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## Smoking ordinance approved

■ City Council votes 4-3 in favor of controversial ban.

By BRANDON FORMBY AND AMANDA HUDNALL  
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Under the approved ordinance, smoking in bars will not be illegal, but restaurants will have to follow newly approved, stricter guidelines.

that the heavier weight must be given to public health rights and in saying that, we realize and we are very sorry that this puts us in conflict with many individuals in this community for which we have the deepest respect," said City Manager Bob Cass. "But

nevertheless that is our opinion."

The approved proposal bans smoking in public places such as fast food restaurants, sports arenas, convention halls, bowling alleys and all enclosed facilities owned by the city.

The ordinance also included several exempt establishments including bar or cocktail lounges, private clubs owned by their members, sports grills and designated hotel and motel rooms.

Full-service restaurants will be allowed to have smoking sections, but must comply with new rules. Smoking areas in restaurants are not to exceed 30 percent of the dining area, must be enclosed separately from non-smoking areas, must have a separate ventilation system from non-smoking areas and must not be an area of traffic non-smokers are required to travel through. In addition, ashtrays must be placed around the perimeter of the smoking area.

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## Tech students hit by Houston floods

By TIFFANY KINGSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Tech students still are coping with the aftermath of the recent flood in Houston.

"It looked like a water faucet was on all over Houston, in certain parts there were more than 24 inches in 24 hours," Jarrod Upton, a senior marketing major from Tomball said.

Upton's neighborhood in northwest Houston received 27 inches of rain June 8.

He said when he went to bed that night, around 9 p.m. it was raining heavily and when he woke up around 3 a.m. the television and radio networks had preempted their regular shows to report on the storm. Shortly thereafter he looked outside to a scene of massive flooding everywhere.

Another Tech student living in Alief, a suburb in west Houston, said tropical storm Allison affected Galveston first on June 6, and flooded Houston overnight Friday.

"I stayed at home on Friday and watched the weather all night," Robert Rothengass, a graduate student in the department of Geosciences said. "In a matter of hours we went from a flash-flood warning to an actual flood."

He said the news coverage was unreal and the normal views of Houston were non-existent as he watched the flood rage through parts of the city. Luckily, he said, Alief was not affected near as much as the rest of the city.

Rothengass said he made a conscience effort to stay inside, and that some of his had trouble getting to work throughout the weekend and on Monday.

"This is the worst natural disaster I have ever seen," Rothengass said.

Rothengass' sister, Barbara, a junior psychology major from Houston, was on her way to Austin from Houston when the storm began.

"My friend and I made it our just before the storm hit," she said.

In Austin, she said, the television networks had 24-hour coverage of the flood and showed aerial views of the areas effected.

Upton, is living in Houston this summer while interning in the marketing department at of a heavy equipment manufacturer in the city's downtown area.

Upton said when he returned to work June 11 his building was not flooded, but cars and trucks around the building were. He also said parking garages still were flooded up to the third levels.

Upton's mother is the chief information officer of Stewart & Stevenson and he said her building off West Interstate 10 was under water, and that Stewart & Stevenson workers were stranded overnight at the site and were told to break open vending machines and Coke machines so they could eat.

Upton's sister and brother-in-law had gone out that Friday night and were stranded at a friend's apartment where the first floor of their building was flooded, he said.

"We didn't know where they were for a while, and all the phone and power lines were down," Upton said.

A lake near my house flooded, he said, I got in a boat and paddled to a friend of mine's house that had also flooded.

Upton said from his window he could see furniture floating around and that the flood caused a lot of damage to some of the expensive homes in his neighborhood.

"My Aunt and Uncle's home did get flooded and their electricity was out until Sunday," he said.

see **FLOODS**, page 6

## A WET WORKOUT



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Luke Swift, a graduate student in microbiology from Midland, rows his kayak in the pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center Thursday afternoon as Joy Ferenbaugh, a doctoral student in marine biology, looks on.

# Building FOUNDATIONS for the FUTURE

Program focuses on teaching engineering skills to Texas youth

By TIFFANY KINGSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Hot pink, faux-fur writing pens, bottle rockets, popping bubble gum, make-up lessons during the downtime, loud, rambunctious after-lunch energy and — engineering?

While the 85 students, ranging from seventh grade through 12th grade, still are taking advantage of their youth, they also are interested in the future of their educations and careers.

TexPREP is a free summer program that focuses heavily on engineering by offering college course work in math, science and computer technology.

Texas Tech professors, graduate students and faculty from the Lubbock community teach the TexPREP students.

TexPREP Director Joe Temple said she asked Mukaddes Darwish, assistant professor in the Department of Engineering Technology, to teach the engineering courses for the TexPREP program because she is a good role model.

"In Africa, I was encouraged to go into engineering; in fact that is where it was recommended," said Kavitha Perla, a senior computer science major from Africa. "In the states, Texas especially, people are surprised to see a woman engineer. I never had programs like this in high school. I would have like them if I had."

TexPREP is divided into two sections — PREP I and PREP II.

PREP I is made up of first and second year students.

Darwish's first two classes are Engineering I. In these classes she emphasizes the engineering code of ethics and the responsibilities an engineer has to his or her peers, colleagues and society.

After she calls roll, the first task is to review the lecture from the previous day. At first, the students try to answer her questions from memory. The students are unaccustomed to writing notes and being allowed to use them. Darwish encourages them to find the answers from the notes they took.

Darwish describes herself as the senior engineer in the classroom, and she is responsible for teaching and protecting the younger engineers. While teaching, she refers to her students as engineers.

According to the TexPREP Web site, [www.texprep.ttu.edu](http://www.texprep.ttu.edu), one of the main goals of the program is to

encourage women and minorities to enter the engineering field. Darwish promotes this concept in all of her classes.

