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# Kittley to run track program

by Andy Jones Staff Writer

The new Texas Tech men's and women's track coach has won more national championships than any track and field coach in NCAA history.

Wes Kittley, former track coach at Abilene Christian University, accepted the Tech job officially in a press conference Tuesday.

Kittley won 29 national championships at Division II ACU in his 17 years as track coach at the program. Kittley said the Tech job progressed with phone calls from Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers and an interview last week

A 1981 graduate of ACU and three-time track All-America in the 800-meters, Kittley said it was a difficult decision to leave ACU.

"It was extremely difficult," Kittley said. "But I felt like this was a great opportunity."

ACU track teams won four national championships the past season, marking the second time in history a school has swept all four track and field titles in one season.

While Kittley is sad to leave Abilene, he also is excited to make the jump to Division I. Kittley said his goals at Texas Tech are to have a well-balanced program.

"I want to cover the four areas of track and field," Kittley said. "Texas Tech can be known as an all around track program."

Kittley served as the ACU women's coach beginning in 1983 and took over the men's coaching duties in 1993.

Kittley acknowledged that the jump to Divi-

sion I will be a challenge.

"I'm really excited about it," said Kittley, who got to meet several of his student athletes at the press conference Tuesday. Among them was Leigh Daniel, who set 10 new school records and won the 5,000-meter indoor national championship and the 10,000-meter outdoor championship this season.

"We're real excited about her being back at Texas Tech," Kittley said.

While Kittley was named the men's coach on Tuesday, he was officially named the women's coach as well on Thursday, Myers said.

"I think Coach Kittley will really develop our track program," Myers said. "I'm really pleased he's going to be our track coach. He's had great success with men and women."

Kittley was in town Thursday while his wife looked at houses.

A Rule native, Kittley said he is glad to stay in West Texas and that his family is excited to make the move to Lubbock. Kittley, his wife Linda and their three sons, Jonathan, Christopher and Zachary plan to make the move complete by the 8th or 9th of August.

# Going Behind the Mask

#### Masked Rider assistants help bring in the reins

story by Angel Wolfe
photos by Wes Underwood



▲ Wrap It
Up: Masked
Rider assistants
Valerie Davis
and Greg Durbin prepare leg
wraps for Black
P h a n t o m
Raider.

Phantom Smile: Davis gives Black Phantom Raider a brushing before heading to Albany for a weekend appearance.



A 63-year old tradition has added a new twist as Texas Tech now has a second Masked Rider assistant.

Since the tradition began, the Masked Rider has not had two assistants to help, said Logan Spence, publicist for the Masked Rider program. The two assistants make it easier to spread out the responsibilities of general daily maintenance of the horse.

On March 26, Valerie Davis, a junior interior design major from Lubbock, was named as assistant to the Masked Rider. A second assistant was named at that time, but due to job and time conflicts, the second assistant had to step down from her position, Davis said.

Greg Durbin, a junior agriculture economics major from Electra, was recently named as the second Masked Rider assistant.

"I enjoy being part of the tradition," Durbin said. "I've known Travis (Thorne) for years, and have heard how much fun he has had since he was named Masked Rider"

Masked Rider Travis Thorne, a junior agricultural business major from Stanley, N.M., said the group's teamwork has been a positive factor so far.

"Since we began, I have been very impressed by how well the three of us work together," Thorne said.

Davis has been involved with horses since she was 6 years old when her parents made her take riding lessons. For the next 15 years, she spent most of her time with horses.

Durbin said he is not very knowledgeable about horses, and the experience he is receiving is helping him.

"This is a real learning experience," Durbin said. "I've learned more about horses, and it helps you to deal with your time better."

Spence said Durbin has a more ranch-hand background, while Davis has lots of experience with horses.

"This makes for a well-rounded group of individuals working with the program," Spence said. "These are good people."

The Masked Rider makes appearances at rodeos and parades mostly in the West Texas area, Durbin said.

The assistants travel with Thorne to help care for the horse and watch children at appearances.

"We make sure no children get behind the horse," Durbin said. "We just watch out for them."

Some of the requirements do cause the assistants to make sacrifices for their positions.

"Because of the traveling, I haven't been able to work as much," Davis said.

"But most of the traveling is done on the weekends, so it is not bad."

Both assistants have been able to maintain high academic standards while being a part of the program because of their sacrifice and hard work. But, in the end, the sacrifice does not compare to the opportunity, Davis said.

"I don't like getting up early, but I do enjoy working with the kids," Davis said. "It does get tiring, but it is all well worth it."

The Masked Rider already has booked appearances through November and will be appearing at all home football games and some away games in the fall.

Jonathan Biles contributed to this story.

## Man impersonating police officer apprehended

by Matt Green

Staff Writer

Lubbock police have apprehended an 18year-old suspect accused of impersonating a police officer at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Michael Adams Cardona is being held on a \$3,500 bond while police investigate his involvement in similar cases.

Bill Morgan, public information officer for the Lubbock Police Department, said Cardona was arrested after reportedly approaching a woman who was exiting her vehicle in the 1600 block of 19th Street.

"The suspect identified himself as a police officer and said 'put your hands on the roof,'"

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#### Hangin' Out With Red



Just Sitting Around: Raider Red entertains new students at a barbecue last week as part of New Student Orientation. Today is the last day of orientation.

#### CAUGHT, from page 1

'put your hands on the roof," Morgan said.

The woman reportedly got back into her vehicle and locked her doors when Cardona said he needed to frisk

Cardona then reportedly began yelling expletives at the woman, who dialed 911 on her cellular phone.

"The woman gave police the suspect's license number and then followed the man home," Morgan

Cardona was arrested at his residence four blocks away.

This case is very similar to five others reported in Lubbock since April. The previous cases involved a suspect following young women home from night clubs late at night and one instance where a juvenile was abducted from South Plains Mall.

The juvenile was reportedly caught shoplifting from Dillards by a man claiming to be mall security. The suspect took the victim to the third floor of the Music building on the Texas Tech campus where he ordered her to disrobe and searched her.

Dan Hale, public information officer for the Texas Tech Police Department, was not available for com-

Police have not positively linked Cardona to the other instances at this time. Investigators are attempting to work with other victims to determine Cardona's involvement in other

"The logistics of locating the other victims could take some time," Morgan said.

#### Millions swelter as heat wave hangs on

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The sun beat down on Tom Matthews as he wiped his brow and unloaded a beatup pickup truck at the steamy Southside Landfill.

"We haven't had heat like this for 10 years, maybe 15," Matthews said with a sigh amid the stench of rotting garbage and the wavering diesel fumes from a bulldozer nearby.

Folks across the eastern half of the nation sweated it out Thursday as a heat wave that has killed people in at least 11 states dragged on with little relief forecast until the weekend.

