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U.S. files arrest warrant after Iraq killings

By Hamza Hendawi/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. administrators in Iraq declared a radical Shiite cleric an "outlaw" Monday and announced a warrant for his arrest, heightening a confrontation after battles between his supporters and coalition troops killed at least 52 Iraqis and nine coalition troops, including eight Americans.

American officials would not say when they would move to arrest Muqtada al-Sadr, who is holed up in the main mosque in Kufa, south of Baghdad, guarded by armed supporters.

WAR ON TERROR

U.S. troops surrounded the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, poised for a major operation in response to the grisly slaying and mutilation of four American civilians by insurgents there last week. A Marine was killed Monday in the Fallujah area, the military said, without providing details.

The showdown with al-Sadr threatened to heighten tensions with Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority at a time when U.S. troops are burdened by the Sunni guerrillas' bloody insurgency. But American officials apparently hope the Shiite public — many of whom distrust al-Sadr — will not rally around the cleric.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the potential for violence depended on "whether (al-Sadr) decides to come peacefully or whether he decides to come not peacefully. That choice is the choice of Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr."

Al-Sadr, a 30-year-old firebrand who frequently denounces the U.S. occupation in his sermons, vowed to resist.

The Americans "have the money, weapons and huge numbers, but these things are not going to weaken our will because God is with us," he said in a statement sent to the Arab TV station Al-Jazeera, which provided a copy to The Associated Press.

"We don't fear death and martyrdom gives us dignity from God," al-Sadr said.

Several hundred of his armed militiamen control Kufa, holding its police station and blocking a road leading to the main mosque.

Sheik Abu Mahdi al-Rubaie, a 35-year-old al-Sadr follower at the mosque, warned that any U.S. move against al-Sadr would be "a very dangerous thing."

"They will pay a heavy price. We will not allow them to enter Kufa... We are ready to lay down our lives for al-Sayed," he said, using the Arabic word for "master" to refer to al-Sadr.

U.S. officials said the warrant against al-Sadr — on charges of murdering a rival cleric — was issued months ago by an Iraqi judge and that Iraqis only now want to carry it out. The crackdown on the opponent of the U.S. administration also comes as the June 30 deadline approaches for the transfer of power from the Americans to the Iraqis.

President Bush on Monday portrayed al-Sadr's removal as a step toward protecting democracy. "This is one person that is deciding that rather than allowing democracy to flourish, he's going to exercise force," he told reporters. "We just can't let it stand."

L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, declared al-Sadr an "outlaw."

"He is attempting to establish his authority in the place

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Student Affairs

Republicans find fault in financial aid

SYSTEM SUSPECT: Representatives believe wealthy universities are unfairly over-allocated

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives say the system used to determine the amount of federal financial aid dollars universities receive each year is outdated and over-allocates funds to wealthy universities with disproportionate numbers of low-income students, and the push is on to revamp that system.

Critics say the current process leaves universities with relatively high numbers of low-income students out in the cold, while richer universities are over-allocated with financial aid dollars.

House Republicans argue the system used to determine how much funding a university receives in financial aid dollars is not based on the number of low-income students at a particular university, but instead reflects how successful university officials were in securing funds decades ago, when guidelines for financial aid disbursement were determined.

A study conducted by the *New York Times* found Ivy League schools, including the nation's wealthiest university, Harvard, receive between five and 12 times more than the median amount per financial aid applicant at other universities.

Similarly, Ivy League schools were given five to eight times more than the median amount of funding to pay students enrolled in work-study programs.

The news for students at Texas Tech and other Southern and Western universities where student growth has escalated dramatically in recent years may be good. If the proposed policy revisions House Republicans are pushing is passed through, funds allocated for wealthier schools in the Northeast will likely be reallocated where they are more needed.

Associate Director of Student Financial Aid Becky Wilson said changes in policy could benefit Tech students, especially those qualifying for federal and state grants.

"What we see is that loan limits need to be changed," she said. "We think Pell Grant funds need to go up, but there simply isn't enough in the budget to accommodate that. What comes of this is going to depend on reauthorization which rolls around every five years, but because it's an election year we don't know if this is going to play out. But we do see there's a

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JAVA JOB



JUNELL CASEY, A senior communications major from Stonelake makes a Chai drink for a customer in the Barnes and Noble Starbucks in the Student Union building Monday afternoon.

Public Affairs

City Council aiming to avoid Overton repeat

By Sally Gunter/
The University Daily

Consider it a lesson learned. The deterioration of the North Overton area

taught members of the Lubbock City Council the harsh fact that not everything gets better with age. The lesson is being applied to another area of Lubbock to prevent a repeat occurrence.