"There is nothing wrong for a girl to be smart — or a boy to be smart. In the workforce we do not sit in separate corners," she said. "Engineers address each other by name (as opposed to gender)."

PREP I students are divided into a handful of groups, and within the groups each student is assigned a role: facilities engineer, development engineer, test engineer or design engineer.

TexPREP provides the materials for the project, and it is the responsibility of the facilities engineer to gather the materials needed to build the catapult prototype.

Darwish activates the students' imagination. She said in her classroom she is the Queen of her kingdom and has contracted several medieval engineering firms to build a catapult to fight off the evil King who is trying to take over the world. Each firm will make a presentation and then a competition will take place. The winner will be hired to build her catapult.

The competition is based on precision, accuracy, uniqueness and how far the catapult can throw the object.

"In engineering, especially if it is a life threatening job, everything has to be precise and accurate all the times," she said. "Engineers are applied scientists, they take the work of other scientists and build things with it."

Darwish reminds them not to mix and match measurements. She said they need to use metric or standard measurements.

Catherine Wong, a sophomore at Lubbock High School, is decorating her group's notes with cutout stars and bubble letters.

Carmen Williams, a sophomore at Lubbock Christian High School, is gathering the specifications and measurements for their project. The girls are drawing their catapult on paper.

Tiffany Moreno, a freshman at Hutchinson Junior High, is the facilities engineer of the group. She said her favorite class is Math Logic.

As reported in a previous UD article (June 5), Math Logic is one of the core classes in the TexPREP program. Students must pass the course in their first summer in order to enroll in the upper level courses.

Other groups are building their catapults with wood and metal. The



A professor with TexPREP helps students who are participating in the program. TexPREP teaches junior high and high school students engineering lessons by offering college course work in math, science and computer technology.

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third group is building their catapult with hand-crafted paper rolls.

Jason Cantu, an eighth grader at Wilson Junior High, is the test engineer for the group. He said he is responsible for recording their data and presenting the group work to the class.

"This is fun, because we learn a lot of cool stuff we don't learn at school," Cantu said.

Willis Tran, an eighth grader at Wilson Junior High, is the development engineer. He touts his supervision of the group.

In her second Engineering I class, Darwish remains consistent with her teaching style, remembering to review her students before they start the day's work. She said it is important for them to retain what they are learning.

She encourages future engineers to use their skills in a positive way. She encourages her students to go to college and reminds them of how much technology has changed education. Darwish said when she received her first engineering degree from college, in 1979, the students were not allowed to use calculators, and math was done in their head. Calculators were not attainable to everyone; therefore, the competition would not have been fair.

"Engineers keep on learning, even after they finish school," Darwish said. "They continue to learn and apply the new technology to their work. Engineers never scare from error. Error is one of the best learning tools."

Darwish said most of the boys like the catapult project because it is a

weapon and can be used for fighting. However, she is quick to remind them engineering should be used for the good of mankind and an engineer must always remember his or her ethics.

One of the groups already has built their catapult with metal plates, screws and rubber bands. They all say the engineering class is their favorite because they get to build stuff, and in school they never learn about engineering, they enjoy the hands-on work.

Mathew Turner, a ninth grader at Friendship High School, said he is inspired by Darwish, because she is sincere and makes a point to use a lot of illustrations. Engineering is his favorite class, and he wants to major in engineering because of it.

Darwish teaches Engineering II in the afternoon, the students in her upper level class are PREP II students.

The PREP II students were asked about their homework, which was to find online information about bottle rockets. In this class, their project will eventually lead to constructing sophisticated paper airplanes. Before they can finish the planes the groups will use bottle rockets to study flying objects.

Darwish is teaching basic aerodynamic skills and reminds them not to make their bottle rockets too heavy. She also talks about some of the different materials real airplanes are made of, and how the material effects the way the planes fly.

The students review the engineering design process, which

includes factors such as prototyping, specifications, design and aspects of the scientific process, for example, problem statement, theory, hypothesis and conclusion.

Ericka Lopez, a ninth grader from Hutch Middle School, said the program will help improve their education. "It will look good on our college applications, it shows maturity, and it shows that we have been in the college classroom with college professors," she said.

Darwish said it isn't uncommon for the students, because of their young age, to change their mind from one summer to the next about which field they want to pursue.

In the third group, Angela Chavez, a junior at Estacado High School and a second-year student in TexPREP, said, she gets bored at home. "That's why I chose to come back this summer," she said.

Chavez said the program helps her to retain the information she learns at school.

Most of the TexPREP students left Thursday for a weekend field trip to San Antonio, where they will attend the Microsoft Science Extravaganza at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Leticia De Larrosa, a graduate student in the College of Education and assistant program director for TexPREP, said she also is a graduate of the program.

"I work mostly with the students," she said. "The program gives them self-confidence."

The program will continue through July 26.

# Lecture: Don't avoid conflict, just learn how to manage it

BY COURTNEY MUENCH  
STAFF WRITER

Conflict exists everywhere according to Alan Korinek, assistant director of the Employee Assistance Program at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

"Conflict is natural. Conflict is inevitable. Conflict should not be avoidable," he said in his lecture "Bridging Gaps instead of Butting Heads: How to Manage Conflict Effectively," which he gave Wednesday to a group of Tech faculty.

He said sometimes people feel as though conflict is not natural, that if it exists within a relationship, there must be something wrong.

However, he said avoiding conflict is not good.

"It is often the times where we try to avoid conflict that get us in trouble," Korinek said. "People who do that tend to get in lots of trouble down the road. Resentment builds up over time. Communication continues to be compromised.

"Conflict can be beneficial, too. Conflict can signal that something needs to be addressed," he said.

