university by the Army's 107th Engineers after they received orders to leave Camp MacArthur in Waco.

The two bears now acting as mascots are Ginny, 2 1/2, and Bill Boyd, 9.

Traditionally, Baylor has trotted out the bears at football games, both at home and away. However, the school's entry into the far-flung Big 12 con-

ference has restricted the mascots' traveling in recent years.

Brumley also said athletic directors are increasingly refusing to let live mascots into stadiums for liability reasons.

"Placing a bear is not like placing a dog," said Rosie Roegner, nongame permit coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Black bears require a special diet — you just can't go down to the store and get bear chow — and special facilities. They're not easy to place."

Baylor used to send its former mascots to zoos and wildlife parks such as the defunct Texas Safari in Clifton. However, Roegner said, such sites are no longer hungry for out-of-work bears because they aren't a big attraction for zoo visitors.

In 1940, the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, the campus organization that looks after the mascots, raised \$2,500 to build the first permanent home for the school's bears.

The so-called Bear Pit gave way in 1977 to a plaza across

from the student center that features a large roaming area, a waterfall and a viewing area for spectators.

Baylor bears have marched in homecoming parades, been photographed with governors and even a president. Ronald Reagan helped Abner the Bear down a Dr Pepper during a 1980 campaign stop in Waco.

Brumley told the *Waco Tribune-Herald* that a decision on whether to keep the bears probably won't be made until the fall.

Pistol Pete Sampras looks for place in history

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — His fans may claim that Pete Sampras is the best player in history, though an argument could be made that he wasn't even the best player at dinner the night he won a fifth Wimbledon title.

Resplendent in tuxedo at the Champions Dinner, one of London's ritziest annual galas, Sampras spoke of how proud and amazed he was to be tied with Bjorn Borg for Wimbledon victories, and with Borg and longtime idol Rod Laver for overall Grand Slam triumphs — 11.

There was a special buzz in

the air on this occasion and a debate arose about whether the man of the hour was indeed the man for all time. Was Sampras, in this era of fast, heavy hitters with giant, space-age rackets, the best ever to play the game? Better than Borg? Better than Laver? Better than Roy Emerson, who won 12 majors, or Bill Tilden, who ruled the Roaring '20s?

And what of John McEnroe or Jimmy Connors, geniuses with rackets no matter how they acted up?

And then there was the white-haired gentleman who sat quietly at a table a few yards from

Sampras' chair on the dais. He stood up, smiled and waved to the assembled 400 when introduced, receiving the most affectionate applause, then retreated from the spotlight.

At 85, Don Budge is among the oldest of the champions who took tennis to international prominence by touring the world with their wooden rackets and white balls, playing on every surface from grass and clay to carpet and concrete and gymnasium-floor wood.

During Centre Court ceremonies at Wimbledon this year, Budge was introduced as "the tall red-headed Californian

"I put him in the godlike stratosphere with Laver and Borg. You have to put those people in the upper echelon"

-John McEnroe
three-time Wimbledon champ

with the greatest backhand ever." His mark on the game, in fact, was much greater.

Budge stands 6-foot-1 and slope-shouldered, just like Sampras. In 1938, Budge won the four major tournaments —

French, Wimbledon, U.S. Nationals, Australian — in a single year, an accomplishment that gave birth to the Grand Slam.

"I put him in the godlike stratosphere with Laver and Borg," McEnroe said of Sampras. "You have to put those people in the upper echelon. The French would obviously be the icing on the cake. It would be easier to argue he's the best if he won it."

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Gonzalez hacks away at Wilson RBI record

ARLINGTON (AP) — One of Juan Gonzalez's biggest rewards for reaching 100 RBIs before the All-Star break was a standing ovation from the normally reserved Texas Rangers fans.



He got one Sunday night, when he launched a two-run homer onto the center-field slope at The Ballpark in Arlington to tally his 101st RBI going into the break.

It was his second two-run homer of the game, both coming off of Randy Johnson in an 8-4 win over the Seattle Mariners.

"This was one of the best moments of my career," said the normally shy outfielder as he beamed a nonstop smile after the game.

The 27-year-old All-Star right-fielder is only the second

player in major-league history to drive in more than 100 runs before the break, and the first since Detroit slugger Hank Greenberg drove in 103 before the 1935 break.

But it's only a stepping stone to one of the game's most enduring records: Hack Wilson's major-league record 190 RBIs for the Chicago Cubs in 1930.

At his current pace, he would drive in 188 RBIs this season, just short of Wilson's mark. But then, Wilson had fewer than

100 RBIs going into the mid-summer break.

Still, Gonzalez knows all of the variables that could intrude on the second half.

The previously injury-prone slugger's goal remains to play in all 162 of the Rangers' regular-season games.

The rest, he says, will take care of itself.

"You never know," he said of the Wilson record. "Records aren't easy. The key is to stay healthy."

So weighty are his injury concerns that he decided to skip the home-run derby during Monday's All-Star workout in Denver.

The assault on Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs exudes glamor. Mark McGwire of the

"You never know. Records aren't easy. They key is to stay healthy."
 — Juan Gonzalez
 Texas Ranger outfielder

St. Louis Cardinals has 37, the Mariners' Ken Griffey Jr. has 35, and the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa has 33.

