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# Huffman named Tech law school dean

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Texas Tech Provost John Burns on Thursday named U.S. Army Gen. Walter Huffman as dean of the Tech law school. Huffman takes over Aug. 1.

Huffman is a graduate of the Tech law school. He recently stepped down as judge advocate

general of the Army.

"We think this is an outstanding and exciting hire," Burns said.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the law school is a critical part of the Tech system.

"Gen. Huffman is a leader; he loves Tech and he loves West Texas," Smith said. "It's in his blood, and I think it will serve him well."

Michael Graham, a Tech law

school graduate from El Paso, said he was impressed with the level of dedication Huffman conveyed for Tech and Lubbock.

"I think General Hoffman is a great choice. I think he's got the right ideas," he said. "It's really obvious his support for Tech and for Lubbock."

Huffman replaces former dean Frank Newton, who resigned his

position as dean Dec. 31.

Brian Shannon, associate dean of law, said Huffman would make it a major part of his administration to address the fourth-tier ranking of the law school.

"He is going to make it part of his goals, as I understand it, to bring recognition to the school and make that a real emphasis," Shannon said.

Smith said he does not believe the Tech law school deserves a fourth-tier ranking.

"The caliber of our faculty and our students certainly exceeds that ranking, but I think Huffman can in fact achieve the goals set forth and bring national recognition to the Tech law school," he said.

Huffman could not be reached for comment.

## Summer enrollment up 14 percent

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
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First summer session enrollment numbers have increased at Texas Tech as the figures made a 14 percent boost from last summer, Michael Heintze, vice president for enrollment management, said.

"The enrollment results are encouraging," he said. "This is a nice and healthy increase."

Heintze said 9,422 students, up from 8,164 students last summer, are attending Tech this summer, which is a combination of 6,888 undergraduates, 2,341 graduates and 193 law students.

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## Lubbock No. 27 in recent ranking

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
STAFF WRITER

Forbes/Milken Institute's annual "Best Places for Business and Careers" metropolitan ranking recently tabbed Lubbock No. 27 among 200 United States cities behind first place San Diego.

Skip Rimer, director of communications for Milken Institute, said the ranking was based on wage and salary, job market and high technology development.

"Every city is compared to the national average in each category," he said. "The ranking is

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## CREATIVE EXPRESSION



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Kathleen Rein Dean, a senior creative writing major from Houston, works on her project for experimental painting in the art department.

## Borrowers will benefit from lower loan rates

By KRISTEN GILBRETH  
STAFF WRITER

Federal student loan interest rates will drop to a new low of 4.06 percent effective July 1 benefiting current and new borrowers.

This rate for students repaying Stafford loans issued beginning July 1998 is down from a rate of 5.99 percent last year.

For students who are in school, within the six-month grace period, or in deferment, the rate is 3.46 percent, said Becky Wilson, associate director in the office of student financial aid.

"I have been in financial aid a long time, and I don't know if I've ever seen the interest rate go this low," she said. "This will really be beneficial to students and parents."

The Plus loans for parents are set at

a new rate of 4.86 percent.

"This is a substantial drop that is really a big plus for parents and students," Wilson said.

Every Spring the interest rates are evaluated and re-set by the Department of Education, said Earl Hudgins, director in the office of student financial aid.

"If you have subsidized loans this

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# Commission from books to go to Student Affairs

By Keli Johnson  
STAFF WRITER

In a partnership between Texas Tech and Barnes & Noble bookstores, a certain percentage of commission from the bookstore benefits to the Tech campus.

Tech is entering its third year of a 10-year contract with Barnes & Noble and is redirecting the commission from the partnership to the division of Student Affairs, Barbara Burrier, store manager said.

The funds are used to support student programs and scholarships at Tech, Burrier said. About \$300,000, will profit Student Affairs programs such as Red Raider Camp, Raidergate and the Masked Rider program.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs, supervises the allocation of the funds. The money does not necessarily have to go back to the students,

but in this case it will, he said.

"It's been a great partnership," Shonrock said of Barnes & Noble. Tech will keep costs down in the future because events such as Homecoming, Red Raider Camp and Parents' Weekend will not be using money from Tech; the commission will cover the expenses," he said.

