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# Montford to lead Southwestern Bell

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
STAFF WRITER

SBC Communications named Texas Tech Chancellor Emeritus John Montford president of Southwestern Bell on Wednesday.

Montford will be responsible for regulatory, legislative, governmental and external affairs for Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Connecticut.

Montford served Tech as the



Montford

Southwestern Bell in San Antonio.

head of the Tech university system from 1996-2001. He resigned last summer and took the position of vice president for external affairs for

Montford could not be reached for comment.

Kevin Belgrade, SBC Southwestern Bell spokesperson, said Montford's skills as former chancellor of Tech will compliment his role as president of Southwestern Bell.

"John Montford's focus will be the government, while other leaders will focus on business and profit," he said. "He will have his eye towards serving the community. These states are important

states that have important issues, and he is the ideal leader to take on these tasks."

Belgrade said Montford's position is a key leadership position.

"Look at the states he is representing, we needed a focused leader who would do the right thing," he said. "He will make sure the governmental rules are fair."

Tech Regent David Lopez served as president of Oklahoma and Texas for Southwestern Bell until he

retired last July.

Lopez said while he served as president for the two states, he reported to the president of Southwestern Bell, which is the position Montford now holds.

"The portion of the company Montford is in charge of is the original company before SBC was added," he said. "So this region is what sets the pace for the whole

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## Study shows catch, release not harmful

By BRANDON GUINN  
STAFF WRITER

A recent research study conducted by Texas Tech students and professors concluded good news for fishermen after showing that catch and release fishing has no effect on growth of large-mouth bass.

Kevin Pope, assistant professor of fishery services, said the study began by removing 100 large mouth bass from Lake Allen Henry.

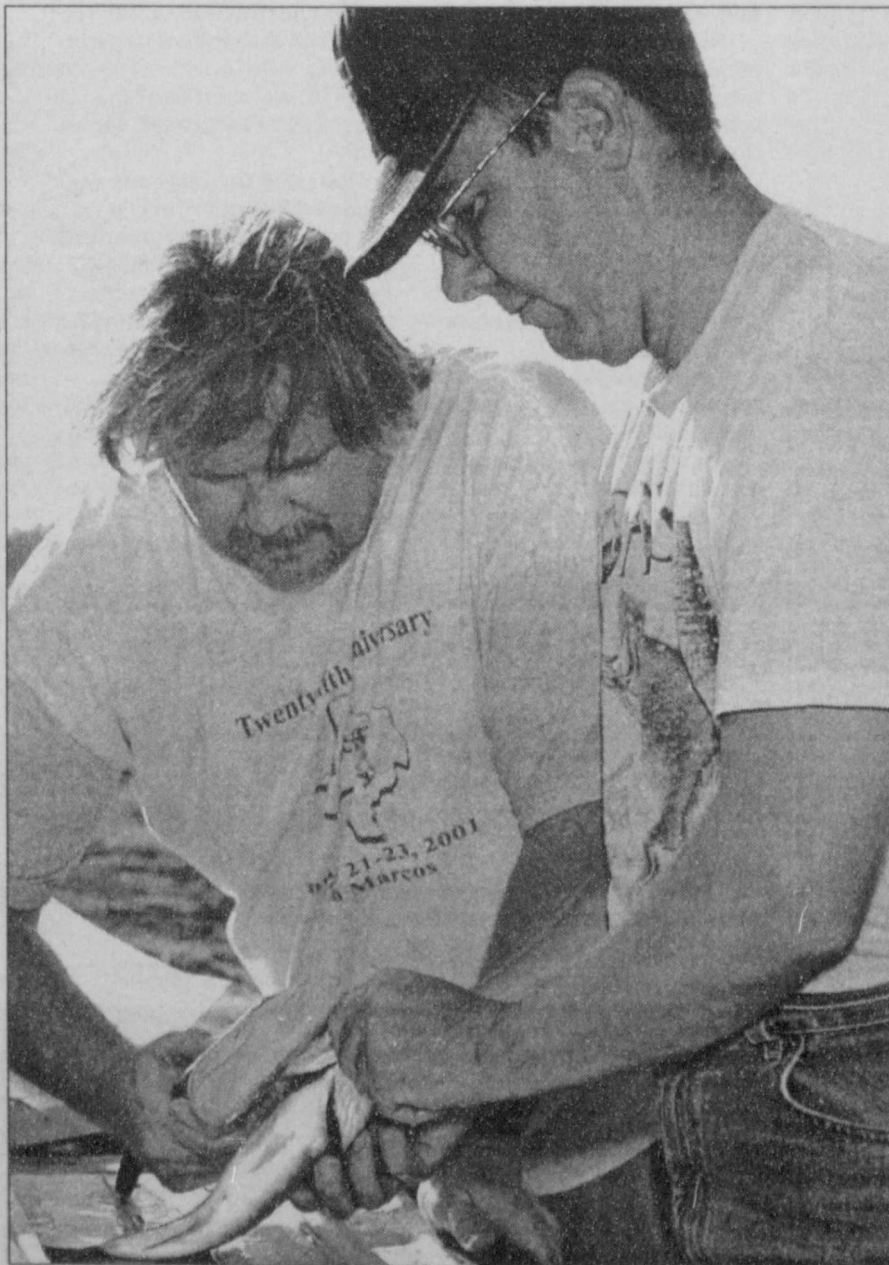
"We worked closely with Parks and Wildlife by removing fish in the eight- to 15-inch range," Pope said. "This benefits the lake by thinning out the predator to prey base."