That leaves the Wilson chase exclusively to Gonzalez, whom Rangers manager Johnny Oates has described as "an RBI machine."

"It's hard to believe Juan has 101 RBIs," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said after Sunday night's loss. "It used to be a barometer for a very success-

ful full season."

To see just how unapproachable the record is, look at Greenberg's 1935 season. The 103 midterm RBIs ended in a season total of 170. Lou Gehrig, the "Iron Horse" of the New York Yankees, came closest with a 1931 season total of 184.

The Rangers are happy to take RBIs in lieu of homers. Gonzalez, with 26 homers, is no slouch at clearing the fences as well as the bases.

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STUDENT LOANS

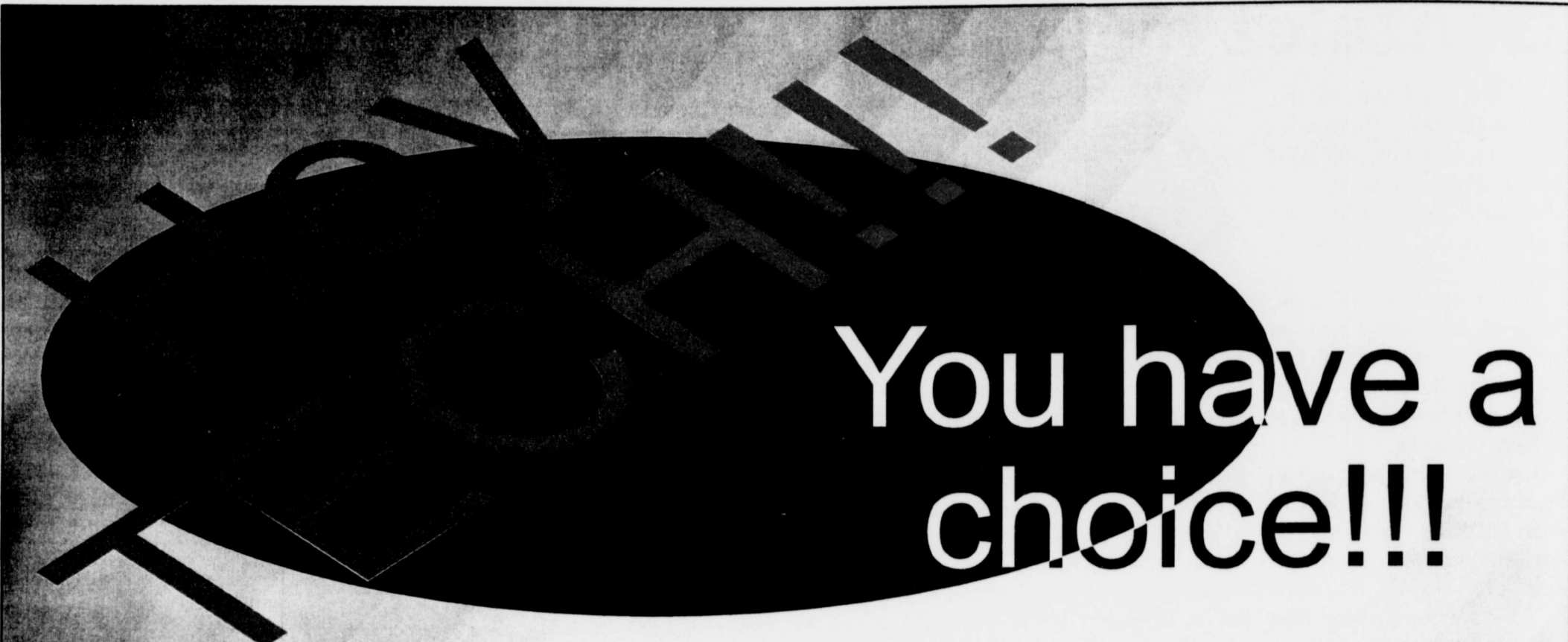
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ROOMMATES

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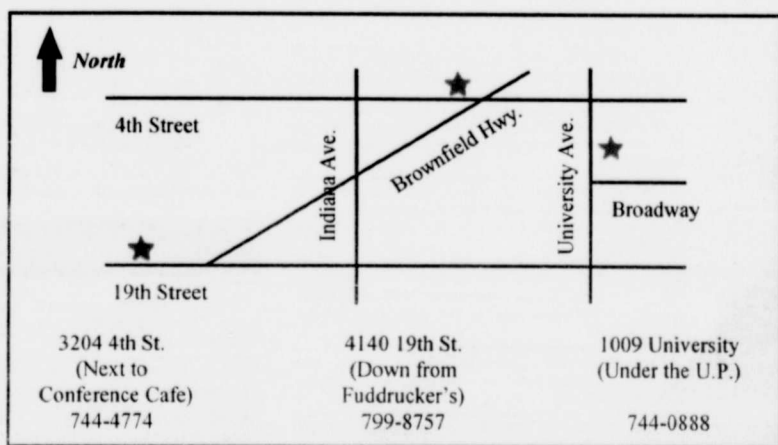


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