The reallocated funds create an opportunity for incoming freshmen that could not otherwise afford the \$100 registration fee to be able to attend Red Raider Camp and get reimbursed by the scholarship. The scholarships are designed for financial aid purposes only.

"Most of the kids who need the financial aid are first generation college students, and the scholarships help tremendously," Shonrock said.

Previously, the funds had been directed toward scholarships and other academic purposes outside

of the Student Affairs office, Shonrock said. The exact amount each program receives has not been determined.

In addition, a portion of the funds will be used in the completion of the Student Union.

Shonrock said one reason there has not been publicity about the commission is Tech does not want to inhibit the sales of any other bookstore in town.

Despite the benefit to Tech, Christy Weaver, a junior photo communications major from Lubbock said she would continue to purchase books from other bookstores.

"It wouldn't make me want to go to the bookstore more often because I really don't take part in those events," she said. "Varsity (bookstore) is more convenient for me. Why would I go back on campus?"

For those that do live on campus and are affected by the new investments, Shonrock said the long-term benefits will be significant.



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Andrea Harper, a senior chemistry major from Austin, buys a test booklet at the Texas Tech bookstore. Commission from books sold at the store will go to the division of Student Affairs.

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# \$27 million raised for Tech since September

By BRANDON GUINN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith announced Thursday that more than \$27 million in contributions have been raised by the university system since September.

Smith said the number of donors in the past nine months demonstrates the strong commitment of Tech supporters, especially in a time of economic uncertainty.

"The future goals of Tech's fund raising will include increasing scholarships for the students at the university and Health Sciences Center," he said. "Scholarships are part of the Student First Committee, which is consistent with the plan that the students laid out."

Smith said the new fund-raising plan will have a strong academic flavor in the sense that Tech has been able to build many new academic facilities. The key element in ensuring the future of these facilities is getting the right people in the right positions, he said.

"You are going to see some different accountability and approaches to fund raising," he said. "We have been visiting Harvard, Purdue and other universities on the West Coast to try and garnish some new ideas."

Richard Butler, special assistant to the chancellor, said public institutions of higher education across the country are feeling the pinch of an economic downturn.

"We know we are going to have to tighten our belts in order to compensate for that and con-

tinue to do the things that make universities great," he said. "We have to get much smarter and more aggressive in terms of trying to raise money."

Butler said there are some proven paths to take in finding those individuals who want to leave a legacy in a way that helps others.

"There is no better place to leave that legacy than in institutions of higher education," he said. "We need solid proposals developed to show those individuals how their donated dollar can contribute to a better life's experience for a student."

Butler said there is nobody that can tell the tale of how Tech has affected their life better than the students.

"I see a role down the road for motivated students that understand the value of what's being

delivered here at Tech speaking to potential donors," he said. "Donors love to hear from students."

Zeke Fortenberry, a Student First committee member, said the committee presented Smith with their recommendations and student scholarships were among the top of the list at the end of the Spring semester.

"I think Smith is committed to implementing our recommendations," he said.

The total amount of money raised since September included \$9 million for scholarships.

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and other individuals have contributed \$11 million. Corporations have contributed about \$11 million; foundations, \$4 million and other organizations \$708,000. The total amount of gifts or pledges is about \$59,651.

## West Texas priest charged with sexual abuse of a child in a Big Lake church in early '90s

SAN ANGELO (AP)—A former West Texas Catholic priest has been charged with sexually assaulting a Big Lake girl in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The Rev. Miguel Esquivel, 49, was arrested this week and has been released on \$25,000 bond, said Tom Hain, chief deputy at the

Reagan County Sheriff's Office.

Esquivel was removed from active ministry about two months ago after the victim, now in her mid-20s, told the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, the Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, of several incidents.

Esquivel has been charged with

two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, two counts of indecency with a child and four counts of sexual assault of a child.

He is accused of sexually assaulting the girl inside a Big Lake church and at various other locations in Reagan County. The victim reported the allegations to

church officials and authorities about two months ago.

