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## Missing Lubbock girl listed as runaway

By BRANDON GUINN  
STAFF WRITER

The state of Texas, in conjunction with local communities and the Texas runaway hotline, have launched a statewide campaign, "Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Week," to reach as many runaways, troubled youths and families as possible.

Raquel Moreno, a 14-year-old

from Lubbock, is now among the teens reported missing.

Her father, Jose Moreno, a Texas Tech Spanish instructor, said his daughter was reported missing June 8. She did not take any personal belongings or contact anyone before she was reported missing, he said.

The Lubbock Police Department has listed the incident as a runaway, LPD spokesman Bill Morgan said.

"Based on the information provided, apparently her disappearance met the criteria for a runaway," Morgan said.

Jose Moreno said he has no information about his daughter's disappearance.

"We don't have any evidence that she is a runaway, that she was kidnapped, if she left on her own or with somebody," Jose Moreno said.

Governor Rick Perry has pro-

claimed the week of June 10 through June 16 as "Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Week" in Texas. The goal of the campaign is to raise public awareness about the problem and to educate the public on the issues of runaway children.

LPD Youth services coordinator T.J. McAuley said there are more than 1,000 cases a year of runaway children in the Lubbock area alone.

"Right now there are 134 active cases in Lubbock," he said. "The most common ages of runaways are between 14 and 16 years old."

Jay Smith, program director for the Texas runaway hotline, said about half the calls they receive are from parents. In most cases the parents have a general idea of why the child has left, Smith said.

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### SHOWING ON



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

Cherie, played by Mandy Springer, sings, 'That old Black Magic' to boyfriend Bo, played by Adam Zarowski, in front of diner-owner, Grace, played by Elaine Bates. The play, "Bus Stop," opens tonight.

### Tech summer theatre produces three plays

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech theatre is continuing to entertain audiences by presenting three repertory productions for the first summer session.

The three plays include two musicals, "Godspell" and "Baby," and one play, "Bus Stop." The shows run today through June

30.

Richard Privitt, audience relation's specialist for the Tech theatre, said "Godspell" is about St. Matthew.

"This play has been around for a while, and I think more people are familiar with it," he said. "It is from around the 1970's and includes a very popular song, 'Day by Day.'"

Godspell is directed by Cleo House, Jr. The cast consists of nine people.

Privitt said while he has seen the setting of the musical done with clowns, Tech chose to do the play in the scene of a high school.

"Baby," is directed by Cathy Alleman. The musical is from the 1980's.

Privitt said the plot is about three

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## Committee formed to aid, advise HSC president search

By KELI JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

The search for a permanent president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is under way, beginning with the recent appointment of an 11-member committee.

The purpose of the committee is to advise the chancellor, Dr. David Smith, who then makes a final recommendation to the Tech Board of Regents. Smith, who is the former HSC president, said he hopes to have the pool narrowed to three to five finalists by January.

The committee is composed various members of the Tech community, including a student representative.

Elmo Cavin, interim HSC president and chief fi-

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## Tickets available for Spears show

By KRISTEN GILBRETH  
STAFF WRITER

Pop singer Britney Spears brings her concert tour, Dream Within a Dream, to Lubbock tonight. Those still having dreams of going to the previously sold-out concert can call Select-A-Seat. At press time there were 156 tickets remaining.

"It is going to be a big show", said Cindy Harper, marketing manager for the United Spirit Arena. "Also it will be one of our largest productions. There are 18 trucks coming with equipment for special ef-

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# Faculty, staff eager to move into new building

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty and staff in the departments of English and Philosophy have started the process of packing up their belongings and memories for the move to the newly constructed English/Philosophy complex.

The complex will be completed in July and faculty and staff will begin to move in July 15, said Julie Bass, special projects assistant for facilities planning and construction.

Madonne Miner has been working as the chairwoman for the English department for five years. Miner said the planning process for the new English/Philosophy building was in the works when she took the position.

"I think the new building will be an excellent place to work, research and teach," she said. "The most exciting part is we will not have complaints about puddles of water from leaks, and the air conditioning and heating will actually work."

Miner said few teachers in the English department have been around since the 1970's.