After the fish were collected, they were weighed, measured and injected with a tag that enables them to be electronically identified. The fish were separated by size to reduce cannibalism, social aggression and to allow for consistency during feeding. They were then placed 25 fish per 1,100-gallon tank.

After taking 10 days to acclimate to their new environment, researchers began fishing within the tanks until they reached their target number of fish caught. The fish were then released and allowed to remain undisturbed for the remainder of the 41 days.

"The target was to catch 16 fish

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CRAIG SWANSON/The University Daily  
Gene Wilde, an associate professor of fishery services, helps Kevin Pope, an assistant professor of fishery services, weigh and measure a large-mouth bass.

## Fire safety issue on South Plains

By KRISTEN GILBRETH  
STAFF WRITER

As the Hayman fire in Colorado destroys more than 13,500 acres of land, fire officials in Lubbock County are carefully watching the Lubbock area because this time of year is always difficult in terms of fire safety, Lubbock Fire Marshall Mike Kemp said.

"We're definitely at risk this time of year because we haven't had much rain this past week," he said. "And with the temperatures rising and the high winds, this time of year is always a difficult time."

Kemp said generally speaking, a burn ban is usually issued during the summer months because of the high risk.

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## Court grants return for Tech medical student

By APRIL TAMPLIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sandeep Rao, a second year medical student at Texas Tech, was granted a temporary injunction to get back in school after being expelled subsequent to writing a column in *The University Daily* last Spring, which included details from an autopsy he witnessed at the Health Sciences Center.

Marc Levin, president of the American Freedom Center, said Rao wanted an injunction to get back into school and pursue his medical career.

"An injunction basically stops someone from doing something, it is distinct from paying someone, it is just stopping it," he said. "So in this case, his injunction was to allow him back in school because

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# Tech legislation could take cut in next appropriations

BY BRANDON GUINN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech may have to prepare for a reduction in legislative funding for the next round of state appropriations.

Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer, said Tech would be asked to submit a request to the state for the basic programs in addition to identifying some priorities for new programs. The budget board also is asking Tech to set priorities in order to maintain the integrity of its most important programs.

"We got a letter from the governor that asked us to prepare for a 3 to 5 percent reduction in funding," Brunjes said.

Every two years the Tech System submits a request for operating appropriations to the state legislature to fund all campuses' and centers' programs. This request is known as the Legislative Appropriation Request.