Esquivel, who had recently been working as a chaplain at La Tuna prison in New Mexico, had ministered in various counties throughout West Texas, Louis Fohn, attorney for the San Angelo Diocese, said.

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## Ranking should be catalyst for change

There's never a lack of criticism about this windy West Texas town. I think we've heard it all. If the city isn't being downtrodden by ne'er do-wells or plagued by police faux pas, it's being picked on for not offering enough to students.

The recent Forbes/Milken ranking, however, points to some positive news about the city. Although unexpected, Lubbock ranked 27th among 200 U.S. cities for "Best Places for Business and Careers." After I caught my breath and looked to make sure it wasn't a misprint, I have to admit, I was proud of the recognition the city received.

The ranking results have since produced an outpour of city pride and local newspaper praise. While viewing "The Secret's Out" section of the local paper, I could not help but wonder why was it a secret to begin with?

Does it really take a ranking resulting from economic downturn and survival of small business to produce progress? Is our community so defensive that we must produce I-told-you-so articles attacking those who dare question the economic and big-city prowess of our West Texas town?

This is an issue that deserves some consideration. I concede it's all too easy to concentrate on the negative perspective, which often appears on this page. But, these naysayers, as they're called, do have a point and a purpose. Without those who are willing to challenge current situations, there would be no progress. Change is good, no matter what the good ol' boys say.

Texas Tech is a prime example of the power of progress and change. When the



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institution was first formed in the early 1900s, two cities were in the running for the Technological College. Lubbock, now in the top-27, and Sweetwater, home of the Pioneer Museum and the famous Rattlesnake Round-up.

City officials admit Tech is the largest employer in the city, and that students pour a substantial amount of money to the economy each year. But when will they admit that students, although they complain, deserve to be taken seriously by the community?

I think the city is on the right path and they should promote their business-friendly status. But they also need to publish the other information they have gathered this year, which indicates more than half of Tech graduates leave Lubbock in search of better business opportunities. Now that the city is business-friendly, why not strive to make it bigger? Why not utilize the unique atmosphere of academia to develop Lubbock into a place graduates can help flourish and broaden?

There are many factors that led to the ranking, but there also are many factors that lead to the lack of growth in the business community. Unwillingness to change is one of them. This ranking is a result of an economy that flourishes on small and stable businesses, such as education and health care. The next step is to use this momentum to examine, evaluate and educate. Quit selling the secret. Let the city speak for itself.



## Catholic comments inconsistent

While people are traveling from all over the country and Europe to catch a glimpse of the Vatican exhibit housed at the Texas Tech Museum, more drama is heating up surrounding the Catholic Church (are you surprised?). Last week the Vatican's vigilant news service *Fides* published an article entitled, "A Matter of Coherence," castigating celebrities like Jennifer Aniston and Cher for wearing crosses adorned with diamonds.

"Is it consistent with the Gospel to spend millions of dollars on a copy of the sacred symbol of the Christian faith," the editorial asked, "and perhaps forget that there are people all over the world who suffer and die of hunger?"

Hmm. Perhaps the Vatican should practice what they preach on "matters of coherence." Sure, you probably won't find a priest out browsing at Tiffany's with J-Lo in search of their priciest \$20,000 cross necklace, but when you are



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dishing out millions in pedophilia cases, is it really the time to be throwing stones? (Even if they are being tossed in the right direction.)

Monday's edition of *Time* magazine reported in recent years that Catholic dioceses have paid enormous sums to cover sex abuse claims: an estimated \$25 million in Santa Fe, N.M. and \$31 million in Dallas (to name a few). That kind of cash could buy each and every "sinful" star a chic crucifix. Hmm. Besides, the church doesn't live like Mother Theresa. *Time* estimates total revenue at around \$7.5 billion annually. Does it all go to the "people all over the world who suffer and die

of hunger?" I think not.

*Time* documented dollar signs going elsewhere. A Boston Cardinal's home is worth a whopping \$130 million. The Detroit diocese owns a golf and conference center valued at \$18 million. (Definitely a necessity in terms of helping the poverty stricken). And, as if those examples were not ridiculous enough, the Providence diocese owns a mansion worth \$22 million. Ironically, this is the place where Hollywood hunk Brad Pitt (married to Jennifer Aniston) shot the film "Meet Joe Black."