"Wendell Aycock, a professor here, has been around since, I believe, 1970. He can tell stories

about hiding from the tornado that hit campus," she said. "I think people are starting to realize that this move is actually going to happen."

Ken Baake, an assistant professor in English, began working in the English/Philosophy complex in 2000.

"I think it is nice to have the administration put an investment into this department," he said. "I like my office

right now, there are some trees and birds right outside my window, but I am looking forward to moving into the new building."

Baake said the current building has a 1950's institutional look.

"There are tile on the walls and the hallways are dark," he said. "For students, I think the halls would seem gloomy, especially when students are trying to read in the dark before class."

J.D. Heart, computer coordinator in the philosophy department,

said most of the faculty is looking forward to the move and is concerned with getting into the new building.

"They have done some tours of the new building and it seems really nice," he said.

"Since I am the computer guy, I am looking forward to the new networking system."

Heart said he will miss the character of the old English/Philosophy building.

*"I think the new building will be an excellent place to work, research and teach."*

**Madonne Miner**  
CHAIRWOMAN FOR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The second summer session begins July 9 and the teachers will move into the new English/Philosophy building on July 15.

Miner said the teachers will begin to teach in the old building and attempt to move their classes into the new building.

"I hope everything goes smoothly enough that we can move in the middle of classes," she said. "I hope we do get to move into the new building for the second summer session."



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## Police find more of Levy's bones

WASHINGTON (AP) — A grand jury investigating Chandra Levy's homicide and whether Rep. Gary Condit obstructed justice in the case has heard from the congressman's top aide. Police also have found more of Levy's bones.

Mike Lynch, Condit's California-based chief of staff, answered questions Friday in front of a Dis-

trict of Columbia Superior Court grand jury, Beth Wilkinson, Lynch's lawyer said Wednesday.

"He cooperated fully with the investigators and prosecutors and answered all questions in a candid and forthright manner," Wilkinson said.

Lynch last year publicly denied Condit and Levy were having an affair. A month later, Condit told investigators that he and Levy were romantically involved, according to police sources.

The grand jury earlier this year subpoenaed Condit to testify. However, it is unclear whether the California Democrat ever did. Last fall, the grand jury subpoenaed documents from Condit's office, including telephone message slips and calendars.

Federal law enforcement officials have said they are examining whether Condit and his aides asked other women who alleged they had affairs with the congressman not to cooperate with police. Condit and his aides have denied attempting to silence anyone.



# Masked Rider committee awaits suggestions for Texas Tech's new mascot

By Keli Johnson  
Staff Writer

The Masked Rider committee is still searching for a name for A Famous Boon, Texas Tech's newest mascot, who was donated to the Tech Masked Rider Program by Wells Fargo Bank in May.

Although the animal is known by his registered name, Tech has traditionally given every horse a Red Raider name to compliment the image of the mascot.

The ongoing contest is designed for students to

become more involved at Tech and to have the option of obtaining a small bronze statue if they win the naming contest.

The opportunity is still available to give the new mascot a name that represents the true Tech spirit, said Candice Troke, associate director of the center for campus life.

"We have already received some really great names, but we

still are looking forward to receiving many more before the deadline. It's not too late for new entries."

Masked Rider Jessica Melvin has been attending events with A Famous Boon, and said she looks forward to reviewing the entries,

Troke said.

Following the deadline, the Masked Rider Committee will review and select the best name suggestion, which will be announced at the first Tech home football game on Sept. 14. The winner will accept the

statue on the field.

Entries can be submitted either by e-mail at Masked.Rider@uc.ttu.edu or at the Center for Campus Life, Attn. Masked Rider, P.O. Box 45014, Lubbock, Texas 79409-5014. The deadline is June 21. All entries should include the name suggestion, entrant's name, address and phone number.

*"We have already received some really great names, but we still are looking forward to receiving many more before the deadline."*

**Candice Troke**  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER OF CAMPUS LIFE

## Dispatcher says airlines supervisor wanted shoe-bomb threat kept from FAA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Airlines dispatcher who handled the flight carrying alleged shoe-bomber Richard Reid says her supervisor told her to hold off telling the government about the scare because he feared the plane would be delayed.