The hot weather has been blamed for at least 64 deaths since July 19 and has made millions miserable. Hardest hit have been Missouri, with 22 dead, and Illinois, with 19.

Temperatures were again expected to reach the 90s from the Plains to the East Coast on Thursday, with the heat index - a measure of temperature and humidity - breaking 100 in many places.

The extreme heat has come as a drought withers crops and lawns across the East. On Thursday, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening declared the first-ever statewide drought emergency and urged all Marylanders to conserve water. Conservation measures could become mandatory by mid-week if the area does not receive substantial rain, the governor

"If water consumption continues at the current rate, there is only a 35day supply in these reservoirs,"

Glendening said.

The heat is not just bothering people.

At the Oklahoma City Zoo, timers periodically turned on sprinklers to help zebras and other animals stay cool. Primates at the ape exhibit were periodically given Popsicle-like ice treats, some with fruit in them.

In Nebraska, where temperatures have pushed into the 100s in some places, the heat has killed at least 3,000 cattle. Some of the animals are registering a skin temperature of 120 degrees, said Dr. D. Griffin, a veterinarian with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Ser-

"They are cooking," he said. "They are absolutely cooking."

#### **Police Blotter** compiled from reports of the

**Texas Tech Police Department** 

July 25

1:25 p.m. Officers investigated criminal mischief on the second floor of Murdough Hall.

July 24

4:38 p.m. Officers documented a pedestrian being struck by a ladder which was protruding from a vehicle in the 1600 block of Indiana Avenue.

July 23

2:38 a.m. Officers arrested a student for outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office warrants in the 3100 block of 18th Street.

2:47 a.m. Officers arrested a student for public intoxication at the intersection of 19th Street and Flint Avenue. The student was later released to a responsible party.

3:48 p.m. Officers documented information concerning gifts from an anonymous admirer in the Student Financial Aid office in West Hall.

July 22

2:12 p.m. Officers responded to a 911 medical call in Gates Residence Hall.A female employee had fallen off a ladder and injured her head and was transported to Methodist Hospital by EMS.

July 21

3:01 p.m. Officers documented information concerning an e-mail message received by the office of News and Publications in the Administration building.

July 20

8:21 a.m. Officers responded to a 911

medical call at the Office of Traffic and Parking.A female student fainted but refused treatment by EMS. 5:15 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at the bike rack east of Weymouth Residence Hall.

July 19

2:15 a.m. Officers arrested one student for disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana and another student for disorderly conduct and public intoxication in the Z-3] parking lot.

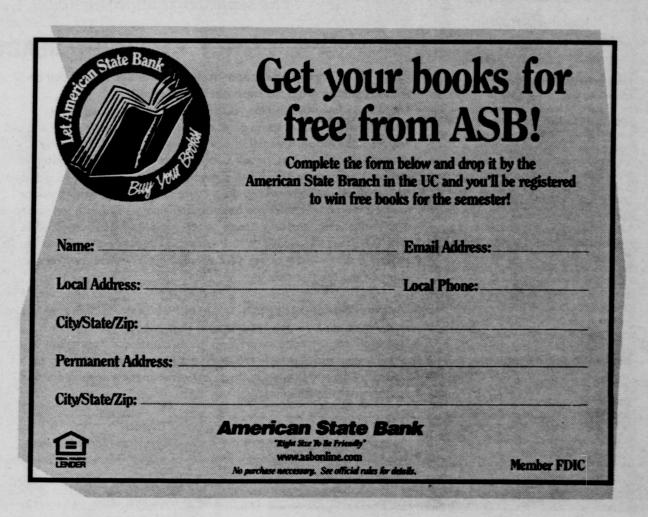
5:16 a.m. Officers responded to a 911 medical call at Thompson Hall. A student suffering from a high fever and a rash was transported to University Medical Center by EMS.



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# Irate investor kills self, leaves 12 others dead

ATLANTA (AP) — A man in shorts, described as irate over stock trading losses, opened fire Thursday in two brokerage offices, killing nine people and wounding 12 before escaping, then killed himself when stopped by police. Earlier, three relatives of the suspect were found shot dead in their suburban home.

Mayor Bill Campbell said the gunman, Mark O. Barton, 44, committed suicide after police cornered him in a dark green van at a service station in Atlanta's northern suburbs about five hours after the office shootings.

"He was pulled over, and then killed himself," Campbell said.

Two weapons were found at the

scene and a note was found at the home where relatives' bodies were found, he said. The note's contents were not disclosed.

It was the latest in a grim wave of mass shootings at schools and workplaces and was among the worst office massacres ever.

Campbell said several witnesses at the office buildings recognized the gunman as Barton.

Roadblocks went up after the 3 p.m. shootings, and SWAT teams fanned through the complex of offices searching for him.

"It's a terrible tragedy for our city," Campbell said.

"Our prayers go out to the vic-

tims.'

Barton, a chemist, walked into a brokerage office at Securities Center in the upscale Buckhead section north of downtown Atlanta about 3 p.m., opened fire, then walked across the street and began shooting at another brokerage firm there, the mayor said.

Four of the victims were killed in one building and five in the other, shot with 9 mm and .45-caliber hand-guns, he said.

Seven of the injured were in critical condition at Atlanta hospitals.

A widespread search was a launched for Barton, described as 6foot-4, white, with a receding hairline.

A previous wife and mother-inlaw of Barton were bludgeoned to death in 1993 in Cedar Bluff, Ala. No arrests were made.

"He was the No. 1 suspect all the way through and still was," said Richard Igou, district attorney at the time of the killings.

Current District Attorney Mike O'Dell said there is a suspect in the case, but declined to say whether it was Barton.

Campbell quoted witnesses as saying Barton was upset about recent stock losses, but said there were no accounts of any specific provocation on Thursday.

"Those who have identified Mr. Barton indicated he came in, had a normal conversation and then began shooting," Campbell said.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 180.78 for the day, a drop of 1.6 percent.

Nell Jones said the gunman fired at her inside one of the brokerage offices, but the bullet missed and she was able to escape when he turned to shoot at others.

Jones, an attorney who was at the office to do some day trading, said she looked into the gunman's eyes.

"He was someone who was very calm and determined, no feelings," she told WSB-TV.

## Montford, Reckner leave on 13-day Vietnam tour

by Angel Wolfe

Staff Writer

A group of Texas Tech representatives, including Chancellor John Montford and James Reckner, director of the Tech Vietnam Center, left Thursday for Vietnam.

The group left for a 13-day trip in which archivists and representatives of the Health Sciences Center will meet with Vietnam officials and Vietnam university representatives.