He defines conflict as a struggle between two interdependent parties who perceive incompatible goals, rewards and interference from the other party.

He said he believes the way to manage conflict is best

done by sitting back for a few seconds and attempting to understand the problem.

Korinek said those in conflict need to first look at the issue and the relationship at hand.

If the relationship with a person is negative or nonexistent, and the issue is not important, he said the best way to

wherever she wants to go."

Korinek said if the relationship and the issue are both important then it might be beneficial to make efforts to compromise with the other person.

Conflict can help expand the mind and help people look at things differently, he said.

"It occurred to me how boring and limited our lives

help with anger management problems they will put together a support group.

"This group will really help look at the history of their anger, things like what sets them off in the first place. It will help them monitor and cope with their anger. We will teach them things like walking away or breathing techniques," he said.

Tech Ombudsman Kathy Quilliam attended Korinek's lecture and said she learned more about anger management.

"I wanted to get ideas from him because I run an organization that deals with anger management, and I thought he was really helpful," she said.

The Ombudsman office has been in existence for a year and students who have problems with issues dealing with school can seek advice there.

"If you have a problem with an administrator, teacher, or student organization you can call and set up an appointment and we can sit down and talk," Quilliam said.

She said she will discuss the problem and find solutions to the problem. She said she likes to use role-playing to help students decide how they might talk to the person they have the problem with.

Her office is located in University Center 203.

*It is often the times when we try to avoid conflict that get us in trouble."*

Alan Korinek  
Tech AEP Assistant Director

handle the situation is to simply withdraw the argument.

If the relationship is negative or nonexistent and the issue is important, then one might want to use power to control the situation.

If the relationship is important and the issue is negative, he said, then it might be easier to accommodate or yield to that person.

"For example, if my wife and I wanted to go out to eat, I might look at it as my relationship being important, whereas where we eat as not," he said. "So I might just go along with

would be if everybody always agreed. One of the reasons we don't agree is because we are diverse people. We have unique ways of looking at things," he said. "Conflict can help you grow."

Students who want help with anger management can seek advice from the University Counseling Center.

Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Counseling Center, said students can always talk to a counselor or therapist about problems.

He said if they have enough students in the fall wanting

## Firestone tire treads riskier than Goodyear

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. officials said Thursday that new information indicates Firestone tires are more prone to tread separations than those made by Goodyear.

The report was released in advance of Tuesday's congressional hearing to examine the safety of Firestone tires and the Ford Explorer. The company based its findings on an analysis of government and internal research along with claims data provided by Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.

The automaker said that between 1995 and 1997, its Explorer sport utility vehicles were fitted with equal numbers of Firestone and Goodyear tires as original equipment.

Ford said there were 1,183 tread separations associated with the 2.9 million Firestone tires, and just two with an equal number of Goodyear tires.

Ford said the research indicates the disparity in performance was due to differences in tire construction despite using the same specifications as set out by the automaker.

Richard Parry-Jones, Ford group vice president for global product development and quality, said

Firestone tires ran hotter than Goodyear tires because thinner layers of protective rubber were used between steel belts.

"To run at a cooler temperature is a tire's first line of defense against tire failure," he said.

Parry-Jones said the strength of the bond between steel belts, known as "peel strength," was lower in Firestone tires compared to Goodyear tires and other brands tested.

Firestone had no immediate comment on Ford's report.

But John Lampe, Firestone's chief executive officer, has said the Explorer — the world's best-selling SUV — is harder to handle than some of its competitors when a tire fails.

Lampe has acknowledged past problems with the company's now-recalled tires, but said investigators must consider whether the Explorer contributed to rollover accidents triggered by a tire failure.

Ford last month began replacing 13.5 million Firestone tires that were not included in last year's government-directed recall of 6.5 million tires used mainly as original equipment on Explorers.

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[ COLUMN ]

## Smokeless fight corrupt

After months of hearings, the smoke somewhat cleared Thursday as the Lubbock City Council made a decision public smoking concerning the Hub City's public smoking debate.



**Sandeep Rao**

Presented with the Hobbesian choice of regulation or even more regulation, the Lubbock City Council voted for a plan to limit smoking in restaurants within three years, exempting sports bars and grills. Tactics of demonization and personal hypocrisy marred the path to this ill-conceived decision by the council.

The rhetoric coming from the Lubbock Smokeless Coalition and Dr. Donna Bacchi, associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, laid the groundwork for the support of Mayor Windy Sitton and Councilman David Nelson's rail-roaded smoking ban. Bacchi, no stranger to the war against tobacco, helped construct a similar smoking ban in Austin.

During the first public hearing, ad hoc committee member W.R. Collier attacked the political beliefs of the lead physician witness in opposition to the ordinance, questioning the authority of the witness on the subject.

However, the pro-regulation crowd, not limiting itself solely to personal demonization, managed to mix hypocrisy into the debate.

On KCBD-TV earlier this week, Bacchi criticized the involvement of "outside agencies" influencing those opposed to smoking restrictions.

The alleged offense — the Lubbock Restaurant Association hired the same advertising firm in Dallas used by a tobacco company to develop their advertisement opposed to the smoking ban.

Never mind that much of the anti-smoking research in Lubbock is funded by sources

outside the city, including, but not limited to, settlement dollars from the tobacco industry itself, according to the terms of the state's deal.

Moreover, at the last public hearing, those testifying in opposition to the ban were Lubbockites, while the lead testimony in support of the ban came from anti-smoking experts from California and Austin.

"Let's have one unanimous vote and send a message to the young Amits and others that we are concerned about (the children's) future," said Councilman T.J. Patterson, highlighting poster boy Amit Bushan's crusade.

