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East Texas interested in Tech vet school

By MATT MUENCH STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to make Texas Tech more recognized in the Piney Woods, 10 East Texas legislators recently wrote Tech Chancellor John Montford urging that a Tech veterinary school be created in the eastern portion of the state.

Among the signatures on the let-

ter were those of Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff and state Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview.

Ratliff, who announced Tuesday that he will not run for Lieutenant Governor in the next election year, could not be reached for comment.

Merritt said if a veterinary school is built, he hopes it will be in East Texas, maybe in his hometown of Longview. He said Tech needs more recognition in the area

"It is very important for Tech to get a position in Northeast Texas that have dedicated alums," Merritt said. "We want to send a message to Tech that you are very important to this region and we will extend a hand of welcome."

Montford is on vacation and could not be reached for comment, but Vice Chancellor for News and Information Cindy Rugeley said it still is too early to determine whether an agreement will be made.

"What I know is Montford is going to meet with them and talk about this," Rugely said. "But I don't know when or where. We are still in the early stages."

Rugeley also said Health Sciences Center President David Smith might attend the meeting. In 1971, the Texas College and University Coordinating Board authorized Tech to establish a vet school

Former Texas Gov. Preston Smith advocated a law school, medical school, pharmaceutical school and vet school at Tech 35 years ago. All have arrived except the vet school.

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SUMMER SHOWCASE

Theatre students present a trio of rotating plays throughout June

By Amanda Hudnall Staff writer

Theatre will present three plays during summer repertory season beginning June 15 and continuing through June 29 in the Charles E. Maedgen Junior Lab Theatre.

Richard Privitt, an audience relations specialist at Tech, said "Lily, The Felon's Daughter," "Talley's Foily" and "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" were selected by the faculty to be performed by summer theatre students.

The casts and crews are students from a class that meets during both summer semesters, and students are expected to complete a variety of tasks.

"We have a lot of stuff to get done," Privitt said, "there's lighting, scenery, sound, costumes, props and publicity."

The students commit time to the productions and make sure everything is put together well.

"They're here from eight in the morning," Privitt said. "They work until lunch, then they get a break. Some rehearsals start in the afternoon; some start in the evening; some rotate through. When they are not rehearsing, they work in whatever area they have been assigned. It's a full day—more than a full day."

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ABOVE: Tech theatre students Kim Brownlee and Eric Skiles rehearse a scene from the play "Tailie's Folly" on Monday afternoon. Brownlee and Skiles play Sally and Matt, respectively, in the Pulitzer Prizewinning play. LEFT: Rehearsing a scene from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," theatre students Chad Greenough and Dami Green act out an altercation between characters Linus and Lucy. The two plays are part of the theatre department's trio of summer plays.

Schmidly fills V.P. position

By Courtney Muench STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech President David Schmidly recently appointed Robert Sweazy as vice president for research, graduate studies, technology transfer and economic development.

Schmidly, who held the same position before becoming president last August, said Sweazy is experienced and has excellent judgment in determining what makes up good research.

"Dr. Sweazy has more capabilities than the other people we attracted through the application process," Schmidly said. "And when you add on to the fact that he loves Texas Tech, I felt it was a no-brainer decision."

When Sweazy arrived at Tech in 1997, he was an assistant professor of civil engineering and assistant director of the Water Resource Center.

He was among the first generation of researchers to work for Tech.

From 1996 to 2000, Sweazy served as senior associate vice president for research. He then became executive director of the Texas Tech University Research Foundation and vice provost for research.

Sweazy said the part of the economic development aspect of his new job is a fairly new responsibility for that position

"(Tech) is the largest employer in this part of Texas. We are the economic engine for much of the region and therefore we think (Tech) has a responsibility to assist the region in developing the economy," Sweazy said.

He said he believes research helps create more jobs and businesses opportunities.

"This is one more step beyond the research mission. Once the research is done we want to go ahead and apply it," Sweazy said. "We try to put the research product into commercial use. By doing that we make a business out of it."

Sweazy said his new job is not much different from positions he has already served.

"Most of what my job entails. I have encountered before. So, it isn't so much that everything is new and different. What is different is the volume of work. It has been a busy, busy time for me," he said.

In addition to his academic and administrative positions, Sweazy served as faculty athletic representative to the NCAA, the Southwest Conference, the College Football Association and the Big 12 Athletic Conference.

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Crews ready campus for parking garage

Flint Avenue and 18th Street being altered for new project.

> BY COURTNEY MUENCH STAFF WRITER

Construction crews are rerouting portions of Flint Avenue and 18th Street on the Texas Tech campus to make room for a new parking garage, which will be located west of Clement Hall.

Currently 18th Street runs into Flint Avenue just east of Weymouth Hall. About a half

block north of that intersection, 18th Street continues on the other side of Flint.

When construction is finished. 18th will run northwest from the new English/Philosophy/Education complex, passing through what has been the R-6 parking lot, before intersecting with Flint Avenue just west of the Architecture building.

Flint will curve west toward Weymouth Hall before curving back to where it currently intersects 18th Street west of the Architecture building.

The parking garage's design incorporates Spanish-renaissance architecture to match the rest of the campus' buildings.

The \$11.5-million garage will hold more than 750 cars and is slated to be finished in August 2002, Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities. planning and construction

The garage will stand four levels high, with each level to contain 200 parking spaces.