Tech received their instruction from the Legislative Budget board Tuesday and will conduct the planning process over the next six weeks.

Brunjes said he does not think a

reduction is going to occur at this time. Current operations will not be affected, but funding for new programs may be limited, he said.

"I do believe it is going to be very difficult in this next session to get any new money for new programs," Brunjes said.

Since the last session, Tech has gone from about 24,500 students to an estimated 27,000. This is an increase of close to 2,000 students.

"I am hoping that Texas Tech will be able to receive funding for the growth that has occurred since the last session," Brunjes said. "I hope we have additional funding to

reflect that growth so that we can put more faculty in the classroom."

Elmo Cavin, chief financial officer for the Health Sciences Center, said they are at the early stages of planning.

"One of the main priorities of the HSC is to get a four-year medical school for El Paso," he said. "We will be requesting some operating dollars to start up hiring some faculty and we will also be requesting a building for an academic classroom facility."

Cavin said the HSC receives about \$95 million a year out of the LAR process. This makes up about

25 percent of the \$400 million operating budget.

"This process that we are going through is just slightly under 25 percent of our total operation," he said. "The formula funding of the HSC drives about 80 percent of that \$95 million."

David Schmidly, Tech president, said formula funding is money students pay plus money from legislation which equals fund base to operate the university. The amount of money that is received from the state is crucial in determining how much tuition and fees students are responsible for paying, he said.

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## All parcels of land almost secured for Sharp Freeway

BY KELI JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Marsha Sharp Freeway continues to progress through the purchases of rights of way. About 90 percent, or 320 of the 355 parcels of land have been secured for the construction process.

The project is to be completed in the Spring of 2013, said Penny Mason, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

The first phase will rebuild frontage roads on West Loop 289 and widen them from four lanes to six to alleviate traffic congestion.

The second phase is the actual construction of the freeway on Brownfield Highway and Fourth Street, said Jerry Cash, advanced

project development engineer for TXDOT. The freeway will run from Water Rampage to Joyland, Cash said.

The estimated cost of the project is about \$453 million. Between \$160 million and \$196 million are attributed to the cost of closing on rights of way. The cost is a combination of purchasing the property, relocating fees and the demolishing process, Mason said.

The funding for this project comes from state gasoline tax, federal and state money.

"Every time you buy a gallon of gas, you are paying gasoline tax," Mason said.

The rights of way and first phase currently have funding, and the second phase is guaranteed funding before construction begins.

Mason said there are six remaining properties to be settled for the first phase.

The construction of the freeway involves a series of steps, beginning with purchasing the rights of way, then finishing the first and second phases, Mason said.

Cash said the railroads were relocated in January of last year, and trains have been running on the new tracks since then.

"We are still in the process of taking up the old tracks, which we'll have done in the near future," he said.

Cash said construction has already begun on storm sewers near Avenue U, which are to be used for outfall to drain the entire project.

Phase one is scheduled to be-

gin this fall, and the second project is to start in the spring of 2004.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of facilities, planning and construction at Texas Tech, said he has been involved in negotiations to relocate the utilities at Tech. TXDOT paid \$2.7 million for the right of way for Tech property, he said.

"Between 2004 and 2007, there will be an inconvenience entering and exiting the Tech campus because of construction," he said. "But the long term benefits will outweigh the short term problems."

In order to avoid traffic congestion near the Tech campus, a Traffic Control Plan has been devised to counteract the potential problem, Cash said.

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## ■ MONTFORD

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company."

Lopez said he believes Montford will be in charge of

public policy.

"Unless they have changed the role since I was there, he will be in charge of public policy and how it relates to the companies and communities," he said. "This is a good match for Montford be-

cause it fits his many talents. He has the leadership ability, he provides vision, and he has the enthusiasm."

Lopez said because Montford served as a Texas senator for two years, it will benefit his role in the Southwestern Bell Company.

"He knows this area like the back of his hand," he said. "Texas is the main state in the region. His

communication skills will help him communicate well with all the challenges he will face."