But for all the rhetoric of saving the children and the endless parade of young images gracing pro-restriction literature, the hypocrites championing the ban chose political expedience. The proposal does little to protect children in the environments of greatest concern.

What is the use of targeting a restaurant with a smoking ban if children are going to be exposed to the evil substance while at home?

The radical left in this country, much like the left in Lubbock, has demonized its opposition with great success.

On Capital Hill, those opposing increasing funding for federal programs to the same level as the Democrats' proposals are said to favor starving the children and killing the elderly. In recent Democratic National Committee advertisements, Republicans opposed to Hate Crimes legislation were characterized as supporting the dragging death of James Byrd in Jasper.

As in our nation's capital, the idealism of ideas and discussion often falls by the wayside to 30-second soundbites when political stakes rise.

For a while, the smoking debate in Lubbock focused primarily on scientific, economic and legal discourse surrounding the issue.

However, the recent ugly twist by the pro-regulation crowd helped drag the debate into the gutter by concentrating not on issues, but images.

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[ COLUMN ]

## Handicap disables judgment

If you have seen me around the Texas Tech campus or Lubbock community limping or hunched over crutches, don't let your mind get too imaginative.



**Matt Muench**

fence.

The name and location of this barbed wire barrier will remain classified. Go investigate it yourself.

But before I move on, I will say it technically wasn't illegal. So don't check the police blotter.

Ever since this event happened, last Thursday night, I hear three questions from every person I interview.

"Were you drunk?" No. "Were you running from the cops?" No — but if I were, they still couldn't catch me. And finally, "Have you gone to the doctor?" No, I have ice at home.

Now you might think, "Who cares? Why do I care that his ankles hurt?"

You might wonder if I'm going to try to raise money for the Matt Muench Ankle Foundation out of sympathy for yours truly.

But this isn't a sympathy column. I am here to teach you something.

The lesson for the week is: If you joke about something, you won't joke anymore if it happens to you.

Trust me.

The day my ankles became more useless than a soccer match was the 18-month anniversary of me getting hit in the head with a golf ball.

Since my head injury, I never make jokes about golf balls and dented skulls.

I never say, "Do you think I can nail that seven-year-old who thinks he is Tiger Woods because he dresses like Tiger and has every top-dollar club in the bag his caddie is holding?"

I don't make fun anymore because, well, I went through it.

Now people, even friends, call me "gimp," "cripple" and "four legs," while watching my slow movements to see if I fall so they can have a quick laugh.

It doesn't bother me.

So when I get back to 100 percent, I won't make fun of a man on a crutch or get upset if there are four handicap spots open, forcing me to park 200 yards away.

I won't laugh if someone is using a seven-iron for a cane because they don't have crutches.

I won't make fun of you if you try to walk with the help of one of your sisters.

I won't chuckle if the phone rings and the person on the other end hangs up when you answer.

I won't giggle — well, I never giggle — but I won't cry from laughter if you tell me you had to sit on the toilet to relieve yourself because your ankles couldn't support you.

I just won't joke, because it always backfires on me.

The only thing that makes me mad about the situation is, I thought a guy on crutches would attract more girls.

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[ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ]

### Personal choice should determine smoking issue

To the editor: My name is Judy Smith and I have lived in Lubbock for 45 of my 46 years.

While I am one whose breathing is affected by cigarette smoke, my personal feelings are that we have enough government regulation.

I think stores, restaurants or any other facility open to the public should have a choice of whether to allow smoking, just as we have that choice in our own homes. If the non-smokers choose not to take their business there — fine. I believe the majority of restaurants have adequate separation and ventilation between the smoking and non-smoking seating areas.

While I enjoy shopping more since smoking has been prohibited, I actually shop less now than I did then. I eat out more because of

personal life changes, and I usually eat out with at least one smoker in my group. We go to non-smoking facilities as often as we go to smoking facilities. Our choice is based on what we want to eat — not on whether it has a smoking section.

I have one friend who is a smoker and her husband is not, and he is refusing to go to restaurants he sees as "caving in" to this pressure.

If we pass a law that takes away this right, where will we go next? No tea or coffee because of caffeine? No desserts because some people are diabetic?