The ground level will be reserved for university visitors, who will pay \$1 an hour to use the facility. Pay stations will be located near the main exits.

Eric Crouch, manager of operations said faculty working in the Art building, Architecture building and the new English/Philosophy/Education complex, along with students living in the Wall/Gates and Hulen/Clement residence complexes, will have the opportunity to purchase permits to park in the second, third and fourth levels of the garage.

Crouch said permits will be available a few months before the garage is complete, but the price of the tag has not been determined.

"The cost of a permit will be significantly higher than commuter or residence hall parking stickers," he said.

During the 2001-2002 school year it will cost \$82 to park in commuter lots and \$110 to park in residence hall

Commuter parking in

2000-01 cost \$70 for nine months with residence hall parking costing \$90.

In 1999-2000, parking costs were \$49 a commuter sticker and \$71 for a Tech resident sticker.

Crouch said the increase in parking costs will help pay for the garage.

The bad thing about a garage is they don't pay for themselves. Unless we charged \$1,500 for each space, the system has to pay for it," he said.

The new garage will not be gated or have a booth with a vehicle supervisor, Crouch

He said the garage will be monitored routinely by Tech police officers along with se curity cameras and good lighting throughout for safety rea-

Crouch said the garage should relieve the congestion in that part of campus

"There has always been problems with traffic with students living in those residence halls," he said, "There just isn't enough land out there to build parking lots.

A second parking garage is planned to be constructed where the Barnes&Noble bookstore is now located. The bookstore is planned to be moved into the University Center, which is undergoing renovations and additions.

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Merritt said the state's lone vet school in College Station.

"Texas A&M is simply not large enough to accommodate all qualified applicants," Merritt'said. "That is why it is a great opportunity for Tech and

He said the thought of just building another A&M branch never came up, because they are not interested.

Since they are the only vet school in the state. Merrit said why would they want to expand when they have no competition and other money to spend on maybe a law or medical

"They have not chosen to expand," Merritt said. "If you have a monopoly, you have to have a certain incentive to branch out."

Merritt said Longview would be an ideal place to put the school because there are three branches of colleges where students could get their undergraduate degree if they chose not study at a major university.

Longview is in the Piney Woods area of Texas, about 100 miles east of Dallas

Merritt said the proposed vet school would be a four-year college and added that he has privately funded money already committed to build the school.

He said it is Tech's turn to make the

"Demand is immediate," Merritt said. "It is just a matter of how quick can Tech move. The next step is to sit down and see where we are going with this."

have enjoyed working with Texas Tech, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve in my new ca-

with the students and I haven't in a while. And I have missed that. That is what (this university) is all about. Students are so dynamic and full of energy. I can always go around and walk up to students and strike up a conversation if I get too lonesome or bored, I guess," he said.

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school is at Texas A&M and added that it is harder to get into the school than to be admitted into medical

East Texas to create a vet school."

SWEAZY

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Sweazy was on a football scholarship when attending college at Wichita State University and said some of his former jobs were an extension of his former athletic days.

But Sweazy resigned as faculty athletic representative because he said he wants to concentrate on his new position.

Schmidly said he will appoint a new faculty athletic representative within a few weeks.

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Sweazy's stay will come to an end in three years, he said.

"I only want this job for another three years," he said. "And then I want to quit." Sweazy said after retiring he

would like to spend the majority of his time playing golf, hunting, fishing and traveling.

"I like watching football and basketball so I will always do that, too,"

He said he can always find ways to keep busy," he said. "But I really

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Sweazy said won't get to work with students on a one-on-one basis.

"I won't have much interaction

High Court rules buyers can be barred from suing

AUSTIN (AP) - Consumers who complain about defective products can be forced into binding arbitration and barred from suing the manufacturer, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Consumer groups were quick to call the ruling a blow to Texas consumers.

"The Texas Supreme Court has effectively closed and locked the door of the courtroom for many Texas consumers who have been sold defective or faulty products," said Dan Lambe, executive director of Texas Watch, a nonprofit consumer group.

Consumers with credit cards, auto insurance, new computers or homes have signed contracts that say that if something goes wrong with the product or service, they waive all rights to sue in favor of binding arbitration — a hearing with a panel of arbitrators whose decision is final.

Consumer advocates say the arbitration process is expensive and biased toward big businesses. Filing fees range from about \$50 for civil disputes in small-claims court to \$500 in large commercial cases. The arbitrators themselves - usually one to three judge a case — also charge hourly fees.

But supporters of the court's ruling say the arbitration process is fair and less costly than lawsuits.

"Arbitration provides consumers with an immediate and an inexpensive place to go," said Cami Boyd, a lawyer representing two Texas-based mobile-home companies that were defendants in the case ruled on by the court. "We've found that we can have matters resolved within months as opposed to waiting years for a decision.

said. "Something is wrong in Texas

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Sharp running for Lt. Go AUSTIN (AP) - Former Texas them to build classrooms," Sharp

Comptroller John Sharp announced Thursday he will run in the 2002 lieutenant governor's race, becoming the first Democrat and the third person this week to announce his candidacy.

Sharp said his priorities would be education, economic development, infrastructure and the state's budget.

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Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott and Sen. David Sibley of Waco, both Republicans, announced their candidacy on Wednes day, a day after acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff dropped out of the race. As the presiding officer in the

the new stuff.'