Julie Robichaux filed a 12-page complaint Wednesday with the Federal Aviation Administration, saying her superior told her not to tell the FAA of the shoe-bomb incident "because the flight would be remotely parked and it would be forever before we could

get the plane out of there." Robichaux said she did not follow the instructions.

Steve Tankel, spokesman for Fort Worth, Texas-based American, denied the allegations.

The complaint comes at a time when American and some of its employees have clashed over security, safety and personnel issues. The airline, which lost two jetliners to hijackers Sept. 11, is negotiating a new contract with its pilots' union.

Robichaux was on duty Dec. 22 when the captain of Flight 63 from Paris told her about Reid.

## Abilene teens standing trial as adults for school fire

ABILENE (AP) — Three teenagers charged with organized criminal activity can stand trial as adults after a February school fire that caused \$1.5 million in damages, a judge ruled.

Four of six teens charged were 16 at the time of the Wylie Junior High fire.

Prosecutors chose to certify three as adults — Nick Pethis, Cory McFadden and Brandon

Smith — but not Jon Seaborn.

Texas law considers those 17 and older to be adults. Two adults also have been charged in the case: Trent Hadley and Nick's older brother, Morgan Pethis.

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## Theocracy's turn for termination

The other night I thought of Wang Weilin. You remember, surely—a Chinese man standing alone in front of a line of tanks. The great armed force of the state is dedicated to crushing the Tianamen rebellion at the other end of Beijing's Avenue of Eternal Peace, and here's this guy with all the courage in the world opposing them. And they stop! The Berlin Wall came down that November in 1989, but the 20th century ended on Tank Day, June 5.

The entire story of the prior epoch is in that lovely shot—the machine tries to swallow this man, and he chokes the wheels, Chaplin-style. The power stares against the freedom of human will and blinks. And this explains why America is now fighting the last war.

Victor Hugo said there was one thing stronger than all the world's armies, "an idea whose time has come." There's war, and there's war. There will be wars whose casualties will look like paintball battles, compared with war's death totals: 61 million in the 20th



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century alone. The modern age was a debate of ideas with weapons. Resolved: which system is best for mankind? Locke vs. Marx vs. Rousseau. Tanks vs. Wang, which sounds like a heavy metal porno. The winner? Obvious. Whatever complaints you have about democracy-capitalism, I dare you to find a system that works better. North Korea is starving. Pinochet's got problems.

You want the history of the last 200 years? Here it is—the individual wins. Democracy picks up the sword and goes to work. Monarchy, fascism and communism all got the axe. But we overlooked the last contender, and

that's Islamic fundamentalism. Lenin's statues? Gone. Khomeini's? Standing. The job isn't finished. It's al-Qaida's turn to go down into the darkness. It's curtains for theocracy, friends. It will take years to track, and be difficult to kill. But it shall be done.

So this is the last war, and so goodnight to the beating of ankle-baring women. Hello, v for victory.

Granted, I get my fill of fatal blows watching John Woo movies. But who knew witnessing the public execution of one kakistocracy (rule of the worst) after another could be so much fun? Not since the cameras caught Jerry Falwell committing rhetorical suicide on TV after Sept. 11 has the humiliation of evil men been so amusing. Especially when driven to the end by a commonwealth of SUV-driving spastics like us. We ritalin-junkies? Agents of great historical forces? Who'da thunk it? Ah, but as the Duke managed to say to Susan Hayward, with a straight face, in the aforementioned—"Yer beautiful in yer wrath." Ain't it the truth?

## Homeland Security defends indefensible

[ GUEST COLUMN ]

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I love war. I love war because I love language, and nothing stimulates language like a war. There is political doubletalk in every pot, public relations absurdities by the bucket and a brand new oxymoron to hang the whole thing on.

I guess they called it "Homeland Security" because Gestapo was taken. I've got good and bad news for you libertarians in the audience.

The bad news is, your civil liberties are under attack. The good news is, the people attacking them are incompetent.

I'm not going to talk about civil liberties here. Other people do that better, and frankly, talking about these violations and proposed violations of our rights depresses me. I don't like remembering how helpless I am standing before the mob.

Do you realize what Tom Ridge has admitted this week? Our intelligence about terrorism and terrorist threats is so sloppy we can't even issue press releases anymore.

We don't know when these attacks might happen. We can't even pin down what city might be attacked. Our intelligence is so bad we have to describe things by color.