"We have perhaps the best archives outside the Library of Congress, and want to make sure we have exhausted all our resources for docuVIETNAM CENTER - SOUTHWEST COLLECTION

ments," Montford said. "We want to get any information we can retrieve up until current — at least a copy — to place in our archives."

Montford said the main focus will be on obtaining information the North Vietnamese government had before the war.

Reckner said officials with the Vietnam Center, located here at Tech, have been working over the past few years to develop academic interests with Vietnam universities.

"I went to Vietnam last July and visited three of the four major universities there," Reckner said. "Since then, we have developed ideas better. We're moving forward with our plans."

As a Vietnam veteran, Reckner said it is important for the Vietnam generation to provide information for future generations to learn from.

One of the projects the group will be looking to enhance is the library cooperation program between Tech and Vietnam.

"Chancellor Montford's presence shows a dedication to Vietnamese higher learning," Reckner said. Montford said he is proud of the Vietnam Center and the programs involved with them.

"This is one of our more pivotal programs," Montford said.

The Vietnam Center is located inside the Southwest Collections Library. The focus of the collection is obtaining records of the Vietnamese and working with veteran organizations to preserve records.

This will be Montford's first trip to Vietnam and Reckner's second trip since he served in the Vietnam War. Reckner served two tours of duty during the war, the last ending in April 1972.

#### Tech researchers awarded grant for cotton studies

by Matt Green

**StaffWriter** 

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded a \$200,000 grant to two Texas Tech researchers on July 22.

The National Research Initiatives grant will help fund the testing of transgenic cotton by Tech instructors Scott Holaday and Randy Allen.

Holaday said the transgenic cotton research will hopefully produce a plant able to grow despite harsh weather conditions

"We're improving the ability of cotton plants to photosynthesize during periods of environmental stress," Holaday

The plants are genetically altered to withstand excessive sunlight and periods of drought.

"We introduce foreign genes into them to improve enzyme action," Holaday said.

The research is conducted in the Biology building and in test sites around the region.

Holaday said the benefits of the research could be very important to the cotton industry in Lubbock.

"We might be able to increase yield in this part of the country," Holaday said.

Kathleen Harris, associate vice president for research, said these grants are difficult to secure.

"This is a very competitive program," Harris said.

The research is of interest to cotton producers throughout the South Plains and areas with similar climates.

"This project is very relevant given the importance of cotton in the region," Harris said.

The grant will be spread out over three years and will be used to cover testing expenses and purchase new equipment.

#### Bush camp changing claim that says Texas led way in abolishing social promotions

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign said Wednesday it will correct a claim on his Web site that says Texas is the first state to abolish social promotion, the practice of moving stu-

dents up before they're academically ready.

"That is an error. We are changing the statement on the web page," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes after being asked about the

claim. "It should not state that."

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 10 states in 1998 had explicit policies for ending social promotion — including seven based on state standards.

Texas' law, championed by Bush, was approved by the Legislature this year.

"We believe we have the most comprehensive approach to ending social promotion," Hughes said.



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# Reports of rape at Woodstock

ROME, N.Y. (AP) - State police are investigating four alleged rapes at Woodstock '99, including one in which a woman says she was pulled into the "mosh pit" in front of the stage and attacked as the group Limp Bizkit played.

The three other assaults occurred in the festival's camping area, state police Capt. John Wood said Thursday.

The three-day festival ended Sunday night in a fiery

The entire concert was broadcast live on pay-per-view television. Wood said investigators will review the tape. However, he conceded it may difficult to make any arrests.

'People have scattered to all parts of the country," Wood

A 32-year-old Ohio woman told police she was raped in the campground by a man on Saturday night, about the same time a 20-year-old Buffalo woman said she was assaulted. A 20-year-old woman from Virginia told troopers she was raped Sunday afternoon in the campgrounds by two or three men.

A 24-year-old Pittsburgh woman told police she was "crowdsurfing" — in which fans are passed from hand to hand over the audience members' heads - during Limp Bizkit's set Saturday night when she was pulled into the mosh pit, the crowded area in front of the stage where concertgoers dance and thrash into one another.

The woman said she was fondled by two men and then raped by one of them before she was able to crowdsurf away, Wood said. The woman reported the rape to medical personnel about 90 minutes later, he said.

"Due to the congestion of the crowd, she felt that if she velled for help or fought, she feared she was going to be beaten," state police said.

Medical workers said they witnessed many more sexual assaults during the weekend.

"If, indeed, these reports are true, it is despicable," said Ilene Marder, a spokeswoman for Woodstock promoters Michael Lang and Joh Scher.

Marder added that the attack in the mosh pit was "more incredulous, although I'm not saying it didn't happen. There were cameras on the mosh pit the entire time and a whole security team overlooking it."

# FDA tries Plan B—approves new, improved emergency contraceptive

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new emergency contraceptive that works with less nausea and vomiting than earlier "morning-after" drugs has received marketing approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

The new treatment, to be marketed under the brand name Plan B. consists of two tablets of levonorgestrel, a synthetic hormone that prevents conception by blocking ovulation or fertilization.

Susan Cruzan, an FDA spokeswoman, said Thursday that studies suggest Plan B is as effective as the current product on the market, but has less severe side effects.

A "morning-after" contraceptive technique approved earlier by the FDA involves the selective use of pills Plan B reduces the risk of pregnancy normally used for monthly contraceptive protection.

A kit containing only the required pills, and sold under the brand name PREVEN, is now on the market. It follows what is called the Yuzpe regimen, which uses four hormone pills, including levonorgestrel, and must be started within 72 hours after unprotected sex.

Studies sponsored by the World Health Organization in 15 countries and involving about 3,000 women showed that levonorgestrel used by itself is also an effective emergency contraceptive and causes less nausea and vomiting.

The studies showed the use of

from a single act of unprotected sex from about 8 percent to 1 percent. The drug will not terminate an existing pregnancy.

The first pill has to be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex and the second pill is taken 12 hours

In addition to nausea and vomiting, Plan B can, in some patients, cause abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, changes in menstrual bleeding, dizziness and breast tenderness.

Plan B will be distributed in the United States by the Women's Capital Corp. and initially will be available by prescription through Planned Parenthood Clinics. Pharmacists in Washington state also will have access to the drug during its initial distribution.

A WCC announcement said that Plan B will be available in markets nationwide late in 1999. WCC is a privately held company that was organized to bring Plan B to U.S. and Canadian markets.

Financing for development of Plan B has come from several U.S. Charitable foundations, along with five Planned Parenthood affiliates.

Information about Plan B is available through a 24-hour phone line: 888-NOT-2-LATE.

An emergency contraception web site can be addressed at www.go2planb.com.