Senate in a state with a weak governor, the lieutenant governor arguably is the most powerful post in Texas government with the authority to control the flow of legislation and name committee members.

Sharp ran for lieutenant governor

Team effort tries to recruit Tech artists

BY TIFFANY KINGSTON STAFF WRITER Program aims to clear up art misconceptions, expose high schoolers to college life

Local artists and faculty are passing their expertise to another generation in hopes of recruiting new art students to Texas Tech.

The Texas Tech Art Institute is teaming with the Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners to expose high school students to university life.

"Many students come to a university with a lot of false notions about an academic field or discipline," IDEAL Director Martha Hise said. "I think sometimes it's true of students pursuing a degree in art.

Hise said what they will do here is explore different medias and dispel several myths about what it is like to

be an art major.

Hise said some students who major in art are under the misconception that being an artist means moving to a loft in New York City, donning a beret and becoming rich by selling one's work.

"Artists are faced with the challenge of creating but also creating a living," Hise said. "There are many different ways to do that. These kids will be taught by a number of artists and get an idea of the scope of choices within the discipline."

Nola Richards, faculty coordinator and assistant program director for the Art Institute, said the program also introduces art instruction at both the high school and college levels.

Tech faculty in the art department, graduate students and local professional artists, as well as faculty from other universities, will teach the Art Institute classes.

"The faculty I chose are well trained in what they do. Their personal development as artists makes them good instructors," Richards said. "They have good reputations, they are dependable and work well with children."

Richards received her master's from Tech's School of Art and said the instructors also are Tech graduates.

Hise said the students attending the summer program come from all over Texas

This year more than 20 students are enrolled. She said the small enrollment is more effective than larger classes because it allows for more hands-on experience.

"It is the fourth year of this program and enrollment has grown," Hise said. "It's important that the students come and get a look at the department, and many of them may come to Texas Tech based on this experience."

Hise said one of the biggest challenges is adapting the curriculum.

"We constantly proof and revise our approach to cater to the learning needs of the students so that they can make educated decisions about which discipline they would like to pursue in the future or learn more about," she said.

The students will stay in Weymouth Residence Hall and have opportunities to participate in events at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

"We are intending to expose the students to university life," Richards said. "They will live on campus and know what it is like to be a studio artist in an academic environment."

The institute will begin on June 16 and cost \$545.

Hise said her department offers some scholarships and the cost of the program covers instruction, materials and supplies, transportation, food, lodging and supervision.

Staff Senate asking administrators for acquisition of on-campus day care

BY TIFFANY KINGSTON STAFF WRITER

Members of the Staff Senate Child Care Committee will meet with Tech administrators June 25 to discuss the possible funding and construction of a day care facility on the Tech campus.

Christy Meriwether, assistant director of customer service and performance improvement at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and chairperson of the child care committee said the child care center currently operating in conjunction with the College of Human Sciences is a wonderful facility, but is limited in capacity.

Two years ago, a Tech faculty and staff member wrote a letter to the Staff Senate addressing the need of an affordable, accessible and diverse child-care center on campus.

The Human Sciences child-care center only operates when Tech is in session. The center also is a learning lab for Tech students.

The proposed center would be accessible to both Tech's academic campus and the HSC.

Meriwether said the center also would operate as a learning lab for not only Tech students, but to HSC students also.

"We are all about education," she said.

One of the goals of the committee is to have the child-care center accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

NAEY accreditation is based on teacher-child ratios, curriculum and other requirements including the space of an individual child.

"Accreditation is very important for the center to be linked to education," Kerry Billingsly, director of the Office of Quality Service and outgoing Staff Senate president said.

Both Billingsly and Meriwether said one of the primary goals of the center is to promote recruitment and the retention of students, faculty and staff at Tech.

Meriwether said her committee sent a need-assessment survey to Tech faculty, staff and students. According to the survey, the response rate was 32 percent. From the respondents, staff members have the most need for a new center, followed by students then faculty.

Fifty-three percent of respondents said a new child-care center is "very important" and 30 percent said it is "important."

After assessing the needs of Tech employees and the students, the

committee wrote a proposal and sent copies of the reports to the Student Senate, Staff Senate and the HSC Student Senate. All three senates passed the new child care resolution.

Meriwether said the support of both Tech President David Schmidly and the HSC President David Smith also were attained.

The committee will present the child-care center proposal to Chancellor John Montford; Mike Ellicott, vice-chancellor of facilities, planning and construction; an undetermined officer from the Office of Development and other administrators.

Billingsly said funding and the probability of the center will be discussed and that without the support of the Chancellor the project will not move forward.

The committee determined the center would have to be subsidized.

Meriwether said tuition alone would not cover all the costs. It has been proposed that tuition be based on income and scholarships.

"Especially for students, affordability and quality is key," Billingsly said.

Meriwether, a parent of two, said she would feel comfortable sending her child to the center because it would be of quality and affordable.

Federal appeals court denies McVeigh's plea

DENVER (AP) — A federal appeals court on Thursday rejected Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's request to delay his execution, saying his attorneys "utterly failed to demonstrate substantial grounds" why the execution should not proceed next week.

The 33-year-old McVeigh is set to die by injection Monday at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

A three-judge panel from the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considered McVeigh's argument Thursday and issued its ruling without hearing oral arguments.

"McVeigh has utterly failed to demonstrate substantial grounds upon which relief might be granted," the court decision said.