"Well, we have 60 unconfirmed reports and Cheney has a sore throat. Put us at Defcon Blue."

It's not a color bar, folks. It's Wheel of Fortune at the

Ministry of Homeland Security. Every day they spin the wheel and tell us what color it lands on. If it ever comes up "Bankrupt," Ridge loses his job.

Pundits around the country are trying to figure out what Ridge is doing and how exactly his office is supposed to keep us safe, stumbling around like terrorist weathermen.

The Capitol Gang isn't smart enough to figure this out. Fortunately, I'm here to clear this up for you. Ridge has a very specific job, and he is performing it perfectly. Ridge is a scapegoat. President George W. Bush appointed him deliberately, so he'll have someone to fire next time we get hit.

Think about it. Homeland Security is an impossible job. We can't defend this country without raping our Constitution. Another attack is inevitable, and the president can't admit failure. The solution? Ridge—an office with an impossible mission and no real power.

Ridge is the designated fall guy. Check his CIA file and you'll find that somewhere in his past, Ridge did something awful to Bush. Groped his daughter or something. Who knows what he did. He screwed up really bad, so Bush assigned him to the ultimate hopeless job—defending against the indefensible.

Ridge is a dead man walking. He fiddles with stupid proposals and rainbow warning systems, but his real job is jumping on grenades.

If Bush has a sense of humor, he's using Tom as a punch line. "Gas masks for pets? That's a great idea. Maybe you should be director of Homeland Security."

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nancial officer, said he likes the committee because it is diverse.

"I think we've got a decent committee with a cross section of the university," he said. "Everyone from deans, to administration, to staff, students and Regents are represented."

Robert Brown, chairman of the Board of Regents, nominated Regent David Lopez to chair the advisory committee, which will conduct its first organizational meeting at 11:30 a.m. on June 26.

The agenda for the first meeting includes establishing an e-mail address for suggestions to the committee, outlining a general process and defining how to accept candidates, Lopez said.

There will be no official discussion about potential candidates prior to the first member meeting, Lopez said.

"We are going to try to be efficient in the selection process, but it is not always best to simply be quick," he said. "Getting it done well is more important than getting it done fast."

It is important to select a qualified candidate because of the leg-

islative year that is coming up, Lopez said.

Lopez will lead the members on a listening tour of Lubbock, Amarillo, Odessa and El Paso HSC campuses to get feedback from faculty, staff and students about what type of president they want and what qualifications are necessary.

Smith and Lopez said they both wanted to create a committee that would represent all parties. Deans, faculty, staff, regents and a student comprise the committee, including acting HSC President Cavin; Tech President David Schmidly; Cortney Youens, a medical student and former president of the HSC

Student Senate, Margaret Duran, director of Student Services and Lopez, committee chairman.

Following the listening tour, the committee will begin meeting under the discretion of the chairman, but will likely meet every couple of months to evaluate candidates by phone or in person, Smith said.

Cavin said the selection process involves a series of steps. First, the committee will find out what the community wants in a president so a job description can be outlined.

The HSC also will advertise the position nationwide. Members of the Regents and faculty will call friends, colleagues and profes-

sional societies to encourage applications and nominations.

As the applicant pool grows, the committee will review and evaluate candidates to narrow the selection to three to five finalists.

Smith will then meet with the finalists to determine the superior nominee who he will then recommend to the Regents for approval.

"I wouldn't be surprised at all if we have several internal candidates who come from the HSC. We have many talented individuals working there, and I think we might have some applicants from right here in Lubbock," Smith said.

## RUNAWAY

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"Although most runaway cases involve some sort of dispute, even families with no apparent problems have children that runaway," Smith said.

However, Jose Moreno said he has no clues to help him understand why his daughter is missing.

When a child runs away they are in control of communication, Smith said. The Texas runaway hotline provides parents some tips to get back in communication with their child.

"We provide information and referrals to community services that we have on our database," he

said. "These include counseling, shelters and other related services."

The hotline provides a confidential message service for children to get back in contact with their parents.

This allows the runaway to call in and leave a message with the parents' phone number. The idea is to let parents know their child is all right and to promote future communication, Smith said.