Montford will not have to relocate with the new position; he will stay in San Antonio.

Belgrade said SBC Communications is a Fortune 27 company that serves a variety of products such as DSL, a portion of Cingular Wireless and long distance service.

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## Spears shows true colors at concert

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Oops, she did it again. She played with their hearts, those of the young girls wearing "I Love Britney" t-shirts. Is it just a game to Britney Spears? Is it simply a means to an end?

Friday night the Dream within a Dream tour turned into a nightmare for both the audience and Spears' PR crew. Not to mention the crew of the United Spirit Arena, who had no idea she was canceling until they heard the announcement made in front of the audience.

How is it someone like Spears can have the chutzpah, so to speak, to simply walk out of a concert and disappoint more than 13,300 fans who wasted time and money not just on tickets, but also on travel arrangements and clothing?

Who does she think she is? At least she could have acted like she cared as she walked out on some of her most devout fans.

I have never been one to fawn over celebrities, which is why I simply cannot understand the hype about superficial Spears. It's pathetically amusing that our society worships individuals because of their appearance or how they can perform.

Don't get me wrong. There are some respectable celebrities out there ... somewhere.

When it comes to pop stars, however, it's often disgusting how petty and arrogant these people can be, considering that five years ago, they were just another face in

the crowd.

Great. You can sing. That's nice. But if you can't sing without the special effects and the computer synthesized recordings, get off the stage.

Tell me, why is it that so many pop concerts are performed by lip-synching? If you can't sing and dance at the same time, pick one and do it well.

Have we really reached the point where singing is not necessary to succeed in the music industry?

Maybe we haven't reached that point, yet, but why could Spears not continue the concert singing without the background support? There was enough power to support a vocal performance without special effects.

Many people wonder if she even wanted to bring her tour to Lubbock at all. She certainly did not appear to be excited about being here, but hey, she gets paid anyway, right?

I suppose that it all comes down to respect. It is something that is earned, and it's unlikely she's high on anyone's list at this point.

She had an opportunity to save her image. She could have at least remained on stage to thank her audience and apologize as they left.

Apparently, it wasn't a priority.

Spears may be a great performer in the minds of some people, but her actions resemble those of a careless teenager. Teenagers often act and then think later; they forget about the repercussions.

The best decision Spears could have made would be to return to Lubbock in July to make amends. Unfortunately for her dearest fans, that dream won't be coming true.



## Dad reveals measure of a mensch

Son," my pops said during my battle with another set of life's endless trivialities, "you've got to be a mensch." Whazzah? A mensch? What's a mensch? It ringed with reverberations of the kosher.

A mensch, dad went on to explain, is a man, but not the kind of super-masculine caricature we've come to associate with the term of "man," i.e. he of soused liver, welterweight hands, stoic personality and brooding disposition. A mensch is Yiddish noun that varies; it usually means a good, honorable, kindly person, but also translates as "a guy who does the right thing." In other words, anyone deserving of the name "father."

This town needs more of those, as does the rest of America. In West Texas and in general, across the country, there's been a huge increase in the number of kids growing up without fathers. Far be it from me to delve into the metaphysics of patriarchy, or of what makes the ideal family. Three

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of the best men I know grew up, for the most part, in single-parent households right here in Lubbock. However, they're pleasant exceptions to a troubling trend.

In 1960, fewer than 10 million children lived without their fathers — today, the total is 25 million. More than a third of them won't see him at all during the span of the year. Some estimates say 60 percent of kids born in the '90s will spend a significant amount of their childhood sans-dad.

True, some of those would-be fathers are men whose families are better off without them. But the lack entirely of a constant, positive

paternal model is strongly negative. There are numbers for this, too. Seventy-five percent of children in single-parent households experience poverty before 11 years of age — compared with children in 20 percent of two-parent families. The majority of violent criminals are males who grew up without fathers.

Again, this is not to say one can't succeed without a father-figure; just that the odds are more heavily stacked against you, that such a task is harder than it would be otherwise, as any single mother can tell you.