In Lubbock next week the spotlight will stray from the "highly-valuable" Vatican exhibit when self-proclaimed Christian Britney Spears rolls into town. It isn't just sizable snakes the pop princess likes dangling around her neck; she is one of those known for her sparkling savior souvenirs. I guess, even locally, on "matters of coherence" contradicting controversy is the only consistency.

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The numbers were calculated on Tuesday, the fourth day of class, and the final figures will be known on June 19, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of class.

"This number may drop when the final cancellation of students occur," Heintze said. "So, we are looking at approximately 9,290 students on the 15<sup>th</sup> class day."

Last year, Tech students who did not pay their tuition by a set date were cancelled and required to re-enroll in their classes. Because of this requirement, enrollment decreased.

Heintze said a small number of students are expected to have their classes cancelled this summer.

"We were having students who waiting a long period of time before they paid their tuition," he said. "Students now know what the policy is. We have room to better fill the classes with who is here."

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makes no difference, but on unsubsidized loans the interest is charged to the student and it accumulates with time and adds back to the principal," he said. "Students will see a real benefit because the interest rates will now accumulate a lot slower."

He said another change is an increase in Pell Grant awards from \$3,750 to \$4,000 when the new federal year begins in July.

Nichole Moll, senior adviser in charge of student loans, said she is thrilled about the change because it will help everybody tremendously.

"There is not a lot of grant money out there," she said. "And since education is not getting

Earl Hudgins, director for financial aid at Tech, said the Texas Grant, which helps students who do not have student loan eligibility, is one of the main reasons for an increase in enrollment for summer sessions.

"We have money left over from the Spring to award to summer students," he said. "The fact is we got summer financial aid award letters out earlier, and that played a part in helping the students make the decision to go to summer school."

Hudgins said the improvement in the summer enrollment is the result of combined efforts throughout the university.

"I do not know if the high enrollment has to do with students wanting to get out of school sooner, or if it is the fact they have more money available," he said. "I would like to give financial aid all the credit for the higher enrollment, but people all over campus were involved."

cheaper, it is exciting to see interest rates go down because students use loans to get through school."

Trish Young, a junior accounting major from Dallas, who is involved in the work-study program at Tech, said she was surprised about the decrease.

"It will be faster in paying off my loans," she said. "I was planning on moving back home after graduation to save money. I guess I will be staying at home less. Maybe now only three years, instead of four."

Hudgins said interesting changes also are coming this Fall.

"We will enter a time period called reauthorization," he said. "The legislature does this every four to five years. They will look at increasing the amount of Pell Grants and they are talking about increasing the student loan limit."

## ■ RANKING

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largely concentrated on technology and that is where Lubbock is lacking."

According to the ranking, Lubbock placed No. 59 in wages and salaries, No. 6 in job momentum and No. 110 in high technology.

Rimer said in December, January and February, Lubbock had a 7.47 percent increase in the growth of job momentum,

"A growth of 7.47 percent in the job market is phenomenal," he said. "That ranked Lubbock 6th in the nation. This means something good is really going on in Lubbock."

Lubbock Councilman T.J. Patterson said the city was ranked in the Top 30 because the crime rate is down and the tax base is lower.

"We have been higher in the ranking in the years past. The

guys who did the ranking were on the outside looking in, and it is very political," he said. "Lubbock has progressed tremendously over the past few years, but do not get me wrong, we have a long way to go."

San Diego received first place in the Forbes/Milken ranking, Rimer said San Diego because they have a diverse economy, strong technological advancement, mild climate and research facilities.

Other cities in Texas that received rankings include McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, ranked 5th; Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, ranked 9th; Dallas, ranked 14th; and Austin-San Marcos, ranked 19th. Eighteen Texas cities placed in the top 200 list.

Robert McComb, assistant vice president for economic development for Tech, said the variables in the ranking were probably sensitive to the time in which the measurements were made.