"Many times children are afraid to contact their parents because they are afraid they let them down," he said. "This allows the runaway a way to be in communication without fear of being punished."

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couples who live in a college town. One couple is a student couple, one couple is in their 30's and the other couple are deans of the college. All couples are expecting a baby.

"These productions show how we as people react with one another," he said.

"Bus Stop" is a play from the late 1950's. The setting takes place in a diner.

Privitt said a group of people are traveling on a bus just outside of Kansas City when the snow gets so bad they are

forced to stop at a small diner.

"This play is really about love and how people need love," he said. "It shows how people play this love out when they are all thrown together."

Scott Crew is the director. The shows are at the Tech Maedgen Lab Theatre located between Boston and Flint Avenues on 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ticket prices for "Baby" and "Godspell" are \$12 each and \$10 each for "Bus Stop." All shows are \$5 with a Tech Student Identification Card.

For ticket information call the box office at (806) 742-3603 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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# Tech horse clinic to offer therapy to children

By Kelli Johnson  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Clinic is giving children with neurological and genetic disorders a chance to receive therapy by working with horses.

Heidi Brady, director of the Tech Ranch and Horse program and assistant professor of animal sciences, said she thinks one of the most rewarding experiences in life is to help a child with a disability.

Hippotherapy, the use of horses in therapy, accompanies the clinical therapy each child obtains through the University Medical Center. Tech joined with

the UMC to create this program in 1998.

Todd Cepica, director of administration at the UMC and a physical therapist, said the horses provide motivation for the child to try harder to reach his or her goals.

Because of the unique partnership, Cepica said this is one of three programs in the nation.

Eight children participate in the therapy at one time, while about 25 children remain on the waiting list. As more Tech students take the hippotherapy class, more children can participate in the program, Brady said.

"I encourage anyone who wants to make a difference in a child's life to take the course," Brady said.

Tech will offer a three-credit-hour class in hippotherapy during the second summer session, she said.

"The program has given them a real appreciation for the struggle of each child with a disability," Brady said.

Although many students are from pre-physical therapy and pre-occupational therapy majors, all majors are welcome, Cepica said.

Kelly Breazeale, a graduate student in animal sciences, is one of the students involved with the program.

"In all of the courses I have had, (hippotherapy) is one of the few courses that will give you a life changing experience," she

said. "You are giving something back and that's really important."

Breazeale said she encourages everyone to take the hippotherapy class to gain valuable experience helping children with disabilities.

"The students who took the class really made a difference in the children's lives," she said.

Cepica said he witnessed the success of Kelsey Read, a child whose rare disorder should not have allowed her to walk. Her parents attribute her great improvement to the Therapeutic Riding Clinic, he said.

The horses form a special bond with the child, Cepica said, which gives each child incentive

to work harder than they would in any clinical setting.

Acquired through donations, the eight horses used in the program are retired ranch horses.

Sam Jackson, professor of animal science at Tech said Jake, who also served as an interim Tech mascot, is a great example of how gentle and safe each horse in the program is.

"Jake is very reliable," he said. The faculty is creating an outdoor trail near the Ranching and Heritage center specifically for the children in hippotherapy.

Brady said she is optimistic the natural setting will be helpful for the children as well as Tech students.

## Higher education worried about Bush plan to increase service requirement

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Colleges and volunteer advocates are troubled by a Bush administration proposal that would require work-study students to perform more

community-service jobs instead of, say, washing dishes or shelving books on campus.

"It sets a lofty goal, but doesn't necessarily give schools the

means," said Liz Hollander, executive director of National Campus Compact, which has community-service advocacy chapters at more than 750

schools nationwide.

Bush will talk about volunteerism in a commencement address Friday at Ohio State University. He is encouraging students to meet a goal he laid out in January — that Americans devote the equivalent of two years of their lives to serving their communities.

Part of his proposal is a requirement that 50 percent of

schools' federal work-study dollars go to students who serve in community programs, such as tutoring or mentoring children. Currently, only 7 percent of the money must be set aside for that purpose.

College officials and service advocates worry that schools will not have enough money to cover the costs of more community service.