#### NAACP suspends president for forming nonprofit entity

DALLAS (AP) — A dispute over firming Alcorn's suspension. the formation of a nonprofit company that bears the NAACP namesake has led to the suspension of the group's Dallas branch presi-

Lee Alcorn has done nothing illegal, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said recently in a letter con-

But his help in forming Dallas NAACP Inc., a legal nonprofit corporation, has NAACP officials worried it could threaten the civil rights group's name.

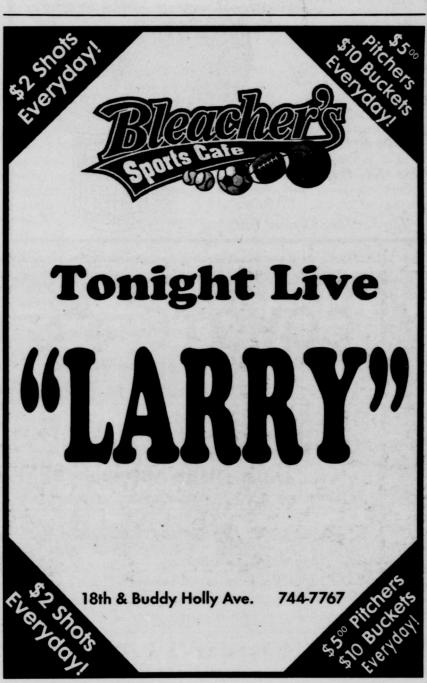
'The NAACP is a protected name, and to form a nonprofit corporation while knowing that is a serious matter," said Frank L.

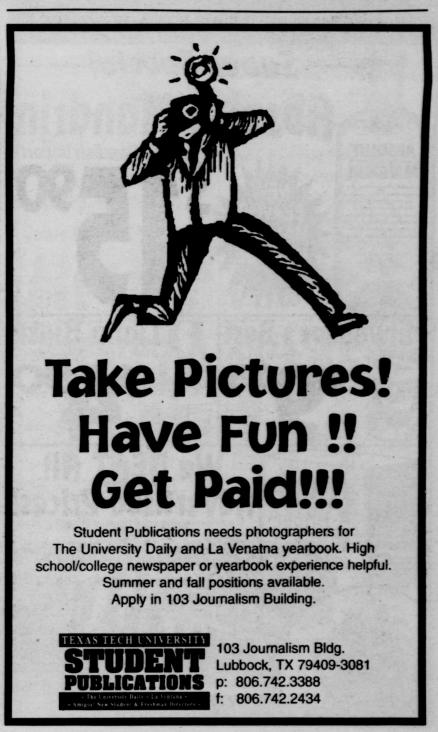
Berry, an NAACP director whose on the suspension. region includes Dallas.

Suspension is necessary to protect the NAACP from irreparable harm," he said.

Alcorn told The Associated Press on Thursday he had no comment

The news comes on the heels of the NAACP's previous suspension in January of Alcorn, Dallas lawyer Ron Davis and Dallas County commissioner John Wiley Price for violation of a national office order.





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# Education takes front seat to segregation

(AP) — An issue that inflamed passion, racial turmoil and violence in Boston a generation ago disappeared with a whimper last week.

By a 5-2 vote, the Boston School Committee ended busing, a decision supported by most whites and blacks alike.

In 1974, federal-court mandated busing, with the goal of integrating the city's schools, ignited one of the ugliest chapters in the nation's history of race relations.

Coming a decade after the Southern-based Civil Rights Movement, the ruckus in Boston over busing revealed equally strong racial tensions in the North.

Why the absence of drama in the move to end busing? Because the issue is moot.

During the mid-1970s, fewer than half the city's schoolchildren were minority. Today, 85 percent are. Integration no longer is an option because white students have abandoned the city's public schools.

This resegregation of schools is part of a nationwide trend documented in a recent Harvard civil rights project. It found that about 69 percent of African-American students and nearly 75 percent of Latino students attend segregated schools.

The values of integration and racial diversity never must be abandoned. But the goal of integrated schools was never integration for its own sake.

Instead, it was the recognition that separate was not equal and that the schools attended by white students were better equipped and funded. Boston and other communities throughout the nation attempted to use busing to achieve that goal.

With busing, and integration, irrelevant in Boston city schools today, the issue that remains paramount is the original one: assuring that each child, regardless of ethnicity and class, receives a quality education.

— San Antonio Express-News

#### The semester is winding down. Get your opinion in before it's too late.

**READER'S ASK** 

#### I've been in a really bad mood lately and wonder what I can do without taking drugs, to snap out of this funk?

There are a few ways to help you get in a better mood including exercise. Walking does some good chemical things to your body and can help improve mood. Also try listening to some favorite oldies that remind you of fun times, or ask a friend over and both of you pitch in and cook something fun, or call someone you haven't talked to in awhile that you miss, or volunteer to do a chore for someone who is sick or having a worse time than you because doing something nice for someone who really needs it usually makes us feel good. And last, but not least, humor is great for making us feel better. So check out a good movie that everyone says is funny or ask your friends to list for you their favorite comedy and then go rent it.

#### My natural soap I bought at the health store is really drying out my skin. What kind do you recommend that is good for dry skin?

"Natural" soaps can be surprisingly harsh. Bars made from tallow and other animal and vegetable fats are more likely than other soaps to create cracks and fissures in the skin. I recommend a soap containing sodium cocoyl isethionate.

#### Will it help my teeth to chew vitamin C tablets?

Actually, no, because some of the chewed tablets can lodge between your teeth where the acid can eat away at the tooth enamel. Just swallow the pills and don't chew.

#### How do you ask someone you are about to have sex with if they

I'm glad you asked. First off, may I suggest that since you worded the question "about to have sex with" that you give serious consideration to having the discussion about STDs and sex in general before you are in bed together. This type of discussion can take all the passion away and if you are too passionate at the time you pop the question, your partner might be tempted to say no when in fact the answer is yes. Pick a time that you are not going to be interrupted and when you are not sexually stimulated. Good communication can lead to great relationships, but this is a subject that needs to be addressed before you become sexually intimate. Most likely this topic is going to be a bit awkward, but if you're going to talk about it, use language you're comfortable with and talk openly and freely. Remember, however, that some STDs have no symptoms and a person could be infected and not even know it. You must also consider that not everyone chooses to be honest, especially about such a personal topic. I recommend using condoms always as a means of protection. Reality says that caution is the smartest way to go with regard to sex.

READER'S ASK is a service provided to Texas Tech students by Jo Henderson, health education coordinator at Student Health Services. Students are urged to submit their questions in drop boxes located in the University Center, West Hall and the Student Recreation Center.

# Bipartisan tax-cut effort fizzles without Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to craft a \$500 billion bipartisan tax cut fizzled unceremoniously in the Senate on Thursday as political lines hardened and President Clinton reinforced his threatened veto of a larger Republican tax relief package.