McVeigh attorney Rob Nigh was in his Tulsa, Okla., office and not immediately available to comment. Earlier Thursday, McVeigh attorney Nathan Chambers declined to say whether the legal team would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if it lost in the appeals court.

McVeigh's lawyers wanted more time to review nearly 4,500 pages of belatedly released FBI documents for information they felt could have helped in his defense during the 1997 trial.

The lawyers argued that U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch was caught up in the horror of the Oklahoma City bombing and "lost sight of the demands of fairness."

Matsch, who presided over the trial, denied the initial appeal Wednesday.

The appeals court also refused to reopen McVeigh's appeal, noting "our complete agreement with McVeigh's candid concession in his district court filings that the newly produced materials do not satisfy the standard," the court wrote.





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TEXAS LEGISLATURE REPOSTRICTING PANCE -- PRECEDES THE DRAWING OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS BY THE FEDERAL COURTS.

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Thile Sen. Jim Jeffords', I-Vt., official switch in affiliation from Republican to Independent took Washington by storm this past Wednesday, the quiet, unannounced switch of some Texas Republicans held conservatism hostage in the state legislature this past



Sandeep Rao

Leading the pack of quislings has been our very own Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock. representing District 83, which includes the Texas Tech campus.

Jones chairs the powerful House Redistricting Committee, made even more influential in the 77th Legislature by the

once-a-decade task of redistricting based on census figures.

Like past legislative sessions, Jones again became a willing accomplice to the Texas Democratic Party's agenda. However, this time, the potential effects of his wayward ways could harm the GOP for many years to come. As the chair of the redistricting committee, the Democrat-in-disguise joined with the eight Democrats on committee to railroad the unfair, pro-Democratic redistricting proposal by a 9-2

Created to maintain guaranteed constituencies, creatively-constructed, gerrymandered districts have assured the success of incumbents who face little opposition in districts molded to ensure little opposition. While Texas voters chose Republicans for every statewide elected office and overwhelmingly voted Republican in the last presidential election, only 42 percent of congressional offices are held by the GOP. The disparity is due, in part, to the gerrymandering done by the Democrat-controlled state legislature 10 years ago.

Rep. Joe Barton's, R-Ennis, district perfectly illustrates the Democratic gerrymandering malaise created in 1991. His scattered district snakes up and includes conservative suburbs of the Dallas metroplex, including only one precinct in his hometown of Ennis.

I spoke with Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio, prior to this legislative session. Recognizing that the Republican Party had more power in the House than they had had in years, he said he and the GOP did not wish to replicate the Party-serving gerry mandering pushed by the Democratic Party in 1991. The GOP would gain majority congressional representation, he said, as long as fair, compact districts were constructed.

Republicans, lead by Jones, had the opportunity to help correct Texas' gerrymandered districts. Alas, self-preservation and creative redistricting won the day in Jones' committee.

With West Texas poised to lose two seats due to population shifts, the turncoat Jones planned to combine Rep. Carl Isset's, R-Lubbock, district with that currently held by a Democratic representative. In his proposal, Jones left House Speaker Pete Laney's, D-Hale Center, district alone.

During the 1990s, Texas' population has shifted from rural to suburban and from west to east. This shift has left incumbents with largely white Democratic constituencies in trouble. The need for majority minority districts, mandated under the Voting Rights Act and pushed by the Democratic Party, has begun to eat away at the white Democrat districts.

Jones, a former Democrat, became a Republican out of necessity in conservative West Texas. But, he has never been able to free himself of the left, voting in opposition to key GOP platform items such as school choice and vouchers.

According to Marc Levin, vice chairman of communications for the Austin-based Young Conservatives of Texas, Jones received only 50 out of 100 points on the organization's ratings of conservative legislators for the last session. Fifty percent is great if you're a Democrat, but dismal if you claim to be a Republican.

Sacrificing evenhandedness for political expedience, "Jeffords" Jones betrayed not only the GOP, but also basic fairness. He had the opportunity to join his fellow Republicans and take the high ground on redistricting.

Levin said, "Jones overplayed his hands by all accounts. The Jones plan was so unfair that the liberal Austin American-Statesman editorial board asked (Governor Rick) Perry to veto it, but [the Jones plan] never got past the Senate."

Having bobbled the redistricting football, Jones and his colleagues in the House had to punt last week. The issue now heads this summer to the Texas Legislative Redistricting Board, which contains a 4-2 majority of conservative Republicans elected to statewide office.

Untamed hubris has been the downfall of many. It now appears Jones has opened the door for his own downfall by failing to connect with his Republican colleagues

At best, the fair, contiguous, and compact redistricting plan favored by the Board would force West Texas to lose a few seats based on population numbers.

At worst, Jones might be redistricted out himself — just desserts for a man who governed by self-preservation. After all, he who lives by the sword often dies by it.

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[COLUMN]

Movie puts life in perspective

am writing this column two minutes after getting out of the movie theater. I saw a film originally cast almost 60 years ago.



Matt

Muench

It is a film my friend's grandfather had no desire to see because he is part of that original cast.

But I saw the movie. and like most of you, I enjoyed it. And like most of you men, I almost cried.

If you are not good at guessing games, the flick I saw was "Pearl Harbor."

When I think about it, the hit summer flick makes me feel - I don't

want to say bad - but useless. When I walk out of a movie that is based on a true story like Pearl Harbor, I think, "What have I accomplished in my life?"