*Judy Smith  
 Lubbock resident*

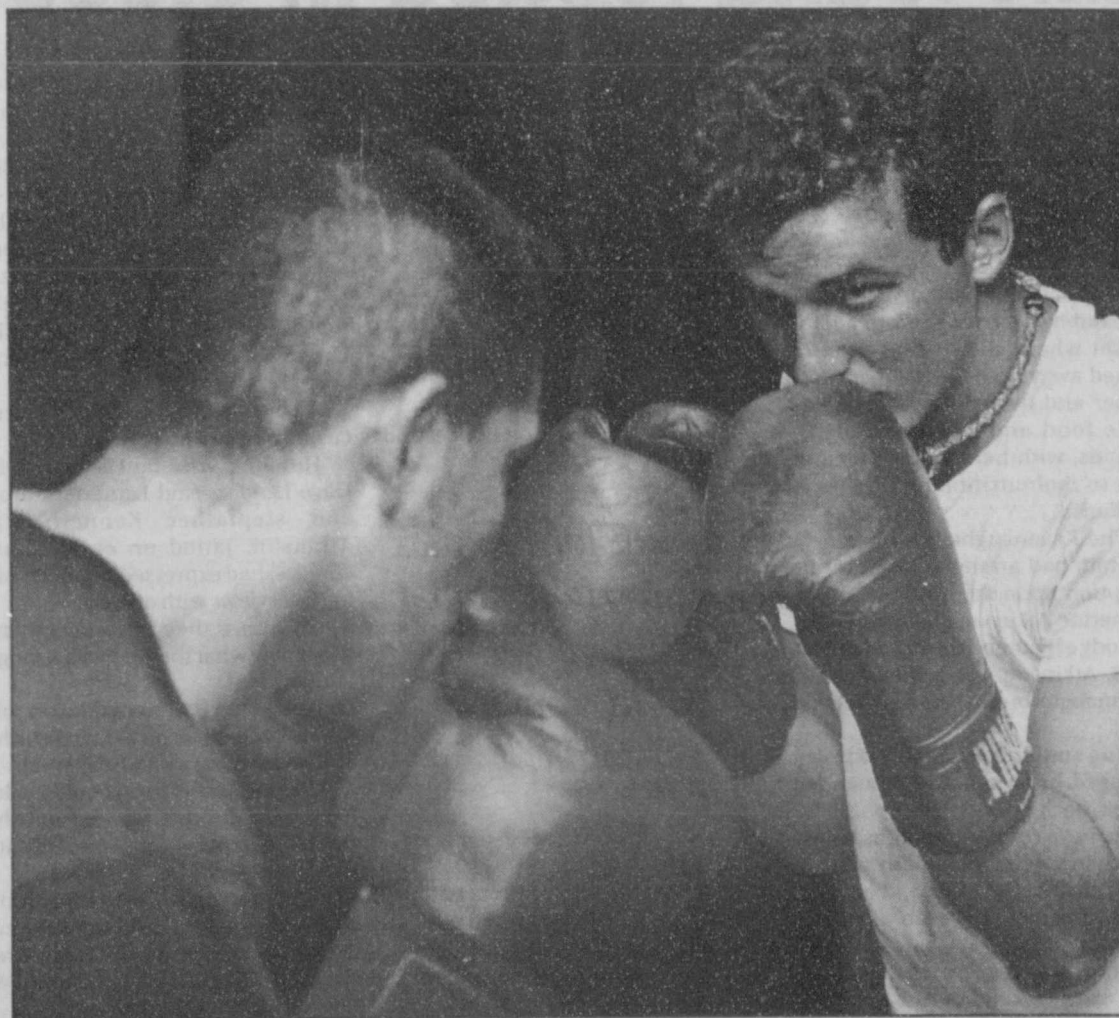
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## Sparring partners



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With his opponent in his sight, Doug Schellstede, a junior finance major from Roswell, N.M., practices his sparring technique Thursday afternoon at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## Convicted killer apologizes for murdering his victims

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned murderer John Wheat apologized for killing three children he occasionally babysat, but insisted in the seconds before he was put to death that their murders in a North Texas shooting rampage six years ago was not deliberate.

"I deeply regret what happened," Wheat, 57, said Wednesday evening while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney. "I did not intentionally or knowingly harm anyone."

He uttered a word in Vietnamese that Texas prison officials said meant, "Let's get out of here," then coughed and gasped and sputtered as the drugs began taking effect. Eight minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

The former church custodian, the eighth Texas inmate to be put to death this year, was convicted of killing a 20-month-old Fort Worth child, Lacey Anderson, in a shooting spree that also claimed the child's two older siblings, Eddie Ochoa, 8, and Ashley Ochoa, 6.

Four other people also were wounded, including the children's mother, Angela Anderson, and a Fort Worth police officer, Angela Jay.

Cynthia Bolin, the children's great-aunt, said she didn't accept the apology.

"You don't do things unintentionally, especially shoot three kids," she said.

"I've never been able to understand how people can do to children what they do," added Angela Jay, a

Fort Worth police officer who was shot three times in the rampage.

"I do know some of the crime scene officers and some of the officers that made that scene had never seen anything like it and it affected them in ways nothing else has," added Jay, now a detective on the Fort Worth force.

Bolin said she hoped Angela Anderson, who suffered brain damage from her head wounds, would now be able to end the nightmares that haunt her.

"As far as closure, there'll never be any," Bolin said. "You don't have closure when you lose three kids."

The three, all shot in the head, were found in their mother's apartment after Wheat surrendered to police closing in on him.

Wheat became the eighth convicted killer to be executed this year in Texas, where a record 40 executions were carried out last year.

The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to review his case and Wheat's attorneys made no moves seeking clemency.

Wheat lived at the same apartment complex where Anderson and her children lived.

Ashley Ochoa told her mother July 30, 1995, that Wheat had molested her the previous evening while in his care. Anderson wrote a brief angry note to Wheat, telling him she planned to notify police. Eddie Ochoa delivered the handwritten message that Sunday morning.

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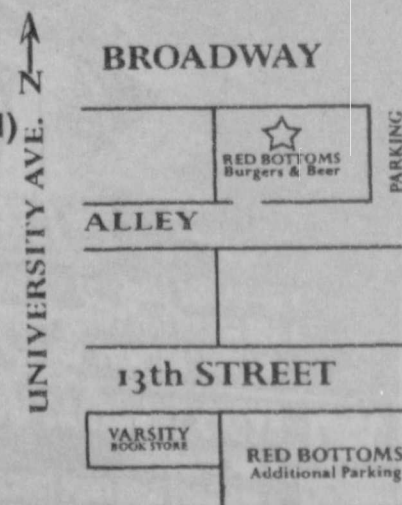
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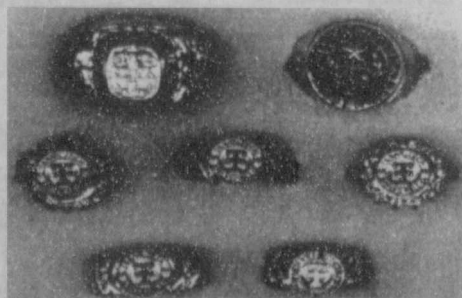
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## SMOKING

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Restaurants will have three years after the effective date of the ordinance to comply with the new restrictions.