This is what goes through my head on Father's Day. Or, for that matter, any time my dad gives me this sort of strange advice, which is often. A funny thing is, he's usually right about it. Granted, the man has gotten me lost in the woods before and persists in his mistaken belief that he can still outwrestle me. But when I think of what a father, what a mensch should be, it's him; the best man I've ever known. Thanks, dad.

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it would be damaging to him to not be able to take classes."

Levin said he did not know how long the injunction would last or if it was permanent. An injunction lasts until a court date is set.

"It can take years for a court date to be set," he said. "Sandeep is a student working on his medical career. It was not right for him to give up this career because of a court case."

On Jan. 24, Rao wrote a column entitled "Autopsy proves eye-opening" for *The UD* about his first autopsy examination. He was expelled from the School of Medicine in February.

Andrew Golub, Rao's attorney, said in May, Rao testified against Tech saying his First Amendment rights had been violated.

"A number of exhibits were shown, and it was clear from the evidence Rao would not have been expelled if he had not written the article," he said. "But he had his right to free speech and free press."

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information for Tech,

said the Tech School of Medicine's argument in court was that he was not expelled because of his First Amendment rights.

"Our argument was based on two things: he signed a confidentiality agreement before the autopsy, and he tried to sell a test to another student in the medical school," she said. "It is an unethical breach. Every student signs the confidentiality agreement, and that is part of the sacred rules of being a physician."

Golub said in the hearing in May, other columns Rao had written concerned the mayor and the smoking referendum.

"It is unconstitutional to punish someone because they make something or someone look bad," he said. "Sandeep has the right to come in and say 'I have a right, and I can exercise it.' Someone cannot be punished because of his or her rights."

Rugeley said the School of Medicine might not agree with the court, but they do respect the court's decision on the injunction.

"Tech believes that when this issue is tried in court, we will prevail," she said.

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from each tank," Pope said. "We knew from the ... tag which fish had been caught."

Felix Martinez, a senior fishery major, said he spent three hours ev-

ery day monitoring the water for potential hazards, feeding the fish and hand filling each tank with fresh water.

"Some days we would go out to some of the local playa lakes to catch shad to keep the fish fed," Martinez said. "It is important that they all get the access to the same amount of food."

## ■ SAFETY

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"The potential of wildfire is very high in Lubbock," he said, "So we try to work very hard."

Carlton Britton, director of the Texas Tech Fire Ecology Center, said the primary place at risk is in the conservation reserve program, on the outskirts of Lubbock where grass has been planted on old farmland.

Britton said to reduce the risk of wildfire on a rangeland north of Amarillo, the Fire Ecology Center applied a control burn in Spring 2002.

"They hadn't grazed the 12,000 acres in over 25 years," he said.

"There was no livestock to eat the grass and keep the hazardous fuels down. Releasing a prescribed fire reduces the likelihood of wildfire occurring on that site."

Charles Addington, the fire chief in Wolfforth, said the risk of wildfire gets much higher outside of Lubbock County.

"It doesn't take much of a spark or flame to get fire going when you are dealing with acres of grassland," he said. "But we are not at as much risk as areas like Colorado because there you are talking about a forest, but here we are talking about grassland."

Addington said the volunteer fire departments in Wolfforth fight about 30 to 40 grass fires a year. The acres involved in the fire range from about

10 to 15 acres. A large wildfire in Lubbock County would be between 25 and 50 acres; a fire that big has never occurred here, he said.

Britton said arson and accidental fires have no place in grasslands because of the increased risk of human injury and property damage.

Addington said there are a few things the community can do to help local fire departments keep the risks down.

"Everyone needs to be aware of what they are doing on the Fourth of July," he said. "They need to be careful. Also, everyone needs to be responsible and properly dispose of cigarette butts, trash and bottles. Also, everyone needs to take care of their property and keep it well maintained."

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Pam Dalton, a Lubbock teacher and summer Texas Tech employee, helps Victoria Garcia a Puerto Rican resident across the street in downtown Lubbock Thursday morning as part of an orientation and mobility course taught at Tech.