"I don't want to see another North Overton Area," Councilman for District 3 Gary O. Boren said. "We need to stabilize these neighborhoods."

The City Council on Tuesday will be faced with a resolution authorizing Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal to execute a contract to develop a Stabilization/Revitalization Master Plan for the core neighborhoods in Lubbock.

The contract will be made with Gould Evans Goodman Associates, a company from Kansas City, Kan., to identify key community issues, prioritize the issues and compare them to other areas.

The purpose of the Master Plan will be to evaluate certain core neighborhoods in Lubbock by identifying issues relating to owner occupancy, trend analyses, transportation and parking. These issues will be developed into policies to stop deterioration in the neighborhoods and bring forth a better neighborhood, Boren said.

The core neighborhoods included in the plan would be the Tech Terrace area, the Heart of Lubbock area and several additional areas inside Loop 289 located South of 19th Street, Boren said. The area is divided into two phases.

"My concern is that we want North and East Lubbock to develop and South Lubbock to develop but don't forget and leave behind core Lubbock," he said.

The plan would encourage young couples and young families to stay in the older homes of these neighborhoods, hopefully, Boren said.

The estimated cost of the Stabilization/Revitalization Master Plan is \$75,000. Boren said during the summer the Council approved money that could be used to fund this item.

Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal said he supports the plan but has one concern.

"My only question is where the funds are coming from," he said. "If you don't have the funds, then you need to find funding."

When the property tax base deteriorates, the property starts losing value and property taxes decrease, McDougal said. This is what happened in the North Overton area prior to the private redevelopment plan. The Master Plan is the first phase in a preventive measure to keep that from happening throughout other neigh-

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Student Affairs

Tech students react to killings of U.S. workers in Fallujah, Iraq

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

While images of the event are still being shown on news channels across the world, Texas Tech students discussed the ambush and mutilation of four American security contractors in Fallujah, Iraq, last week.

On Wednesday, witnesses said three insurgents shot the contractors and left the area. Then enraged townspeople desecrated the bodies of the

victims by dragging them through the streets. At least two of the bodies were suspended from a bridge and later burned while crowds celebrated, according to the *Washington Post*.

After killing the contractors, angry crowds hacked up the burned remains, hung some of them from a bridge and threw them to dogs or in the river, according to the *Associated Press*.

Ann Currington first heard of the ambush Sunday morning. Upon hear-

ing the news, the senior general studies major from Levelland said she was in disbelief.

"I think it's horrible... it's a horrible situation," she said. "I don't even know what to say."

Lindsey Styles heard the news from a friend of hers who is a U.S. Marine. The senior psychology major from Seymour said her friend discussed the code of ethics the military uses when in engagements. She reacted angrily when she realized the attackers had

no ethics or morals when considering effects the ambush would have.

"It just made me mad because of the cruelty of the act," Styles said.

A private security firm, Blackwater Security Consulting, of Moyock, N.C., employed the civilians. According to the *Washington Post*, the company trains security and law enforcement personnel for domestic and overseas work. In particular, the company uses Special Operations forces from the military, such as the Navy SEALs,

to provide security detail for diplomats and others.

Although he was out of town, in a written statement Ed Steinhart, an associate professor of history, said he finds it odd that news reports continue to refer to the victims as civilians. Instead, he refers to the contractors as armed mercenaries or former soldiers recruited by a private agency to protect those in oc-

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Health Sciences Center

Students informed about health careers at fair

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

Students reaching for goals in medical professions have a lot on their plates; so much, they sometimes have trouble keeping track of prerequisites and other mandatory graduation requirements.

The second annual Health Professions Career Fair was held Monday at the Texas Tech Library in the Croslin Room with the intention of spreading information about pre-health and pre-medical requirements to students interested in fields includ-

ing chiropractor, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine and physical therapy.

Sumeet Batra, a senior biochemistry major from Lubbock, is vice president of the Dr. Bernard Harris Pre-Medical Society. He said the main goal of the fair is to promote awareness about health care professions.

"It's hard for students to go just find the information," he said. "The key thing is that it allows students to gain information in a quick way."

Batra said 50 percent of Tech students are pre-professionals. Dentistry stands out as a growing career choice

among students, he said.

Representatives from schools including Texas-San Antonio and Southwestern Medical School in Dallas attended the fair to distribute information about their programs.

Diana Andrade, from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Office of Admissions said universities such as the University of Texas and Texas A&M University have held similar fairs for years.