"I think what happens is people come together with sound reasoning and practicality, and I think you kind of end up in the middle," said Mayor Windy Sitton.

"Most citizens understand fairness. Most citizens fall within the middle. I think that was evident today when you can get something that four people can accept in agreement, then I think you're in the middle. I think you've tried to look out for everyone's best interests," Sitton said.

The idea of a smoking ban was introduced in Lubbock in December after Amit Bushan, a Lubbock fifth grader with asthma, had an asthma attack brought on by second-hand smoke in a bowling alley. Bushan then organized a campaign against smoking in public places.

"For me its personal and for the

community," Bushan said.

"I have asthma and allergies and I feel that other people in the community, when they go into restaurants and public places, they get the smoke. If they have to use their inhaler, like I do, and potentially leave the place, I don't think they should have to go through that. It's their right to have a smoke-free environment," Bushan said.

Councilmen David Nelson, T.J. Patterson and Victor Hernandez joined Sitton in voting to approve the ordinance. Councilmen Marc McDougal, Alex "Ty" Cooke and Frank Morrison voted against the ordinance.

"There are more than 53,000 deaths annually attributed to second hand smoke," said Tom Johnson, chair of the council's ad hoc committee which researched the matter. "There are 37,000 to 40,000 cardiovascular deaths from smoke. There are 3000 lung cancer deaths from second hand smoke. For every eight smokers that die, there is one non-smoker who dies as a result of exposure to smoke."

## FLOODS

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electricity was out until Sunday," he said.

Aside from the electricity being out, Upton said his cellular phone did not work from Sunday through Tuesday.

Upton said after some of the water receded, the highways looked like parking lots.

While it was raining, he said, visibility was less than three feet, and that walking outside was like getting into the shower.

Upton and Robert and Barbara Rothengass, coincidentally, are originally from Pennsylvania. Robert Rothengass and Upton both said they

are accustomed to severe weather.

"We felt we were prepared, we already had candles, matches and extra food. I've had cabin fever before from being snowed-in up North," Upton said.

Robert Rothengass said there still are neighborhoods under water and some streets remain impassible.

Upton and his family have made food, clothing and toiletry donations to local shelters.

"I also had some old stuffed animals I donated for the kids," Upton said.

According to the *Houston Chronicle* Web site, tropical storm Allison is responsible for 20 deaths.

Gov. Rick Perry and President George W. Bush declared 28 Texas counties as disaster areas.

# Girl found locked in closet

CANTON (AP) — The last time a Northeast Texas couple saw Lauren Ashley Calhoun, she was an energetic, healthy 2-year-old who loved the outdoors and movies.

The image of the child Bill and Sabrina Kavanaugh had tried to adopt is in sharp contrast to the starving girl law officers found six years later in a trailer.

Lauren was rescued from a filthy closet where she'd spent months locked away from her mother, stepfather and five siblings. She'd had little food and weighed only 25 pounds, with her stomach bloated due to malnutrition and her eyes sunken in.

The Kavanaughs, who live near Canton, had arranged for a private adoption upon the birth of Barbara Catherine Atkinson's baby and took custody of Lauren at birth on April 13, 1993. Atkinson was a friend of Bill Kavanaugh's brother-in-law's second wife.

But soon afterward, Atkinson changed her mind and demanded the girl back.

"It was a couple of months before she changed her mind," Kavanaugh, 62, said. "She had many, many opportunities before, even after, the baby was born."

The Kavanaughs were able to retain exclusive rights to Lauren for about nine months, but the courts limited their visits thereafter. After eight months of judicial struggles, a second judge ordered the girl's return to her birth mother.

"The attorney we used messed up, and we did not obtain paternal rights," Kavanaugh said. "We fought her in court and lost. We lost on a technicality."

Fighting back tears, Kavanaugh remembered Lauren as a typical toddler.

"She was a great little baby," he said, looking down to avoid crying. "She liked attention because she was used to all the attention we gave her. We took her everywhere we went."

Thumbing through old photos of the couple with Lauren, Kavanaugh stopped at one of a smiling child on their farm for her first Christmas.

"She was very normal," he said. "You can see how well she was progressing."

But the Kavanaughs' calls to Atkinson later went unanswered.

"We had seen her on her second

*I would love to pick her up right now. I would go get her right now if I could."*

**Bill Kavanaugh**  
CHILD'S ADOPTIVE FATHER

birthday, and that was when we lost her," Kavanaugh said.

He said Atkinson had agreed to another visit, but then she moved with her child and her phone was disconnected.

As the years passed, Sabrina Kavanaugh never gave up hope. She still believed that Lauren would return to them.

"Every day, my wife constantly buys things for her," her husband said. "They had formed a bond from the day she was born."

Officials said Lauren has spent much of her time in a 4- by 8-foot closet littered with human waste and

soiled clothing. Not only is she a foot smaller than a child her age, but court documents seeking to remove the children from their Hutchins home stated that she has a 3-year-old's communication skills.

Lauren was in serious but stable condition Thursday at Children's Medical Center of Dallas after surgery. The five other children from the trailer are in two foster homes under temporary Child Protective Services custody.

A court hearing on the children's custody is scheduled for June 26.

Hutchins Assistant Police Chief Dave Landers said Lauren's mother and stepfather Kenneth Ray Atkinson, jailed on child abuse charges, had expressed remorse during interviews with officers.

"At times, they were upset, and they knew what they did was wrong," Landers said.

Police said Barbara Atkinson told others Lauren had an eating disorder and was staying with a baby sitter.

"Barbara has been keeping a lot from her adoptive mother and the rest of her family," Landers said. "It's been an ongoing lie."