CRAIG SWANSON/The University Daily



## Class teaches how to guide the blind

By KELI JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Late one breezy night on the Texas Tech campus, two students, one teaching and one learning, were walking with a cane and a blindfold.

Sylvia Price and Delynda Terrell are two of 10 participants in the program for orientation and mobility specialization for the visually impaired at Tech.

Orientation and mobility specialists concentrate on travel safety for the blind by using a variety of different devices, such as a cane or a dog.

Terrell teaches a special education class for students who are "medically fragile" in Paris, Texas.

Price is an itinerant teacher from El Paso who travels to different schools and is certified to

teach the visually impaired.

"The blindfold helps give you a sense of empathy," she said. "Part of the time we are blindfolded, and the rest of each trip we teach each other."

Every day at 7 a.m., the group meets at different locations in Lubbock. This week they were learning the basics of traveling on the Citibus system. Price and Terrell live on campus in Carpenter Wells apartments.

"It's a completely new experience for us because neither one of us have ever lived in a dorm," Terrell said.

The class travels to different locations in groups that alternate teaching with wearing the blindfold and using canes.

Each woman has been teaching for nine years, and said she was looking for something new

and interesting to break up the monotony of daily life.

"I switched to teach the blind because I needed a break even though I became very attached to my students," Terrell said. "It was a high stress environment, and I needed fresh, new ideas."

In order to be certified as an orientation and mobility specialist, one must complete 27 hours of coursework and hands on work. Typically, it takes a year and a half to complete. Those who receive certification have the option of teaching all different ages, ranging from 3- to 22-year-olds.

This program became an opportunity to explore new areas, the two women said.

Pat Kelley, a research associate professor for the visually impaired, said Tech is one of 14 programs in the nation.

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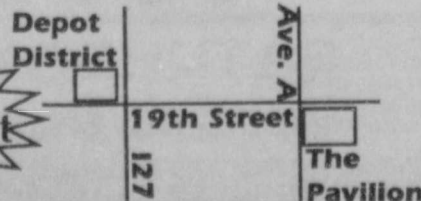
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# 'Windtalkers' loses focus, 'Y tu Mama Tambien' shows no fear

[ FILM REVIEW ]



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## "Windtalkers"

Director John Woo has an interesting story to tell here about Navajos who were recruited by the U.S. Marines in WWII to be trained to speak a code based on their native language. By doing this, the Japanese soldiers would not be able to understand orders being

relayed by radio to mission control.

Nicholas Cage stars as Sgt. Joe Enders, a battle-wounded soldier with visible scars from war. He is assigned to one of these code talkers, Pvt. Ben Yahzee (Adam Beach). His mission is to protect the code, not necessarily the man. Knowing he may have to execute Yahzee should he be taken hostage, Enders makes it a point to keep friendship out of the picture entirely. Emotional ties can only make things worse. It's certainly an interesting story, and the battle scenes during the first half of the film are horrifyingly realistic, but then the film starts to go sour.

Screenwriters John Rice and Joe Batteer start making wrong decisions and begin to focus more on the white man than the

Navajos. I wanted to know why they joined the war, or what allegiance they felt toward a country that persecuted them. Instead, they are viewed as saints while they smear ashes on their faces and mumble séances in the middle of the night.

War movies about American soldiers are a dime a dozen, but this film could have been different had they focused on the Navajo soldiers. It would also be good if Woo could learn the meaning of the phrase "overkill" or "cease fire!" The film goes on for much longer than it needs to, and battle sequences all begin to look the same. There are only a certain number of ways that something can blow up.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★ 1/2

## "Y tu Mama Tambien"

Julio and Tenoch are two teenage boys in Mexico whose girlfriends have gone to Europe for the summer. They spend the first part of the summer doing the usual boy stuff—swimming, drinking and other various forms of self-gratification. That is, until they meet Lucia at a party. She's 10 years older and married to Tenoch's distant cousin. They immediately hit on her and invite her to go on a road trip to a secret beach called "Heavens Mouth." When Lucia's husband cheats on her, she unexpectedly decides to go.