"Hopefully, this will grow and become a tradition at Texas Tech

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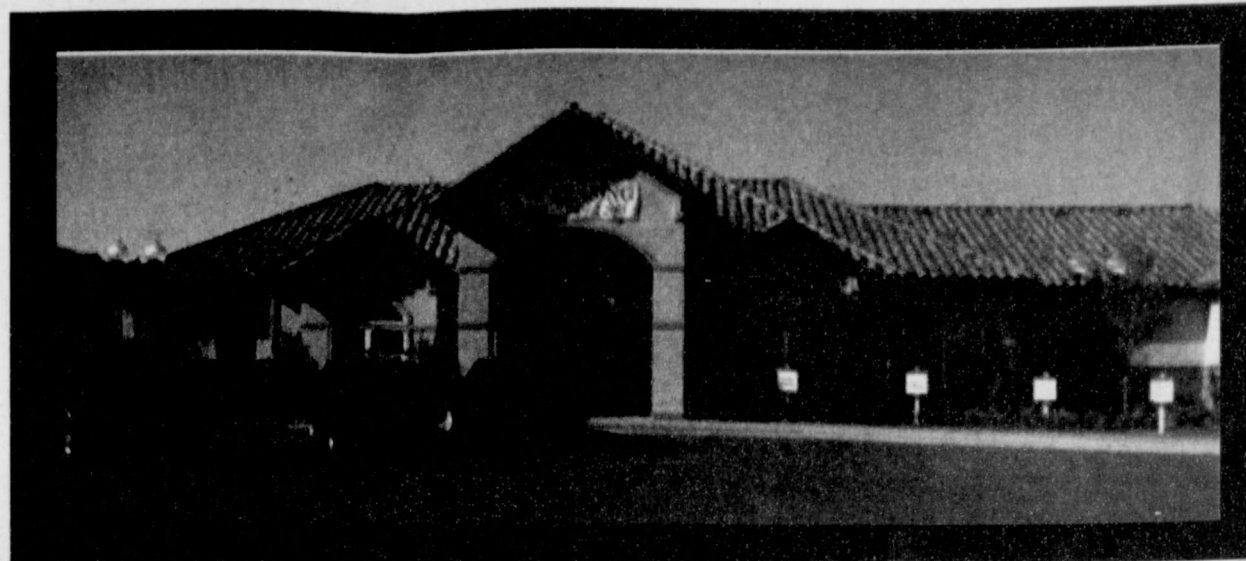


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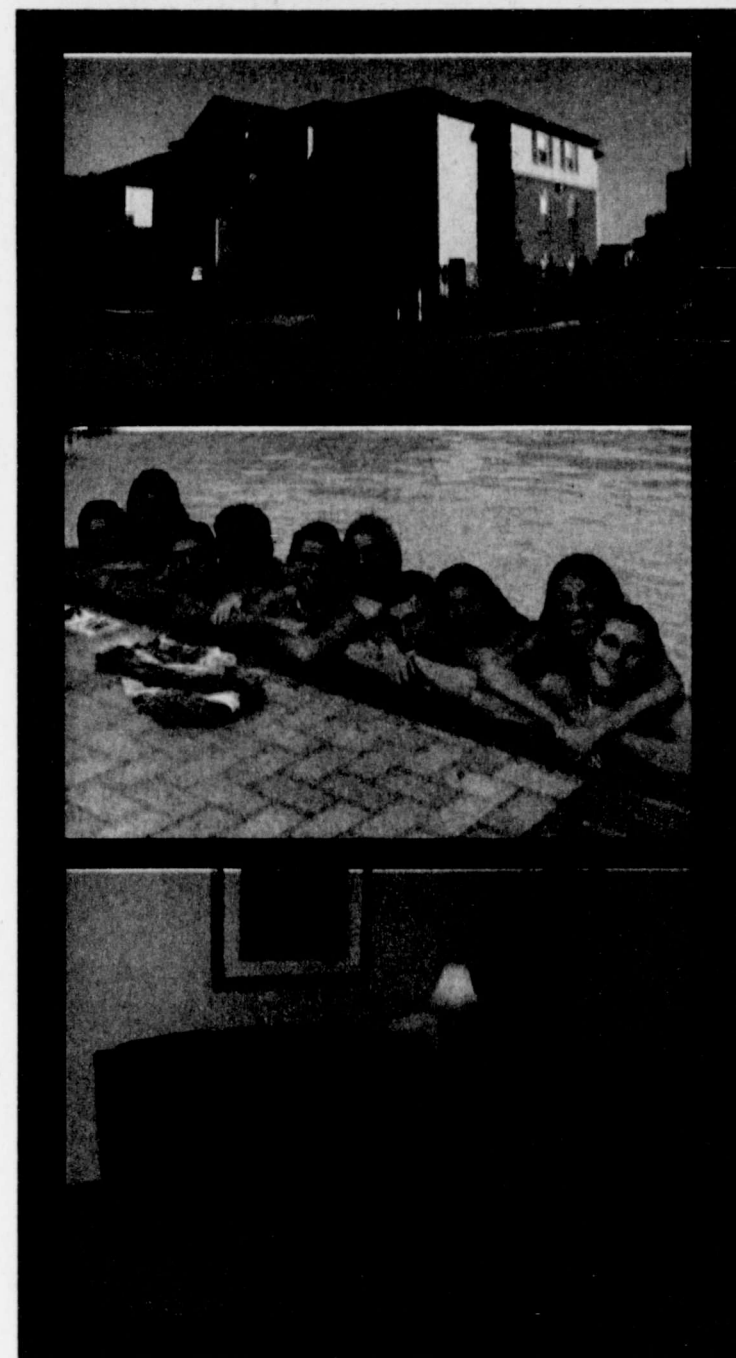
A HEALTH SCIENCES Center associate talks with Ale Rodriguez, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Houston, about the nursing program at Tech Monday afternoon in the Croslin Room of the Tech library.