I think, "My life is so easy." I think, "Geez, I am a wuss."

Actors like Ben Affleck and Cuba Gooding Jr. filmed it to make money, do their job and maybe show respect for the original cast. But the 1942 cast did it because they had no choice. It may be cliché, but they did it for the United States of America.

I sat there with my feet up, popcorn in one hand and a Coke in the other, while the cast that really went through the traumatic experience worried about every move they made because bullets were flying in every direction at every minute.

They never knew they were fighting a war so I can watch it on the big screen.

While we can make mistakes in life and learn from them, one turn of the head or small mistake in 1942 on that naval base meant death.

Society as a whole takes life for granted. The 1942 cast had to worry about a bomb bouncing 20 yards in front of them or a friend dying in their arms.

We are scared about the way we look and act. We have anxiety attacks over cops and bills we

The thousands of Americans that died on that horrible day did something for themselves, this nation and us. It wasn't like God made them

There is no room for fate in my book. They did it on their own. They are heroes.

I am just a journalism major having it easy. I go to school, write for the newspaper, wait tables, eat, play golf and have good times with friends. Boring, isn't it?

Sure I have accomplishments, but nothing remotely like the men at Pearl Harbor. My accomplishments are small and have no effect on a factory worker in Virginia or a newborn in

So many people get up in the morning and plan their day while looking ahead to the next day. Some people use planners to organize their schedule months ahead of time. I don't understand why. I say, why worry about tomorrow?

The men at Pearl Harbor certainly didn't worry because they weren't sure if there would be a

They focused on that day one second at a time. While explosions were surrounding them and ships were sinking. I bet every solider on the navy se thought their life could be cut short.

That is why you cannot worry about tomorrow when you still have today. One day I may accomplish something. I want

The sad thing is, everyone that died at Pearl Harbor became heroes because they died. I tip my hat to them.

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Bush signs tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a White House victory celebration, President Bush put his signature to the nation's first across-the-board tax cut in a generation on Thursday and promised American families rebate checks in time to help with September school bills.

He proclaimed the \$1.35-trillion tax cut, most of which takes effect slowly over the next decade, the first achievement for a "new tone in Washington."

Such broad tax relief has happened just twice since World War II—President Kennedy's tax cuts in the 1960s and President Reagan's in the 1980s—Bush told a packed White House audience of near-giddy Republicans and some Democrats.

"And now it's happening for the third time," Bush said. "And it's about time."

Rebate checks, most between \$300 and \$600 will be mailed beginning July 20 to every American who paid taxes this year. Eventually, income tax rates will drop, the child credit will double and the estate tax, which Bush calls "the death tax," will die.

"Most families can look forward to a \$600 tax rebate before they have to pay the September back-to-school bills. And in the years ahead, taxpayers can look forward to steadily declining income tax rates," Bush said.

Democratic opponents complained that the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers will reap more than one-third of the new law's benefit. "For tens of millions of Americans, the check is not in the mail," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

Within an hour of the signing, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., opened up the possibility of rolling back some provisions in order to meet spending needs or accommodate any shortfall in the projected \$5.6 trillion budget surplus that Bush is counting on to offset tax cuts.

There were no second thoughts in the East Room.

Republican leaders and the handful of Democratic lawmakers who helped push the bill through Congress — including Georgia's Zell Miller, New Jersey's Robert Torricelli, Louisiana's John Breaux, and Montana's Max Baucus — surrounded the president and grabbed for the 10 souvenir pens he had obligingly used to work through his signature letter by letter.

The package was \$250-billion smaller than the version Bush had campaigned for and made a must-pass centerpiece of his first six months in office. Nonetheless, the president claimed vindication over political foes who had said his tax cut proposal was too big.

"Today it becomes reality," he said.

First lady Laura Bush, who is rarely seen when her husband conducts business, took a front-row seat, just one sign that this was a most special occasion for the young Bush White House. Three charter buses deposited members of Congress at the North Portico. Senior White House political strategist Karl Rove bounced through the East Room slapping backs and shaking hands two at a time. Vice President Dick Cheney, Bush's chief operative on Capitol Hill, slipped into the ceremony unannounced but for the clapping of the first lawmaker to spot him.

A grander ceremony planned for the South Lawn was chased inside by rain, so the dozens of guests who couldn't fit in the East Room were seated before TV monitors in the Grand Foyer.

NEWS DIGEST

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LUBBOCKITE'S EXECUTION DELAYED AT LAST MINUTE

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Death row inmate Mack Oran Hill's last meal really wasn't his last.

Hill was munching on a large chef's salad, some bacon, vegetables and fruit Wednesday evening in a cell just outside the Texas death chamber when he got word his execution set for two hours later had been stopped.

"He was happy," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said. "He wanted to complete eating before officers transferred him back (to death row)"

He was allowed to finish the meal he had selected, then was returned to the Terrell Unit, about 40 miles east of Huntsville and home of death row.

Hill, 47, filed his own appeal Tuesday in hopes of stopping his punishment for the murder of a business associate 14 years ago in Lubbock.

EL PASO MAN ADMITS TO MURDERING 15 YEAR OLD

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The man charged with the murder of a 15-year-old Anthony girl told police he strangled her because she refused to have intercourse with him, according to an arrest affidavit.

Irving Alvin Davis, 18, of Anthony told police that Melissa Medina had consented to intercourse around 1:30 a.m. Monday near Anthony Elementary School but then "told him to stop because she liked someone else," the affidavit said.