"It means durability has a lot of merit. We avoid the economic upturns and downturns that are ob-

served in places like Austin," he said. "The sustained absence of a downturn, I bet, was weighted heavily in the Lubbock ranking."

Nationwide, 315 metropolitan cities are considered for the Forbes/Milken ranking but only 200 are ranked.

McComb said he did not know how Lubbock fit in to the "Best Places for Careers" ranking.

"It doesn't make sense because of all the Tech graduates who leave Lubbock because of no jobs," he said. "All the rankings have to be put in perspective. It could be that anyone else could do the same ranking and get different outcomes."

Tech influences the economic state of Lubbock, Patterson said.

"I have told the Tech chancellor and the president that if Tech would reach out more in the neighborhood and utilize the expertise that they have, the young people would get the big picture and be unstoppable," he said.

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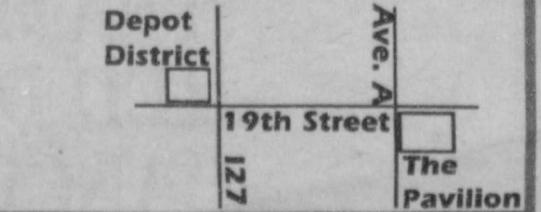
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# Bush appoints Tech prof to study mental health

By KRISTEN GILBRETH  
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Rodolfo Arredondo, a professor of neuropsychiatry at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, was recently appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a member of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health.

Ten other individuals have been appointed throughout the nation.

"Of course being appointed is uplifting and exciting. I can't explain it; it feels good to be selected from Lubbock, Texas," Arredondo said. "It is a privilege to be asked to serve on the commission, to look at mental health nationwide and come up with solutions."

Arredondo has been at Tech more than 30 years and has spent his career working in the fields of mental health and substance abuse.

He said his new position would allow him to make a big-



Arredondo

ger difference in the lives of others. "It is a way of helping people", he said. "It is one thing to help an individual, but if you get into the policy making level, you help large numbers by changing the system."

Bush announced the plan behind the commission April 29 during a speech at the University of New Mexico.

"It is charged to study the problems and gaps in our current system of treatment," Bush said in New Mexico. "And to make concrete recommendations for immediate improvements that will be implemented."

According to the executive order issued by the president April 29, there will be 15 mem-

bers on the commission who will advise him. They will compile a final report, and the commission will disband after one year.

"Our country must make a commitment. Americans with mental illness deserve our understanding, and they deserve excellent care," Bush said in New Mexico. "They deserve a health care system that treats their illness with the same urgency as a physical illness."

Arredondo said the commission has their first meeting in Washington, D.C., June 18.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he has known Arredondo for many years personally and professionally.

"He is a unique individual who not only understands the unique needs of those with mental health problems," Smith

said, "but also he plays effectively into Austin and Washington. He puts heart into the policy area."

Smith said Arredondo's appointment helps Tech gain recognition.

"We are honored to have someone at Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center receiving this kind of recognition from the White House," he said.

Arredondo received his bachelor's degree from West Texas State University, presently West Texas A&M University. He said he is not an Aggie because his master's and doctorate degrees in educational psychology are from Tech.

"The position on the commission will pay zero bucks," Arredondo said. "But the privilege of serving is payment enough."

He said early in life he had no idea he would ever have a career in the helping field.

"When I was drafted into the military and was a medic with the infantry in Vietnam, I had a need to continue learning more and go into some area of health," he said. "I was always curious about mental health, and the more I got involved, the more of a passion I got for the field."

*"It is a privilege to be asked to serve on the commission, to look at mental health nationwide and come up with solutions."*

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# 'Sum of all Fears' is a must-see spy thriller

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Will there ever be a time that movies are viewed as separate from society? I doubt it. Maybe a provision in our rights should be "separation of film and state." But "The Sum of all Fears" or "How I Learned to Start Worrying and Fear the Bomb" just hits so close to home that one can-

not help but mention the connection. Some critics are lambasting the film for not being sensitive and being released too early after Sept. 11. Apparently, however, patrons recognize that a good movie is going to be good entertainment even if the subject matter is a little sensitive. The film beat out "Star Wars" last weekend to open in the No. 1 slot in the box office. Interesting.