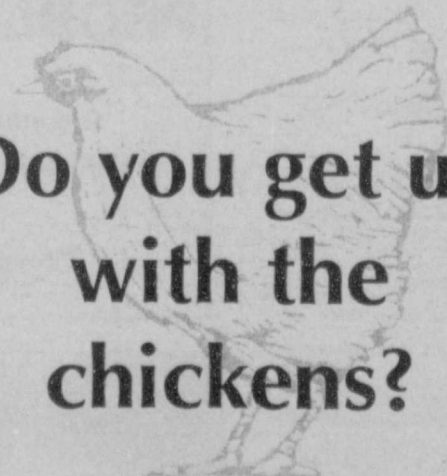
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# 'The Divine Secrets of Ya-Ya Sisterhood' boring, but cute

[ FILM REVIEW ]



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Fans of the novels "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" and "Little Altars Everywhere" by Rebecca Wells will likely be pleasantly pleased with this film

adaptation. But for those of us who are meeting these Southern belles for the first time, it takes a long time to find one of these characters to warm up to or even admire.

The film opens with four young girls in the woods joining hands around a camp-fire and creating the Ya-Ya Sisterhood. They even prick their hands with a knife and make a blood oath. It's a little Tom Sawyer/Huck Finn-ish, but it's cute anyway. The older versions of these girls are Vivi (Ellen Burstyn), Teensy (Fionnula Flanagan), Necie (Shirley Knight) and Caro (Maggie Smith). Vivi's daughter,

Sidda, (Sandra Bullock) is a famous playwright in New York. We first meet her as she is giving an interview and mentions she had a difficult childhood because of her mother. We soon learn just how right she is.

Vivi reads the article and disowns Sidda, which is no great loss seeing as they haven't seen each other in years. So Vivi calls her fellow Ya-Ya sisters together and take her to Louisiana so Sidda can learn about her mother's past and why she is the way she is.

Much of the film is in flash-

back, and the younger version of Vivi is played by the beautiful Ashley Judd. Her performance in the film is one of its saving graces.

We learn of Vivi's lost love and her descent from beaming belle to boozing broad. But when we really get down to the divine secret behind Vivi, it's really not all that deeply moving. Her problems aren't unique or different from anyone else who drinks too much and pops too many pills.

Now I realize most of this review sounds negative, but in fact I came away from the movie with mixed feelings. Yes, it's slow moving and starts to feel long. Yes, it feels contrived in certain scenes,

and I can't help but wonder what exactly is the moral of the story. Regardless, I still found the film to be just cute enough to be bearable, and the excellent cast helps too.

Judd, who has been making some bad choices lately, gives some depth to her character and gives the best performance in this film. Bullock is not given a whole lot to work with but makes due with what she has been given, and Burstyn does a fine job of making her character change believably.

It's a cute movie, if not a somewhat mediocre one.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★ ★ 1/2

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# Lubbock splashed with rain; more on its way this month

BY KRISTEN GILBRETH  
STAFF WRITER

Sun baking and string bikinis by day, and rainbows and raincoats by night have become the daily norm in Lubbock lately.

"This is a normal spring-time occurrence," said Jerry English, a meteorologist for the Nation Weather Service in Lubbock. "It is a normal cycle for large amounts of water to drop in very confined areas. It just depends on where it drops."

Saturday through Thursday, the total rainfall recorded at Lubbock International Airport was 1.20 inches. The total rainfall for the month is 2.77 inches.

English said he does not predict massive flooding to occur because of the recent rains. The last major flood in Lubbock was in 1983 when 5.82 inches of rain fell in two days, he said.

However, according to the Lubbock Fire Department, the rapid rainwater has

caused incidents such as a car to be swept off of the roadway in Mackenzie Park on Saturday.

"Water is a powerful force," English said. "People just don't realize it can lift a car right up."

Extreme caution is advised during stormy weather, he said.

Tim Doggett, associate professor with the department of geosciences, said the weather character of Lubbock is extreme variability.

"Some years it will be very dry," he said. "Other years it will flood us out. Right now it is a little bit on the wet side. But nothing jumps out to me as being crazy."

Lisa and Larry Beyer, both lifetime citizens of Lubbock, said the weather has been like this nearly every year.

"May and June are our stormy months," Larry said. "It is hot during the day and then the clouds begin to build up and everything. Far off in the western skies it begins to get real dark. The rain falls and

then you wake up and the sun is shining again."