"I believe America wants to be governed from the center, and America needs to be governed from the center," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said of the proposal, which roughly split the difference between the GOP's \$792 billion tax cut and a smaller \$290 billion version advanced by Democrats.

But Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a leading architect of the proposal, conceded, "Neither party at this time is supportive." After more than an hour of debate, Breaux withdrew the proposal without so much as a vote.

The developments came as the Senate marched methodically toward approval of the GOP-crafted bill, with tax breaks for individuals, families, education, retirement accounts and numerous other provisions. A final vote was expected on Friday.

Before boarding Air Force One for

a flight to Europe, Clinton renewed his threat to veto the bill, saying it was too large and "risky" for the economy.

"What's wrong with the American people sharing the surplus? After all, it belongs to them," rebutted Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who shepherded a companion bill to passage last week, added, "I don't think it's risky to have faith in the American people."

Clinton's threatened veto, coupled with the Senate's arcane rules, turned the lengthy debate on the Senate floor into political theater.

Democrats, maneuvering for advantage, called for reducing the GOP tax measure to provide room for a new prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. But the vote came on a parliamentary motion rather than on any specific proposal to provide prescription drug benefits to the nation's elderly. And it gained the support of only 45 senators — all but one of them Democrats — far below the 60 votes it needed.

"This debate is about priorities. New tax breaks are a priority for the Republicans," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. "Prescription drugs for senior citizens are not."

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., countered that as chairman of the committee with jurisdiction over Medicare, the Senate Finance Committee, he intended to address "this most important concern" as soon as law-makers return to Washington from their scheduled August break.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., sharply rebutted Democratic claims that the GOP tax bill wouldn't leave room for a new Medicare benefit. Instead, he sought to turn the political tables.

A veto by Clinton, he said, would wipe out provisions to make education more affordable and child care more accessible. "Where does he get off running around the land saying he's for education and we're not?" Domenici said.

Similarly, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and other Republicans sought to substitute an across-the-board tax cut similar to the House measure for a portion of the bill pending in the Senate. That proposal, too, was rejected on a parliamentary motion after politically tinged debate.

## Internet firms launch parental Web project

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the Internet's most visited sites are putting their rivalry aside for a project to help parents keep their children away from pornography and drug or alcohol Web pages.

America Online, Lycos Inc., The Walt Disney Co., Microsoft Corp., Yahool and others launched a Web site Thursday that includes details about more than 80 commercial software programs parents can use to block Web sites inappropriate for children. It also has collections of recommended sites safe for children of different ages.

Companies in the campaign, which claim almost 95 percent of the Internet's traffic flows through their sites, will offer prominent connections to the site, www.getnetwise.org, or recompile the information and present it themselves.

That's partly a concession to ultra-competitive high-tech companies, which struggle to keep consumers from spending time at Web sites not under their control

Vice President Al Gore and Commerce Secretary William Daley joined company executives at a news conference to unveil the \$1 million site.

"There is so much out there that's good on the Internet, it would be a pity for a parent to tell a child not to go on the Internet because they were afraid," said David Baker, a vice president at MindSpring Enterprises Inc., one of the largest Internet providers nationwide.

Although some companies that design Internet filtering software helped pay for the site, details about all such technology tools are listed.

Ernie Allen, chief executive officer for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said organizers sought to design the Web site for parents anxious about what children might find online.

"It's an incredible resource, but it's scary," Allen said.

"Your kids know more about it than you do."

#### Experts warn of new Y2K threat: the hired help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some programmers hired to fix Year 2000 problems may be quietly installing malicious software codes to sabotage companies or gain access to sensitive information after the new year, two top government computer security experts warned Thursday.

Michael Vatis, director of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, said experts hired by U.S. companies to fix their computers can secretly install "trap doors" — ways to let them gain access later — or add malicious codes, such as a logic bomb or time-delayed virus that

could disrupt systems.

"While systems have been and will continue to be extensively tested, the probability of finding malicious code is extremely small," agreed Richard Schaeffer, director of the Defense Department's Infrastructure and Information Assurance program.

Neither expert suggested the possible scope of the problem.

They raised the alarms at hearing Thursday on the Y2K glitch and cyberterrorism before the Senate Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem.

"Many of these (rogue program-

mers) have no security clearance, do not work for the government, and yet they have access to critical systems that if sabotaged could wreak havoc to our financial institutions and our economy," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, said security breaches may be difficult to recognize because it's unlikely they'll be triggered on New Year's Day, when systems will face heavy scrutiny. Problems, if any, probably will appear weeks or months later.







#### Geese to be delisted by government

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday will propose removing the Aleutian Canada geese from the threatened species list Friday, citing a remarkable recovery after foxes introduced by fur farmers pushed the birds to the brink of extinction.

The migratory geese, found on remote islands off the Alaska coast and in Oregon and California during winters, were among the first animals to be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The birds with the distinctive

The birds with the distinctive white neck bands numbered just 790 in 1975.

But removing foxes from the birds' nesting islands, protecting their migration habitat and relocating geese to more islands helped bring their numbers to about 32,000 today, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

"Humans nearly drove the

Aleutian Canada goose to extinction, and humans through the Endangered Species Act saved this magnificent bird," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in a prepared statement.

The geese were defenseless when fur farmers and trappers introduced foxes to more than 190 islands in the birds' nesting range off Alaska as early as 1750.

The fox introductions at the previously mammal-free islands hit their peak from 1915 to 1936, when fur demand was high.

Biologists found no Aleutian Canada geese from 1938 through 1962, but then discovered a remaining population on the rugged, remote Buldir Island in the western Aleutian Islands.

The geese were declared an endangered species in 1967 under the Endangered Species Protection Act of 1966, a law that preceded the Endangered Species Act by seven years. The birds' status was upgraded from endangered to threatened in 1990 after geese populations reached 6,300.

Under the government proposal, the geese could be taken off the threatened species list in about a year, following a final comment period.

Japanese Ambassador Kunihiko Saito, Russian Ambassador Yuriy Ushakov and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott were expected to join Babbitt for Friday's delisting announcement.

The United States, Russia and Japan have a joint project to revive geese populations in the Kurll Islands off the coast of Russia. Eighty-six birds have been released at the islands so far and more releases are planned.

Friday's announcement marks the Fish and Wildlife Service's seventh proposed delisting this year.

# Spacecraft camera fails to take images of asteroid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A NASA spacecraft that made the closest flyby ever of an asteroid apparently misaimed its camera and failed to get any close-ups of the giant orbiting rock, disappointing scientists Thursday.