Dr. Janet Squires of Children's Medical said children abused during their first three years often face irreversible cognitive damage and below-average intelligence.

"These kids are probably never going to be as functional and bright as they could have been," said Squires, who specializes in abuse cases.

Even so, the Kavanaughs would welcome the chance to be with Lauren again.

"I would love to pick her up right now," Kavanaugh said as a smile fought through the painful past six years. "I would go get her right now if I could."

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# Dallas surveys Olympic bid

DALLAS (AP) — Grady Hicks watched most of the Atlanta Olympics on television and cheered along with every event, just as he'd done every four years since 1976. Only this time, he began daydreaming about the Summer Games being held in Dallas.

"I started mapping out a plan of where it all would go," he said. "I thought, 'Gymnastics would be here, baseball would go there.'"

Months later, Hicks was still thinking about it. More than a year had passed and it was still on his mind. So "to make the itch go away," he finally called the U.S. Olympic Committee to see what it would take.

The good news was that he still had time to apply for a shot at being the U.S. nominee to host the 2012 Games. The bad news: It required a \$150,000, non-refundable application fee and a mayor's signature.

One other thing: The deadline was about six weeks away.

Having started with seed money from his boss and his grandmother and the support of the Arlington mayor, Hicks' once-ridiculed dream has

blossomed into a \$2.46 billion, privately funded plan to bring the Olympics to North Texas.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has seen the scheme detailed in more than 600 pages and from Monday through Thursday officials will take a first-hand look at how Dallas stacks up against its seven competitors.

"I felt it was my duty to bring it up and see if this was something people wanted," said the 35-year-old Hicks, who started the fight in 1997 when he was the Texas sales manager for one of the world's largest trash-hauling companies.

"It's not a lot of pipe dreams. It's not smoke and mirrors. We have a very logical approach to hosting the Olympic Games in our area."

The backbone of the plan is the ability to fit 37 of 38 venues into a 32-mile area. The facilities would be clustered in three areas: "City centers" in Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth.

The centerpiece would be Fair Park, the historic site of the State Fair and the Cotton Bowl. A \$260 million Olympic

Stadium would be built there and it would host the opening and closing ceremonies, plus the track and field events.

The overall layout is a key component of the Dallas bid. Organizers said they believe they've nearly matched the International Olympic Committee's model for having venues concentrated without being congested.

"We think we're at the ideal point," said Richard Greene, president and chief executive of Dallas 2012.

The lone site outside North Texas would be the sailing venue, 380 miles south in Corpus Christi. The original plan of using a local, inland lake was scrubbed because the international federation prefers open waters. Helping balance the inconvenient distance is the fact the new choice is considered a superb spot for sailing.

Bid documents brag that all venues were picked from more than 100 potential sites in 30 local cities. The point is that the Dallas area is fertile ground for the Olympics. Further proof, organizers proudly note, is that 22 of the venues

already exist.

Another benefit is the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, one of the busiest in the world. Handling the massive number of people coming and going during the Games would not be a problem.

Getting folks around once they're here would seem like an obstacle.

Greene, however, calls transportation another plus for Dallas — not because their plan is so great, but because it's better than many of their competitors.

"When you think about the ease of getting around here compared to Los Angeles, New York and the others, then you can say we have a superior transportation plan," he said.

Although Dallas lacks the vista of Sydney or the history of Athens, organizers say the totality of their plan is what sets them apart. As for intangibles, they point to Texas' Western mystique and the city's high-profile internationally, even if it was forged on the Dallas Cowboys (and their cheerleaders), J.R. Ewing and the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

## Stars' Hull becomes free agent on July 1

FORT WORTH (AP) — Brett Hull, whose first season in Dallas ended with a controversial Stanley Cup-winning goal, becomes an unrestricted free agent July 1 after the Stars decided not to exercise a \$7 million option for 2001-02.

While the move wasn't unexpected, Hull could return to the Stars for a fourth season.

"We had a very logical and direct conversation about the situation as it stands, and the possibility that could unfold in the near future," Stars general manager Bob Gainey said Thursday. "Our paths could cross again after July 1."

For now, the Stars will pursue other options to find an accomplished goal scorer younger than Hull. The 16-year NHL veteran turns 37 in August.

Among the potential free agents that could fit that bill are Phoenix's Jeremy Roenick, 31, and

Detroit's Martin Lapointe, 27. The Stars were expected to pursue John LeClair, but he avoided free agency when he signed a five-year deal Thursday worth about \$9 million a year to stay in Philadelphia.

"We've decided that we are going to be active in any what that we can. We are looking outside with an open mind," Gainey said, without naming names.

If the Stars can't properly replace Hull, he could be back in Dallas, where the forward has said he would stay for less money. But there was no other offer from the Stars before dropping the option.

"Brett is naturally disappointed," said Michael Barnett, Hull's agent. "With disappointment is understanding that it's a business decision. Brett bears no animosity. He must look at the free agency the team is giving him as a business decision also."

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# Chasing a field of dreams

Baseball star decides to leave Tech to pursue of childhood dream of making the pros

BY MATT MUENCH  
STAFF WRITER

Kerry Hodges had two dreams growing up.

One was to play Division I college baseball.

That dream has been fulfilled.

His second dream begins today when he arrives in Martinsville, Va., to begin his professional baseball career with the class-A affiliate of the Houston Astros.

By agreeing to terms with the Astros, the junior outfielder will forego his senior season at Texas Tech.

Hodges said it was a decision that was tough to make.

"After our season ending I wasn't sure which route I was going," Hodges said from his home in Glendale, Ariz. "I didn't really have a leaning toward school or pro ball. But in the end, I realized playing pro ball is something I always wanted."

Hodges said the main reason he selected the big leagues over college is because of the way the Astros handled the situation.