There is one problem: the boys realize they have created a beach that does not exist. But both boys have ulterior motives for taking the trip in the first place.

Much time is spent in the car

with the three discussing sexual matters in detail. It soon becomes apparent just how immature these boys are. They are like most teen guys—obsessed with sex and only concerned with their end of the process. But as discussions continue, Lucia begins to serve as almost a kind of teacher, and eventually the glue that keeps the two guys together.

Whether she sleeps with either guy, or both isn't really the point. It's a film that is not afraid to be blunt, honest and even shocking as discoveries are made and mistakes are made permanent.

This film is not rated, but no one under 17 years of age will be admitted. It is in Spanish with English subtitles.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★ 1/2

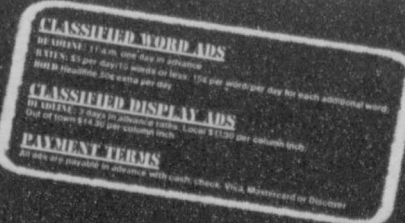


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# Spears not returning despite arena officials plea

By KRISTEN GILBRETH  
STAFF WRITER

Despite pleas from United Spirit Arena officials, Britney Spears will not be returning to Lubbock. Concertgoers will receive refunds instead of a return performance.

The USA received confirmation Tuesday from Amy Morrison, marketing director for Concert's West that Spears will be unable to reschedule because of her touring schedule.

Spears' United States tour ends in Dallas on July 22. She is scheduled to be in Mexico after that, but dates were not provided to *The University Daily*.

Morrison issued a press release concerning the issue, but when contacted by *The UD* declined further comment.

USA General Manager Kent Meredith said ultimately it is Spears' decision and the promoters will not let USA officials close to her.

"We haven't done anything since Friday but try and get her

back," he said. "We have been on the phone constantly because we know the kids wanted to see Britney Spears; I am not sure I would have worked this hard to get back any other show, but the kids don't care about getting their money back, they just wanted to see her."

Tuesday morning Meredith said he faxed a letter to Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, begging for Spears to return.

According to a copy of the fax, Meredith wrote, "The United Spirit Arena management will do everything within our power to bring this show back to Lubbock. This is the right thing to do, and we will give you whatever date you need in the building to accommodate Ms. Spears' schedule."

Meredith said he never heard back from Rudolph.

Phono calls were made to Rudolph and Spears' publicist Lisa Kastellar. As of press time messages had not been returned.

Cody Bradstreet of Austin and her two sisters from Dallas and

California flew to Lubbock for the concert.

"A ticket refund will not compensate us for all the money we spent on plane tickets, a hotel room and other numerous expenses," she said. "I will never buy another ticket, CD or anything related to Britney Spears. In fact, I will never buy another Pepsi. Her public relations people should be all over this."

Lubbock resident Leigh Bolt said she bought tickets for the show online at [BritneySpears.com](http://BritneySpears.com) two weeks after the show had sold out at Select-a-Seat.

Wednesday Bolt said she called a 1-800 number on her tickets and was told details would have to be worked out with the promoter and to wait for e-mail about if, or when a refund might be issued.

"I just assumed that she would reschedule because I can't imagine that she wouldn't. She should honor her obligation," she said. "I don't usually pay that kind of money especially for my 11-year-



CRAIG SWANSON/The University Daily  
Daniel Lindsey, a 17-year-old high school student from Lubbock waits with her friends before receiving her refund for the Britney Spears concert that was cancelled last Friday.

old daughter, and I am not the only one. I know a lot of people who are not going to be able to get their money back, and that is just outrageous."

Bolt said her daughter Haleigh is at camp and still doesn't know Spears will not be returning.

"She is going to be upset. I am going to have to do something for

her to make up for this because Britney Spears won't," she said. "This was her birthday present."

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