The Deep Space 1 probe flew. within about 10 miles of the Asteroid Braille on Wednesday night, but the pictures it sent back back show only empty space, said Robert Nelson, project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"This is analogous to mispointing a camera and getting a blank field of view," he said.

"It's not very exciting if this hypothesis holds out."

The barrel-shaped, 8-foot spacecraft, launched in October and designed primarily to test new forms of technology for future deep-space flights, otherwise accomplished all of the objectives of the \$152 million mission, NASA said.

And some science data still might be returned. An instrument that analyzes charged particles called ions appeared to be operating normally. Such data could help researchers figure out the rock's makeup.

One of the tested technologies was a self-navigating system that lets the spacecraft set its own course.

But the system lost sight of the asteroid with its camera about 20 minutes before the 35,000 mph encounter at 9:46 p.m., NASA said.

"This whole asteroid encounter was pure bonus," said deputy mission manager Marc Rayman.

"The objectives of the mission had already been accomplished before the encounter — that is to test high-risk technologies for future missions."

Still, the blank pictures are disappointing to scientists, especially because so little is known about the thousands of asteroids that irregularly orbit the sun and sometimes collide with the planets.

An asteroid that hit Earth 65 million years ago is believed to be responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs.

The flyby took place more than 117 million miles from Earth, between Earth and Mars.

Among the other futuristic technologies tested was an ion propulsion engine that moved the spacecraft by sending out a stream of high-speed ins.

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### Alamo City studies plan for new arena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The City Council heard a proposal from staff members Thursday for a \$203 million tax-funded plan to build an arena for the San Antonio Spurs.

An estimated \$35 million of the total package would go toward a three-level parking garage at the arena and about \$14 million would pay for building a walkway and other nearby struc-

The arena - which would sit next to the city-owned Alamodome - would be paid for through a half-cent sales tax, some of which would go toward a jobs program.

Under the proposal, the Spurs franchise would get the naming rights for the arena.

The amount the team would pay the city for that privilege is undetermined. The city staff came up with the plan during negotiations with Spurs executives, who say their National Basketball Association team needs to leave the Alamodome for a smaller building.

A public hearing on the plan is set for next Thursday. City Council members could decide then whether to place the measure on a Nov. 2 ballot.

"Nothing is really tied down yet. There are various ways that they can go," said city spokeswoman Carmen Vazquez Gonzalez.

Details must be ironed out by Aug. 12 for voters to consider it in the November election.

Work on an arena plan picked up momentum beginning in late June, when the Spurs won their first NBA championship.

Spurs spokesman Leo Gomez wouldn't say Thursday whether team officials will support the city plan.

# Hasek says '99 will be his final year

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — He's earned millions of dollars, won Olympic gold and piled up five trophies as the NHL's top goalie. But for The Dominator, there's no place like

Appearing relaxed and even relieved, Dominik Hasek said Thursday he would retire from the Buffalo Sabres at the end of next season so he could raise his children in his homeland, the Czech Republic.

The 34-year-old goaltender said his kids, 9-year old Michal and 4-year old Dominika, find it increasingly difficult to adapt to Czech life when they go home in the offseason.

"I decided to retire because of my friends and my family," Hasek said, adding he and his wife Alena want their children to get a Czech educa-

"When Michal turns 18, it will be his decision whether he becomes an American or a Czech boy. But now, we want both kids to live with us in the Czech Republic."

Hasek also is tired of the limelight too many requests for autographs, too many people stopping him on the street, not enough peace of mind.

"In America, they say, 'Out of sight, out of mind," Hasek said. "I hope this will work for me at home," he said.

"The attention I've received is overwhelming. It's something I don't enjoy at all. It's time to step back."

Hasek's decision came a day after Barry Sanders stunned the Detroit Lions and the rest of the football world by announcing his retirement. Other high profile retirements this year include Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway.

Sabres assistant general manager Larry Carriere flew to Prague for the news conference and praised Hasek's contributions to not only the team but to Buffalo.

"Obviously it will be difficult to replace somebody of the caliber of Dominik Hasek," he said. "But he gave us the opportunity to plan ... our future a year in advance."

Commissioner Gary Bettman noted that Hasek would be playing in the upcoming season and hoped for

"We wish him well and we wish he could change his mind," Bettman

Hasek said he first started thinking about retirement nine months ago and met with Sabres' management about it. He and his wife made the final decision to quit just before the playoffs, he said.

Despite struggling much of last season with a groin injury. Hasek helped the Sabres reach the Stanley Cup finals, losing to Dallas in six games.

Hasek, known for flopping to the ice to block shots and even releasing his stick and grabbing for the puck with two hands, was paid \$7 million last season. Only Patrick Roy of the Colorado Avalanche, who made \$7.5 million, had a higher salary among

Hasek is walking away from millions of dollars.

He has two years remaining on his contract, \$7 million for the upcoming season and \$7.5 million for 2000-01, and the club holds an option at \$9 million for the following season.

"I have enough money to live a nice life, not only for me but for kids and wife," Hasek said.

"If somebody offered me \$25 million to play one more year, I wouldn't.'

Last week, the Pittsburgh Penguins' Jaromir Jagr and the Phoenix Coyotes' Robert Reichel both said they prefer their homeland over the United States and will return as soon as their careers are over.

Still, Hasek wants to stay connected with the Sabres in some fashion after retirement and said he will remain active with Buffalo's Variety Club, an organization that takes care of children from poor families and pays for their hockey training.

The Czech won the NHL's most valuable player in 1997 and 1998, and helped the Sabres reach the Stanley Cup finals this year.

His career highlight, however, came in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, where he led the Czechs to the gold medal with a performance that made him a national

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# Bush looks to build home in Texas country

CRAWFORD (AP) — Having a Texan in the White House as well as in the neighborhood would suit many in this one-stop-light town just

The 700-resident town of Crawford is abuzz with news that presidential front-runner George W. Bush, while making a bid for the White House, also has made a bid on a ranch about 90 miles southwest of Dallas.

Regulars at the local coffee shop and gas station say they hope the Texas governor will follow the example of native son Lyndon B. Johnson.

The former president often returned to the LBJ Ranch near Johnson City and delighted in showing off the land to foreign visitors.

"I think that might be his intention. If that happens, it's something we could be proud of," said Randy

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Sherman, a Texas history teacher at Crawford High School.

Bush says he's interested in the property, but won't say whether a closing date has been set.

A work team recently made a survey of the nearly 1,500-acre ranch and crews are researching whether Bush could build a private 100-acre fishing lake on the land. That report will tell Bush whether he can build a stock tank on the property, which would be important to the avid fish-

Although many in town are happy about the idea of Bush moving in, the sale will be bittersweet for Ken Engelbrecht, who has lived on the family homestead his entire life, farming the property and raising

Engelbrecht said one reason the family is selling its holdings is to move his mother closer to her dialy-

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sis treatments, which she undergoes three times a week in Temple, 30 miles away.