Davis, who was arrested Mon-

day evening, said Medina told him not to tell anyone about the incident or she would claim that he sexually assaulted her, according to the affidavit.

[NATION]

SURROGATE MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO FRIEND'S QUADS

PHOENIX (AP) — A woman who volunteered to be a surrogate mother for her best friend gave birth Wednesday to three girls and a boy.

The four babies, delivered by Cesarean section, were believed to be the nation's first set of surrogate quadruplets, according to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

"It was just a great experience," father David Behler told television station KTVK. "I've never had anything like that before in my life."

He and wife, Stacey, had tried unsuccessfully to have a child for 13 years.

Friend Debbie Vibber gave birth Friday to a boy at 7:01 a.m., followed by the three girls, each a minute apart.

OFFICER'S WIDOW FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST CITY

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The city has been hit with a \$20 million lawsuit Thursday over the shooting death of a black off-duty policeman who was mistaken for a suspect by two white officers.

Sgt. Cornel Young Jr. was shot because he was black, his mother said, flanked by her attorneys, including O.J. Simpson lawyers Johnnie Cochran and Peter Neufeld.

'I can't bring my son back," Leisa Young said tearfully. "And I can't live with myself if I do nothing about it and it happens to somebody else."

The civil rights and wrongfuldeath lawsuit, filed in federal court, also seeks unspecified punitive damages against the two officers, their supervisors, the police department and the city.

[WORLD]

POSSIBLE OLDEST PERSON IN THE WORLD DIES IN FRANCE

PARIS (AP) — A 115-year-old French woman believed to be the world's oldest person has died, French media reported Wednesday.

Marie Bremont died Tuesday night at the retirement home where she has been living in Cande, about 150 miles west of Paris, French television and radio said.

A nurse answering the phone at the home would not confirm the report

Bremont celebrated her 115th birthday on April 25.

She is considered the world's oldest person since the death of Eva Morris of Britain in November, just four days before her 115th birthday.

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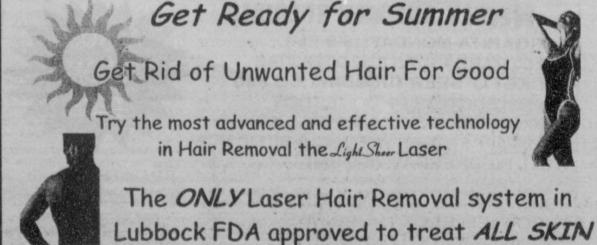
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A missing U.S. Navy lieutenant who hid on the slopes of a volcano during an attack by suspected communist guerrillas turned up late Wednesday at an air base, hungry but uninjured.

Lt. Scott Alan Washburn spent Tuesday night on Mount Pinatubo after his group encountered the guerrillas, said Maj. Allan Ballesteros of the Philippine air force. The guerrillas fired on Washburn's guards and seized some of their weapons.

Washburn, who was washing his shoes in a creek when the attack began, walked for about three hours Wednesday to reach Clark Air Base, said Ballesteros.

"I'm very hungry," were Washburn's first words. Ballesteros said.





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Duchovny hopes new film will help his career 'evolve'

By AMANDA MASON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LOS ANGELES- He's an awardwinning actor and devoted family

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But David Duchovny said he wants to get one thing straight - he's no Fox Mulder.

Eight years ago, Duchovny took on the role of Mulder, a man trying to save the world from alien invasion. The role of the monotonous FBI agent on the hit FOX sci-fi drama "The X-Files" earned Duchovny a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Drama Series, making him a staple in the world of television drama.

But forget that.

Today, at least, he wants to be seen in a different light - a comedic one. In "Evolution," Duchovny plays Ira Kane, a government scientist-turned-community college professor, who, ironically, is trying to save the world from alien invasion. But like Duchovny, Ira is no Mulder and "Evolution" is not another "X-Files" movie.

Directed by Ivan Reitman ("Ghostbusters," "Animal House"), "Evolution" tells the story of two community-college science teachers, Duchovny's Ira, and Harry Block, played by 7-Up spokesman Orlando Jones ("The Replacements," "Double Take"), who discover what Reitman calls "a very clever, new alien threat to the world."

The aliens arrive on earth as a single cell and evolve (hence the film's title) into "Jurassic Park-like" creatures aiming to take out a small

Arizona community as well as the rest of the world. Ira and Harry team up with Wayne (Seann William Scott of "American Pie" and "Road Trip"), a pool boy who dreams of fighting fires, and Allison (Julianne Moore of "Hannibal" and "Boogie Nights"), a klutzy, but brainy epidemiologist, to save the world from alien annihilation.

With all this talk of aliens, it's easy to say that it sounds almost like an "X-File," but, according to Duchovny, the resemblance ends there.

"For me, this movie couldn't be any further away from 'The X-Files' even though there's the superficial resemblance of aliens and science fiction.' Duchovny said. "It's just a big broad comedy whereas 'X-Files' takes itself very seriously - borderline melodramatic.'

Convincing long-time fans of his "X-Files" alter ego may prove to be a daunting task when Duchovny, as Ira, proclaims with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, "It's an alien!" In another Mulder-esque moment, Ira explains that he doesn't trust the government because he knows "those people." Duchovny acknowledges the jokes and that they were big laughs at screenings, but swears they were unintentional.