He said he liked the dollar amount he will receive and his package also includes a clause that states the Astros will pay for the rest of his college if he

ever wants to return to school.

"The Astros were very straight forward with me," Hodges said. "They handled everything very professionally. They made an offer that I thought was the average salary for a ninth round pick. That was good enough for me."

Hodges would not state specifics on dollar amounts, but the total package is worth less than \$100,000 while his signing bonus is more than \$50,000.

His mother Pam said she and her husband Mike are behind his decision 100 percent.

"The sweet spot of the whole deal is he will still get his education," she said. "It has been a dream of his since little league to go pro. Sports is his identity."

Hodges was a standout football quarterback in high school, but broke his thumb his sophomore year.

That was when solely playing on the baseball diamond was in his future.

Pam said her son has always looked like an athlete.

"He has the body for a professional athlete," she said of her 6-2, 202-pound son. "He has had a lot of opportunities to play sports. I am glad he has another chance to get to

the next level."

Kerry was the only Tech junior selected in the MLB Draft two weeks ago after hitting .339, third best on the team, with eight homeruns and 46 RBIs during the 2001 campaign.

He also led the Red Raiders with 38 stolen bases while playing errorless in the field. He was one of the three Red Raider players to start all 64 games.

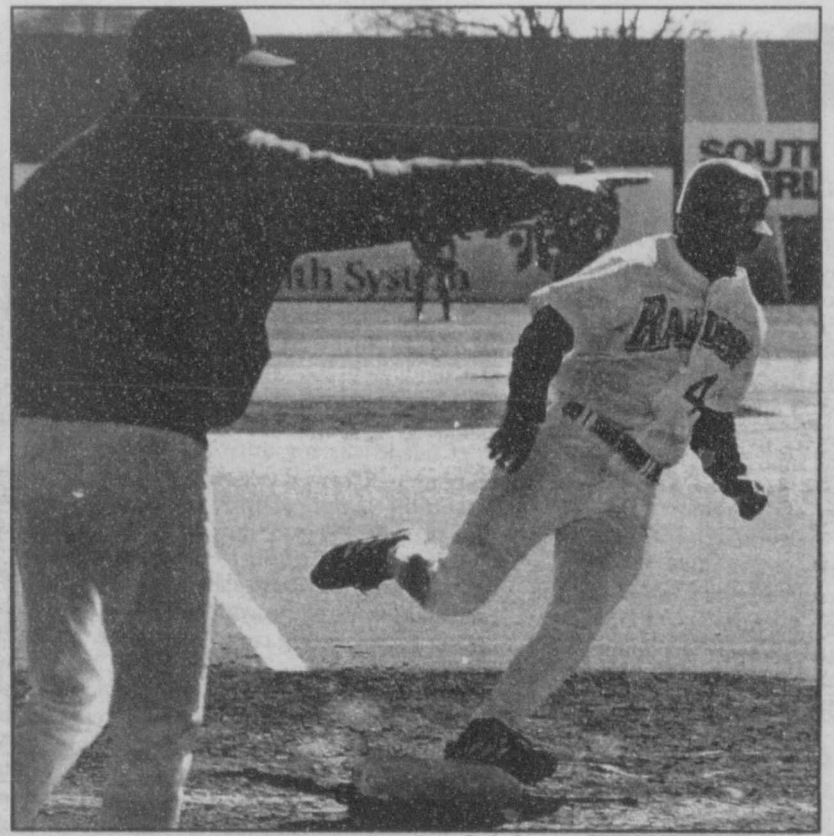
Hodges said he never felt pressure from his parents or his coaches at Tech during his decision process of whether to go pro.

He said he is pleased that Tech coach Larry Hays and assistant coach Greg Evans called him before and after the draft.

"They called and told be they were behind me," Hodges said. "They never put any pressure on me. They said whatever is best for me would be great."

Hayes said he wishes his star outfielder much success in the future.

"Kerry is a great kid both on the field and off and I am so proud of what he represents not only as a player but as a person," Hays said. "Myself and the other coaches and players wish him the very best."



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Former Texas Tech outfielder Kerry Hodges rounds third base while coach Larry Hays points toward home plate during a game against Cal St. Northridge at Dan Law Field last season.

The Hodges family grew up following the St. Louis Cardinals and Florida Marlins because those were the teams representing the places they lived.

Now the family of four has been Arizona Diamondbacks fans since moving to Glendale.

They even have season tickets. Now the Hodges' will begin to watch the Astros closely.

"We haven't bought anything yet," Pam Hodges said. "Now I guess we should because we will be watching Houston."

## Former three-time U.S. Open champion returns to form before weather dampens event's first round

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Tiger Woods never said winning another U.S. Open would be easy. He also never envisioned chasing a man more than twice his age.

Eleven years after becoming the oldest U.S. Open champion, 56-year-old Hale Irwin showed he has plenty of game left Thursday with momentum-saving pars and an unlikely birdie on the tough 18th hole for a 3-under 67.

"My purpose here this week is not to be ceremonial. It's to

be competitive," Irwin said. "And I think today established those bona fide credentials."

All Woods established was that he was human.

After chopping his way to a double bogey on No. 9 — his first in a major since the third round of the PGA Championship — Woods fell to 3-over par and was in danger of dropping another shot when heavy storms swamped Southern Hills and suspended the first round.

Only 66 players in the 156-man field managed to complete their rounds.

When play resumes at 7 a.m. Friday, Woods will face an 8-foot par putt on No. 10 and a long day of trying to make up for the lost time.

Retief Goosen of South Africa birdied the seventh hole just before the sirens sounded and was tied with Irwin at 3 under. Toshi Izawa of Japan was at 2 under after four holes.

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