The trip home is tiring after a long day of treatment, Engelbrecht said.

"It'll be better when they're there," he said of his parents. "They're all ready to go.'

Still, it's difficult for him to sell land that has been in his family since iust after the Civil War.

"It's hard, but it's best for the land," he said. "You want to sell to somebody who will do your town good, your neighbors good, the land good."

The property in western McClennan County adjoins Rainey Creek, a tributary of the Middle Bosque River. It never was listed with local real estate agents, although the land is worth an estimated \$800 to \$850 an acre.

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A couple of landing strips are nearby, as well as the Hughes Unit prison farm, which ranges from minimum to maximum security.

One landowner, who refused to give her name, said she likes Bush just fine, but figures having a prison only 17 miles away is dangerous enough - she doesn't want a politician added to the mix.

"There will be people out here just looking. It's just something we don't need," she said.

People are indeed looking and there have been Bush sightings at the local coffee shop in the neighboring town of McGregor.

"He walked up to my table and shook my hand," said Leah Driver, whose parents own The Coffee Station in Crawford.

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#### **Activists** detail alleged hate crime

EMORY (AP) - Evidence of a fire and wire fragments around the decomposed body of a black man indicate he was tied to a tree and burned, and the suspected killer appears to have been affiliated with a hate group, civil rights activists said Thursday.

State authorities cast doubt on the potential that the slaying of H.W. Walker was a hate crime, but federal prosecutors said the possibility is being investigated.

The results of an autopsy were pending in the death of the 53-year-old Greenville man, who disappeared in early May. His decomposed body was found June 2 in a remote, wooded section of Rains County, about 50 miles east of Dallas.

A 16-year-old white male has been in custody in connection with the slaying since the day after Walker's remains were discovered.

Local authorities have refused to comment on the circumstances surrounding the death. However, state authorities said Thursday that an investigation by the Texas Rangers has found no evidence of a hate crime although Walker's body was badly burned.

The killing appears to have been "a drug deal gone bad," said Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Safety, which oversees the Texas Rangers. She could not provide further details about the possible drug deal.

Walker's sister, Daisy Walker Robinson, disputed the allegation and said her brother was not a drug user.

Said Mange: "The evidence at this point doesn't indicate that race had anything to do with the killing."

Nonetheless, federal authorities contacted by NAACP officials with the results of their own probe are investigating the case as a potential hate crime.

U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford has said his office thinks "there's enough there to warrant a full investigation."

At a news conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People officials and other civil rights activists said people they have contacted reported seeing what looked like a fire and fragments of wire at the crime scene.

'We are here today because we need some answers and we want justice," said Robinson.



# Cowboys sign troubled veteran Spellman

WICHITA FALLS (AP) - In need of help on the defensive line, the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday agreed to a contract with troubled veteran Alonzo Spellman, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

The team did not immediately confirm a deal had been struck.

Steinberg said Spellman, who has been out of football since the Chicago Bears released him in June 1998 following several bizarre episodes, accepted a one-year contract for the veteran minimum of \$400,000. There's no signing bonus, but Spellman can make another \$400,000 in incentives.

"Alonzo is very enthusiastic about the ability to play football again," agent Leigh Steinberg said. "Dallas has been evaluating Alonzo for many, many weeks now. He has made great progress in his battle against emo-



tional illness and they're satisfied he can be a productive player."

Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said he believes in giving people second chances.

'I'm much more interested in the present and the future of a person than condemning somebody forever for the past," Gailey said.

Spellman suffers from bipolar disorder, a condition that is treatable by medication but can lead to manic behavior if he doesn't take his pills.

Several episodes manifested last year, most notably in March when he barricaded himself for eight hours inside the home of his publicist.

SWAT negotiators couldn't talk him into coming out, but former

Bears star Mike Singletary did. Spellman was hospitalized, but the next day he walked out of the building and into freezing weather without wearing a shirt or shoes.

Over the next six months, Spellman's problems included:

Detroit police using pepper spray to subdue him from attacking hotel security guards who were trying to break up a fight between two women who were with Spellman.

-The Bears releasing him two years into a four-year, \$11.6 million

-Getting pulled over for erratic driving, which led to his arrest for having in the car a semiautomatic handgun and a bullet in a gun case and a half-empty wine bottle, and for driving with a revoked license.

-Getting evicted from his home. —Being awaken by police from a nap in his car in the fast lane on an interstate highway. Officers said that when they woke him, he didn't seem to know where he was.

Remnants of that ruinous period remain. He faces an Aug. 19 court date in Michigan for a felony charge of carrying a concealed weapon and misdemeanor charges for having open alcohol in a vehicle and driving without a license. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison on the weapon charge and up to 90 days in jail on the misdemeanor charges.

Spellman's off-field problems would seem to make him a bad fit in Dallas, where team owner Jerry Jones has said he's trying to clean up a tarnished image. In fact, a big reason why Dallas needs Spellman is because tackle Leon Lett is suspended indefinitely for violating the league's drug policy.

Spellman's on-field potential likely was too much for Jones to resist. Jones is counting on the 6-foot-4, 292-pound Spellman to have reined in his demons without losing the edge that successful.

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Spellman left Ohio State after his junior year and the Bears made him a first-round pick, 22nd overall. He made 32 sacks in six seasons in Chicago with a high of 8 1/2 in 1995.

"Alonzo is very, very gifted physically, and when he wasn't in the bout of illness and depression, he's totally classy," Steinberg said, adding an anecdote about Spellman's work towards inner-racial harmony. "That's what was so sad about the way his behavior completely degenerated."

The Jacksonville Jaguars considered signing Spellman last summer and the Cowboys were very interested last fall.

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# Ex-TCU star not to face drug charges

FOREST HILL (AP) — Former Texas Christian basketball star Lee Nailon will not face drug charges, according to investigators who say they have failed to build a case.

"We couldn't affirmatively tie any of the drugs to any of them," Police Chief Sam Hill said Wednes-

"We had too many conflicting stories."

Nailon. TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson and third man had been arrested Saturday evening outside the Comfort Inn after officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from one of the rooms.

Authorities said the three escaped through a back window of the motel, but were caught seconds later in the Comfort Inn parking lot. Inside the vacant room, police said they found about 2 ounces of marijuana and hollowed-out cigar in the rooms.

Officers had come to the motel to investigate an unrelated armed robbery.

Nailon, a second-round draft pick of the Charlotte Hornets, couldn't be reached for comment. A Hornets spokeswoman said the team had no statement on the dropped case.

Tomlinson said he felt "a whole bunch of relief" after the case was dropped.