"Ivan doesn't know anything about 'The X-Files' at all, to the point

of being insulting," Duchovny said with a laugh. "But, when I was doing those scenes, it didn't register at all because the weird thing is that I don't walk around in my life thinking about 'The X-Files' the way somebody would if they saw me."

Although Reitman did not know anything about "X-Files," he knew about Duchovny. The two previously worked together on the family film "Beethoven" and it was their mutual wish to work together again that brought Duchovny to "Evolution." Duchovny considers Ivan's direction a blessing, especially since the movie is a comedy.

The most important thing (in a comedy) is to have a director who knows the tone of the movie so that in every scene you play, you're in the same movie." Duchovny said. "I think one of Ivan's greatest strengths is that he knows exactly what the tone of the movie is that he's trying to make."

Duchovny said he was grateful for that guidance because he considers comedy one of the hardest forms of acting to approach. Despite his experience with it in last summer's "Return to Me' and in various small parts on television and film, he said comedy always is nerve-wracking because it doesn't work if no one laughs.

"It's not like you can say, 'I loved it. I didn't laugh once, but I loved it," Duchovny said. "If it's not funny, it's no fun.'

Despite the rigors of doing comedic roles, the actor said he does not prefer dramatic roles more than comedic roles, or vice versa.

"I'd rather do good roles or interesting roles," Duchovny said. "It really doesn't matter to me.

One role Duchovny won't be doing any longer is that of Mulder. He has publicly stated that he will not return to the television series for a ninth season, but left the door open for another "X-Files" movie if there is

With no immediate acting engagements on the horizon, Duchovny said he hopes to pull out the word processor and perhaps move behind the camera. He was on his way to obtaining a doctoral degree when he gave it up for an acting career. Now he plans to put his degrees (a bachelor's from Princeton and a master's from Yale) to use.

"I always have at heart considered myself a writer," Duchovny said. "I've cleared a space for myself and it's really all those clichés—put up or shut up, it's gut-check time.

Duchovny has a small amount of recent writing experience. During his run on "The X-Files," he wrote and directed two episodes.

"All I can say is that when I did it, it felt like that was what I was supposed to be doing," he said. "Writing is right for me.'

In the mean time, the 40-year-old Duchovny is content spending time with his wife Tea Leoni ("The Family Man") and their two-year-old daughter West, and rooting the Los Angeles Lakers to another NBA champion-

There's always the prospect of teaching, which he said he considers an attractive option. He said he might even head back east for a Princeton

Whatever roles the future holds for Duchovny - actor, writer, husband, father, Lakers fan - he said he

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Theatre students spend a summer on the stage

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In order to accomplish the tasks required for a production, students often are given more than one job in

"We all, as a cast, build a set, build costumes and put on the plays," Nikki Richards, a sophomore theatre major said.

Richards plays the title character in "Lily."

"We try to give students as wellrounded an experience as possible," Privitt said. "Working in the different areas is part of their educational

The opportunity to work in different areas often opens the door to new interests for students involved in the productions.

"Ilove acting," Charity Beyer, a sophomore theatre major, said, "but I really, really enjoy costume design."

Beyer plays Marie in "Lily," runs the sound board for "Charlie Brown" and designs costumes for "Folly."

The first summer semester consists of building the production and performing for Lubbock

audiences. During the second summer semester students travel to Angelfire, N.M., to perform as a traveling troupe.

"It's been several years now that we've been going to Angelfire for the second summer session," Privitt

The three selected plays offer a variety of genres.

"Lily is a blast to do, an absolute blast," Richards said. "It's all about melodrama."

The plays give students a chance to experience aspects of show production, including directing.

"This is my first college directing experience," Eric Skiles, a secondyear graduate student, said. "I am learning a lot about the art of directing."

Skiles plays Matt Friedman in "Folley" and directs "Lily."

Skiles said he encouraged the actors to be melodramatic. He said that the hardest part of directing the show is refining how melodramatic the actors are.

"Talley's Folly" is a Pulitzer-prize winning play.

"It's 97 minutes of me and my



partner, Eric Skiles," Kim Brownlee, a senior fine arts major, said. "It's your raw, love-hate relationship.'

Brownlee plays Betsy Fair in "Lily" and Sally Talley in "Folly."

"I like taking the script from paper and making a complete threedimensional production out of it," Barbara Morgan, a second-year graduate student said. Morgan directs "Folly."

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is a based on the "Peanuts"

"I like Charlie Brown because I want to go into musical theatre," Chad Greenough, a second-year graduate student, said. "I get to sing, act and dance - everything that I love, rolled into one."

Greenough plays Jonas Fairweather in "Lily" and Linus in "Charlie Brown."

"It's a really fun cast, and a really fun show," Amy Daime, a senior theatre major said.

scene from "Lily, the Felon's Daughter," theatre students Austin Sanford and Mark Van Fleet rehearse Monday afternoon. The play is one of three plays rotating this month at the Charles A. Maegden Theatre. Craig Swanson/ THE UNIVERSITY

Performing a

Daime plays Mrs. Kingsley in "Lily" and Lucy in "Charlie Brown."

"Lily" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. June 15, 21, 23 and 28. It also will run at 2 p.m. June 17.

"Folly" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. June 16, 20, 24, 26 and 29.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. June 19, 22, 25 and 27. It also will run at 2 p.m. June 24.