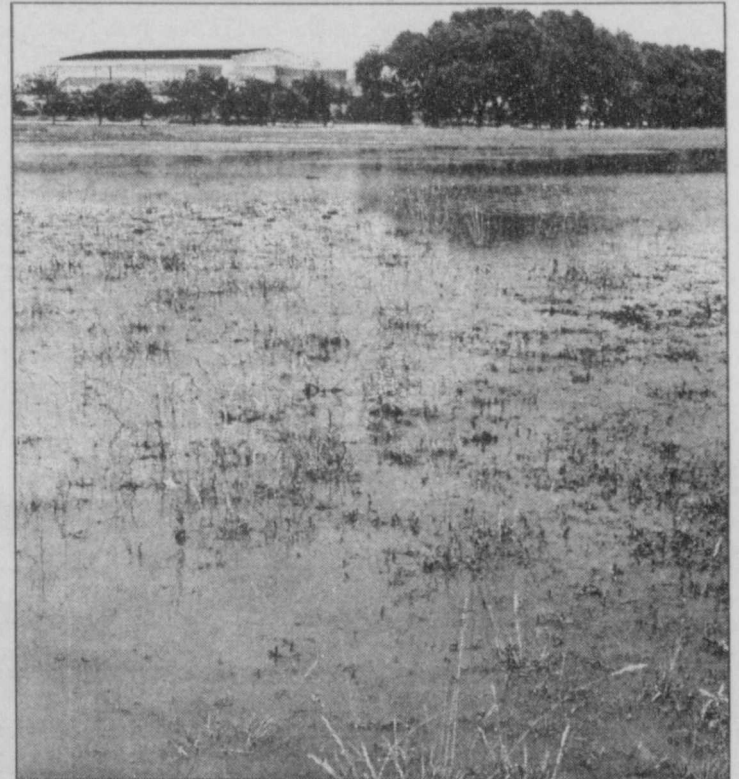
Lisa Beyer said in the 1960's the tornado warnings and watches would happen every night.

"My mom would play a game with us almost every afternoon in the summer," she said. "We would all gather in the hall, get some mattresses and wait out the latest tornado warning."

Mark Langlais, a senior marketing major from Canada, said he is excited about the rain, and he rode his bike around campus while it was pouring.

"It is nice for a change," he said. "I think it is good because it helps out the community because we have been in a drought for a long time. The hail, however, makes me feel bad for the local guys because of their cotton."

Today is expected to be partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. The high is expected at about 87 degrees with east winds at 10 to 20 miles an hour, English said.



CRAIG SWANSON/The University Daily  
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## ■ SPEARS

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facts. Most shows only bring about two or three."

Jim Bush, USA technical manager, said the show is going to be spectacular. He said along with Spears' dancers there will be bells, whistles, lasers and a water curtain causing it to rain in the

arena.

"This show dwarfs even the KISS concert," Bush said. "There are two video screens on both sides, and she even interacts with herself on screen. Scenes from her movie (Crossroads) will be shown and costume changes are woven throughout the show. She's gonna give at least her target market their money's worth."

The stage will run completely

through the arena. Spears will perform 360 degrees and will at times be within feet of the people right behind the stage, he said.

Kent Meredith, USA general manager, said the expected 14,300 audience members will witness Spears flying in the air and bungee jumping.

"We expect most of the audience to be 13- or 14-year-olds," he said. "We think we will have some

college students tomorrow. Some of our student workers who are guys were the first ones to volunteer for the show."

Chris Winters, a junior business major from Katy, is one of the student managers for the USA. He is in charge of projects such as setting the gates up, working with the catering Spears brings and overseeing the stage setup.

"I think it will be interesting to see the show," he said. "But I don't really get star struck. I am more excited about seeing the special effects."

Emily Saunders, a senior nursing major from Cisco, said she purchased a new outfit for the concert because she is excited to see Spears perform.

"Heck yeah, I am excited. It is gonna be awesome," she said. "I love Britney Spears and I don't care what anyone else thinks. It is gonna be a good time. I am ready."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena. Opening acts will be Nikka Costa and Third Phase. Spears will take the stage at about 8:30 p.m., Meredith said.

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