With that said, "Sum" is the most recent film adaptation in Tom Clancy's series of novels. The main character, Jack Ryan, had previously been played by Alec Baldwin in "The Hunt for Red October." Then Baldwin got greedy so Harrison Ford took over the role for both "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present Danger." Now, Ben Affleck is saddled with the role much to the

chagrin of Ford enthusiasts. But the fact is, Ford would have been all-wrong for this film. He's just a little too old now. Clancy (also an executive producer), in fact, always preferred a younger looking Ryan in the first place and was never crazy about Ford in the role. This is a younger Jack Ryan, and Affleck carries the role admirably.

Ryan is a CIA analyst who gets involved in a political disaster. A nuclear bomb may be being built by the Russians to attack the United States, but they have no idea whom is building it or where it may be hiding. Morgan Freeman redeems himself from "High Crimes" earlier this year and stars as Bill Cabot, a CIA official who has the President's (James Cromwell) ear.

Ryan is a sharp kid. He is fluent

in several different languages and always seems to be suspicious that there may be more than meets the eye. He also wrote an extensive paper on the leader of Russia and suspects he may be getting played by someone else. Those "someones" are actually fanatics bent on getting the United States and Russia to destroy one another.

When a bomb goes off in Baltimore, the president and his cabinet rush aboard Air Force One and scream at each other revealing a frightened human quality in our leaders. There is no quiet discussion like we may have seen in films like "Thirteen Days." Ryan is the only one with the answers, but of course is being impeded by the "powers that be" from talking to anyone who

could change the situation.

I also must mention that one of the most interesting characters in the film is CIA specialist John Clark, played with bold cunning by Liev Schreiber.

Skilled in languages, combat and reconnaissance, Clark is a valuable asset.

While the film may touch on some extremely sensitive issues, it is undeniably still a good spy thriller. Director Phil Alden Robinson keeps the pace relatively high, especially in the last half and keeps audiences' eyes glued to the screen as world destruction hangs in the balance.

Affleck stands a good chance of carrying the Ryan role for at least another two films.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★ 1/2

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## Some worry bad-boy Tyson will win belt

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — His life is a soap opera played out on a world stage. Hated by many, loved by others, Mike Tyson answers to everything from convicted rapist to savage biter.

If he beats Lennox Lewis on Saturday night, he'll be heavyweight champion again. And a lot of people in boxing can't decide whether that's good or bad.

Tyson is one of the biggest attractions in sports, but don't confuse him with Tiger Woods or Michael Jordan or look for his picture on a box of Wheaties.

Badness sells, and the two-time former heavyweight champion is as volatile outside the ring as he is explosive inside.

"I live in a different world than they do," Tyson said. "I don't have anything to sell. I'm Mike Tyson."

Because he is, Tyson will make some \$20 million to fight Lewis in a bout that could be the richest ever.

It is not because he has done much in the ring lately, where Tyson has fought with little interest against washed-up fighters. His act plays out like a World Wrestling Federation script, and people can't wait to see the next scene.

"The reality is that people like the misfits and the guys who do all these crazy things," said Emanuel Steward, the trainer for Lewis. "I don't even feel Mike Tyson deserves to be fighting for the heavyweight championship of the world."

Tyson almost didn't get his chance. His brawl and bite of Lewis at a January news conference nearly derailed the bout, and he had to dodge two new rape accusations to get his shot at becoming heavyweight champion a third time.

If he wins, he has a chance to get out of a reported \$15 million in debt and keep living his lavish lifestyle. If he loses — and oddsmakers make it 2-1 he will — some fear a life already lived on the edge could spiral out of control quickly.

"He's going to revert back to what he was doing before. Somebody is going to kill him or he'll do something and spend the rest

of his life in jail," said Tommy Brooks, who trained Tyson for his last five fights.

Even Tyson's longtime adviser, Shelly Finkel, is disturbed by the thought of Tyson's life after boxing.

"I'm scared of some things he's done," Finkel said. "I worry about him."