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MLB draft tempts Techsans

and three more Red Raider signees were drafted in this week's Major League Baseball draft in New York City

Selected highest of the six in the 50-round draft was Tech signee Bobby Livingston, who pitched at Trinity Christian and Estacado High Schools respectively.

The 18-year old left-handed hurler was chosen by the Seattle Mariners in the fourth round, the 129th pick overall.

Livingston signed a national letter of intent with Tech and orally committed to Grayson Community College earlier this year.

He said earlier this week that it would take a large sum of money to lure him away from the college ranks.

If Livingston opts to attend Tech, he would not be eligible for the draft again until after his junior season.

If he goes to Grayson, he could be Champion New York Yankees drafted again next season.

Also drafted on day one was Tech junior outfielder Kerry Hodges, who was selected in the ninth round, No. 266 overall, by the Houston Astros.

Hodges, who played a key role during Tech's run in the NCAA Tournament, is home in Arizona weighing his options on whether or not to turn pro or return for his senior sea-

After day two of the draft was complete two additional recruits pitcher Ryan Meaux of Lamar (Colo.) Community College and catcher/ outfielder Madison Edwards of Midland High School - were chosen, leaving their status as future Red Raiders up in the air.

Edwards, who is still playing ball in the UIL State Tournament this weekend, was selected in the 25th round, No. 755 overall, by the World

Meaux, another left-handed pitcher recruit, was chosen 11 picks later by the San Francisco Giants.

It is unsure whether the two high schoolers will skip college and turn

Two May graduates - pitcher Blake McGinley and outfielder Jason Rainey - were the lone Tech seniors chosen.

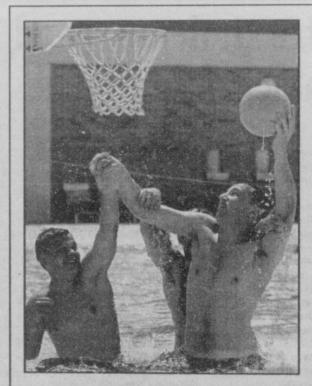
McGinley, a lefthander, went in the 21st round to the New York Mets as the 642nd overall selection.

Rainey went in the 31st round, No. 939 overall, to Seattle.

Both McGinley and Rainey are out of town on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Tech coach Larry Hayes and his staff also were unavailable.

The coaching staff is scattered around the nation recruiting at state



Jason Wilde, a sophomore computer science major, and Carl Lea, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, guard Charles Morton, a sophomore computer science major, during a water basketball game Thursday afternoon at the Aquatic Center. Craig Swansor

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Capriati overwhelms Hingis, bids for second straight slam

The No. 4-ranked American next meets Kim Clijsters in the French Open finals.

PARIS (AP) — Jennifer Capriati defeated top-seeded Martina Hingis in the semifinals of the French Open Thursday to move within reach of a second consecutive Grand Slam title.

Capriati, seeded fourth, overwhelmed Hingis 6-4, 6-3 with her powerful groundstrokes. The match ended when Hingis sent her a forehand long.

Capriati plays Belgium's Kim Clijsters in the final Saturday.

"It's like I've been reincarnated," said Capriati, who last played in the semifinals at Roland Garros in 1990

That year she became the youngest Grand Slam semifinalist at 14. but never got past the quarterfinals at the French Open in the next decade. Capriati, 25, won her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January

Capriati raised her fist in a sign of victory after closing out the match on the windy and overcast center

"This match was difficult," Capriati said. "I knew she wanted to win her first Roland Garros, and I wanted to win mine too.

Hingis, 20, has won every other Grand Slam title at least once, but never has won the French Open, despite reaching the final twice

"She just overwhelmed me,"

Hingis said. "She played too good. I had too many chances which I wasted.'

The Swiss star, who was jeered and whistled at when she questioned calls, broke Capriati in the opening game but was broken back twice

Leading 4-1, Capriati had a trainer massage her right knee during a changeover and briefly lost her edge. She later said she felt a twinge that probably was due to tendinitis.

Hingis tied it 4-4, then blew two break points in the following game as Capriati pounded forehand volleys down the line. She lost the first set on a long backhand.

In the final set, Capriati came back from 40-0 down to win the seventh and eighth games. She served out the match without letting Hingis score a point.

"Moments like today, they're what professional athletes live for," Capriati said.

She beat Hingis in straight sets in the final of the Australian Open. She has won three of their last eight

"She is the hottest player on the tour," said Hingis, predicting that Capriati would be the favorite against Clijsters.

Clijsters, seeded 12th, became the first Belgian to reach the final of a Grand Slam by beating compatriot Justine Henin 2-6, 7-5, 6-3

She closed out the match with a forehand smash.

"I'm very happy," said the 17 year-old, who never had gotten past the fourth round of a Grand Slam. "She played too good for me in the first set. I kept trying and focusing."

Henin began the match aggressively, taking the first set in 28 minutes as Clijsters made a string of errors, repeatedly overhitting the ball and sending it long or wide.

She broke again early in the second set, but at 4-2 blew three break points. Clijsters held serve, recovered her confidence and tied it at one set all as boyfriend Lleyton Hewitt looked on from the stands.

In the final set, Clijsters made the decisive break when Henin, leading 40-0 in the sixth game, made five unforced errors to give her opponent a -2 advantage.

Henin, No. 14, was Clijsters' first seeded opponent of the tournament.