Hill said officers were delayed in getting into the room, and that by the time they were given a pass key, the room was empty.

"As far as the narcotics, there was nobody in the room when we got in there and nobody would claim it," the chief said of the incident.

"It would be futile to try and put it on anyone."

Investigators had also been considering charges of evading arrest, but Hill said the case would not hold up in court.

Nailon was TCU's first basketball player to have two 700-point seasons. The standout forward also led the nation in scoring two seasons ago.

# Monson gears up for Gophers

#### Former Gonzaga coach to rebuild Minnesota program

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — New Golden Gophers men's basketball coach Dan Monson is gearing up for one of the biggest challenges of his career: making a team shaken by an academic scandal into a winner in the classroom as well as on the court.

Monson is under pressure to preserve Minnesota's winning ways despite the departure of coach Clem Haskins and the likelihood of NCAA sanctions over an academic fraud scandal. But university officials are also going to hold him accountable for how his players perform off the court.

Minnesota signed Monson on Saturday to a seven-year contract worth about \$700,000 per year including outside income. He had stood to make about \$200,000 a year all told under the 10-year deal he signed in April at the much smaller Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Still, some people might say he was a little crazy to leave a secure job at Gonzaga, which he led to the final eight of the NCAA tournament last spring, and step into such an uncertain situation.

"If it was a short-term decision, they'd be correct," Monson said in an interview Wednesday. "But for me it's a long-term decision. ... If I can get through these first couple years of the problems we have, I have a job at one of the greatest universities in America, in the best league in America."

Monson said he sees himself as the head of a family that's met with adversity, and his job is to make sure everybody keeps moving forward despite everything that's happened.

The Gophers' fate within the NCAA isn't expected to be resolved before spring. But university president Mark Yudof has said the school is likely to impose some sort of preemptive sanctions on itself.

Monson said he isn't spending much time worrying about sanctions, which might include limits on postseason play or scholarships, because he can't control what the NCAA might do.

"I tell my teams all the time to focus on what you can control," he said.
"You can't control the NCAA investigation, you can't control the officiating, you can't control what the crowd is doing. All you can control is how hard you play, how well you concentrate, and how much you can compete."

Just five days into his new job, Monson on Thursday hired the first two of four assistant coaches — Mike Petersen, who was head women's coach at Texas Christian for the past three seasons, and Bill Walker, an assistant at Central Missouri State in that same period. Monson has long-standing ties with both.

After taking a couple of weeks off to get married Aug. 7 and honeymoon in Hawaii, Monson plans to get down to work in earnest with his new team Aug. 14, when he'll have four days to prepare the Gophers for a series of exhibition games in Europe.

Monson said he hopes the healing process begins on that trip.

"Starting in Europe, we have to start believing in ourselves here. That's half the battle," he said.

"If we come off that trip with the players having a better understanding of the coaching staff, and who they are and what they expect, along with the coaching staff having a better evaluation of the players, we've had a successful trip," he said.

Monson also has met individually with all the players, and they all plan to stay with the possible exception of Antoine Broxsie, who was benched because of the scandal for Minnesota's first-round NCAA tournament game, a 75-63 loss to Monson's Gonzaga. Broxsie, who remains on suspension, is looking at transferring.

Once the Gophers get back to Minnesota, Monson will face the challenge of making sure his student-athletes are serious about being students. He said he hasn't had time to develop a specific plan for ensuring academic success, but he will rely on the university's tutoring and support staff.

Monson said his contribution will include setting an "extreme" expectation level and instilling the attitude that academics and degrees are important.

## Dallas arena to include basketball

DALLAS (AP) — Plans for the new American Airlines Center indicate the facility may not only be bigger and more costly than planned, but may have to accommodate another tenant.

A WNBA spokesman confirmed Wednesday that the Dallas Mavericks have approached the league about adding a counterpart team. It was also learned that the arena — originally planned to house the Mavericks and the NHL's Stars — will cost about \$46 million more and be 10 percent larger than originally planned.

WNBA spokesman Mark Pray told KTVT the Mavericks have had frequent discussions with the league about bringing an expansion team to Dallas. With that in mind, they asked that the arena include locker room and practice facilities for a possible new franchise.

Those plans expanded the size of the original arena and it is now expected to be more than 800,000 square feet and will cost about \$276 million.

Pray said the addition of expansion teams are decided by an eightmember operating committee and one of those members is Mavericks president and CEO Terdema Ussery.

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# Armstrong, foundation reap hometown benefits

Tour de France Lance Armstrong gets a hometown parade and his cancer research foundation gets unprecedented exposure.

The city is planning an Aug. 9 downtown parade and festival in honor of Armstrong's victory, said Mayor Kirk Watson.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation will help coordinate the city's large

"I have no doubt in my mind it's going to be awesome," foundation Director Karl Haussmann said Thurs-

Organizers expect up to 15,000 to

The parade will have floats and marching bands and will be paid for

#### City helps give back to Tour de France winner

largely with corporate and individual

Excess proceeds will go to the foundation, Watson said.

People will be invited to ride their bikes to and in the parade and to wear yellow, the signature color of the Tour champion.

Organizers will sell yellow T-shirts with any profits also going to the Armstrong foundation, Watson said

Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service teammates will be invited, the mayor

"It's going to be a great opportunity to honor Lance and all he means to us," Watson said.

Armstrong lives part of the year in Austin and part of the year in France, where he won his first Tour de France

Armstrong capped a remarkable comeback from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain to win cycling's most prestigious and grueling event.

The three-week race through the French countryside ended Sunday in Paris with Armstrong becoming only the second American to win after only Greg LeMond.

Armstrong's victory has prompted a flood of endorsement requests to

the foundation, from companies hawking bicycle seats to nutritional products that claim to prevent cancer, Haussmann said.

Movie and book deals have also been pitched, although Haussmann said he can't negotiate anything for Armstrong the individual.

"It's sort of ridiculous. A lot of people are trying to get at Lance in some way, shape of form," Haussmann said.

All requests will be reviewed, he

"In some cases that can be a goodthing if it's the right product and the right company. Some you can see

without diving into the proposal they're not really legitimate or viable," Haussmann said.

"Sure we need money. But we still have to stay focused on the real job and that's making sure those cancer patients get what they need. We don't want to lose sight of what we're really here for.'

Corporate and individual donations to the foundation have increased sharply since the race started on July 3, Haussmann said.

The foundation deposited \$76,000 into its accounts this month and Haussmann said he has a "substantial" stack of checks yet to be depos-

The foundation is also awaiting a \$25,000 check from Nike, he said.



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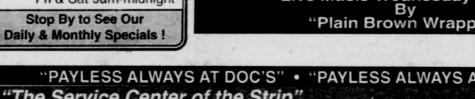
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