Tyson acknowledges as much, though he is unrepentant.

"I'm just a dark guy from the den of iniquity. I've been there all my life," he said. "I'm a dark, shadowy figure."

Tyson's two previous reigns as heavyweight champion — separated by a three-year stint in an Indiana prison for raping a beauty pageant contestant — were tumultuous but always intriguing.

## Twins spared through 2003 in lawsuit settlement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins will play next season as part of a deal approved Thursday that settles a lawsuit blocking baseball's contraction plan.

"This definitively removes the Twins from contraction for 2003," said Bill Lester, executive director of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which agreed to drop its lawsuit against the team and baseball.

A ceremonial signing of the settlement was expected Thursday before the package was delivered to Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump, said Andrew Shea, a commission attorney.

In a statement accompanying the settlement, baseball commissioner Bud Selig said the deal signals a commitment "by all parties to seek to continue the long tradition of the Twins' ball club."

"Major league baseball looks forward to working with the Twin Cities and all of Minnesota and their efforts to build a new ballpark and create an operating climate for the Twins that will ensure the continuation of baseball in Minnesota," Selig's statement read.

All claims against the Twins will be dismissed, but the stadium commission reserved the right to sue the league if it tries again to eliminate the team.

## Quick early pace could hurt War Emblem at Belmont

NEWYORK (AP) — Running 1 1/2 miles in the Belmont Stakes is tough enough for 3-year-old colts, who may never go that far again.

But doing so at a fast early pace could hurt War Emblem's chances, and open Saturday's race for Medaglia d'Oro, Perfect Drift and Sunday Break — horses who run just off the lead.

Or it could help closers like Magic Weisner and Sarava.

"We're all trying to beat each other," trainer Bob Baffert said. "There's no gimmes in this one."

Especially since War Emblem is chasing the Triple Crown. A victory would be worth \$600,000 to Baffert and owner Prince Ahmed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia.

The colt would also earn a \$5 million bonus from Visa USA for sweeping the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

"We're going to make him work for it," said Ken McPeck, who trains Sarava, a 20-1 long shot. "They aren't going to hand him \$5 million."

War Emblem will take on 10 challengers as he tries to become

the first Triple Crown winner in 24 years.

On Wednesday, War Emblem drew the No. 10 post position and was installed the even-money favorite in the morning line. Proud Citizen, second in the Derby and third in the Preakness, was the second choice at 5-1, with Sunday Break next at 6-1.

"There's some good speed horses in there, but that's part of the game," Baffert said. "My horse just breaks and goes out there. I just hope he has enough in the tank at the end."

War Emblem is expected to be pressured early by Wiseman's Ferry, the Lone Star Derby winner

with a running style similar to War Emblem.

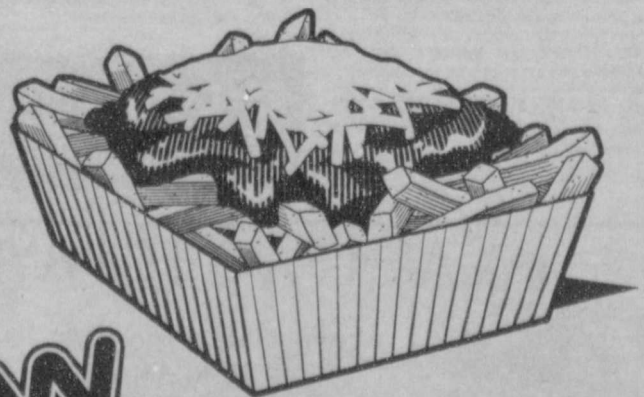
"A lot of people are counting on Wiseman's Ferry to sort of put us in the tank," Baffert conceded. "When you're going 1 1/2 miles, there is no rehearsing for this."

War Emblem has won four in a row, and six of nine career starts. The speedy black colt won the Derby with a gate-to-wire run, then took the Preakness by hanging behind a quick pace and holding off Magic Weisner in the stretch.

"You've got to hook him early, then run him down in the end," said Bobby Frankel, who trains Medaglia d'Oro. "That's how it will happen."

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