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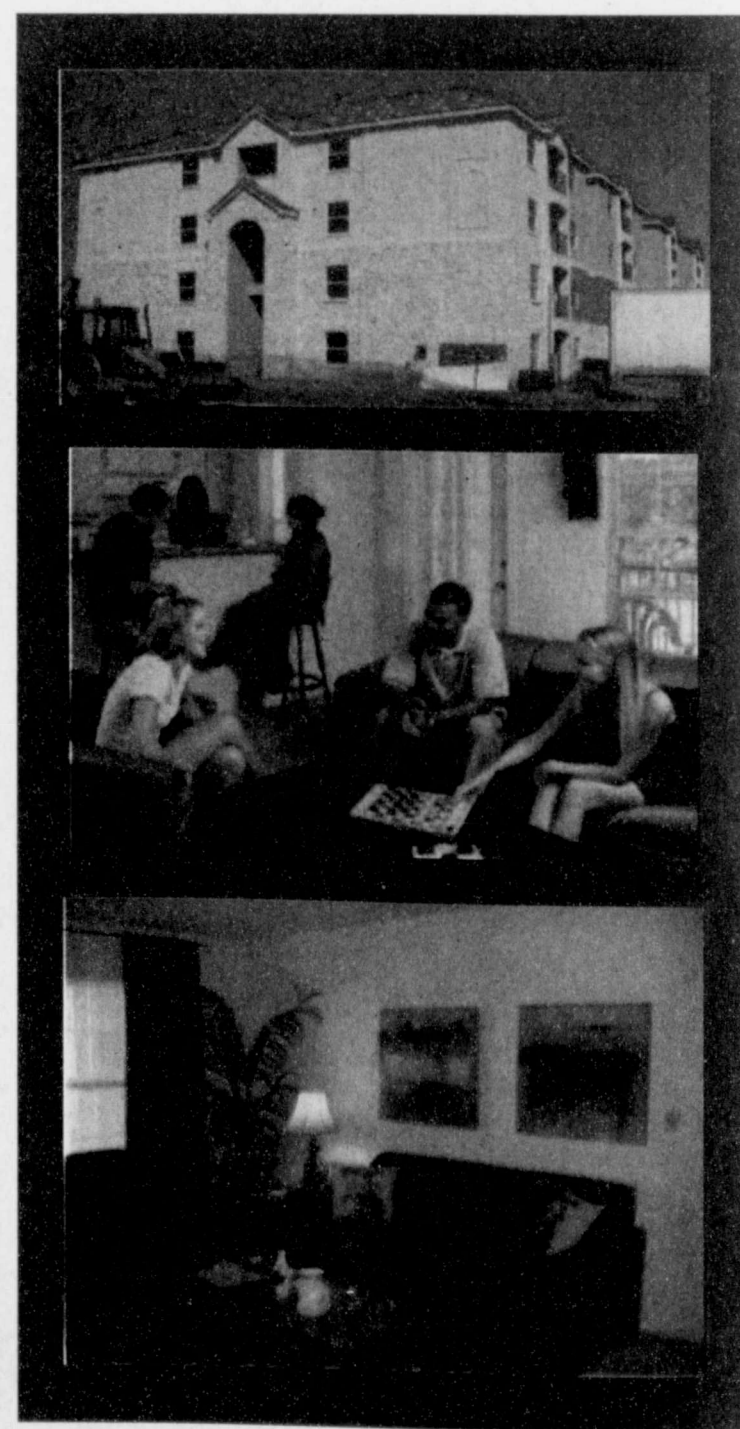
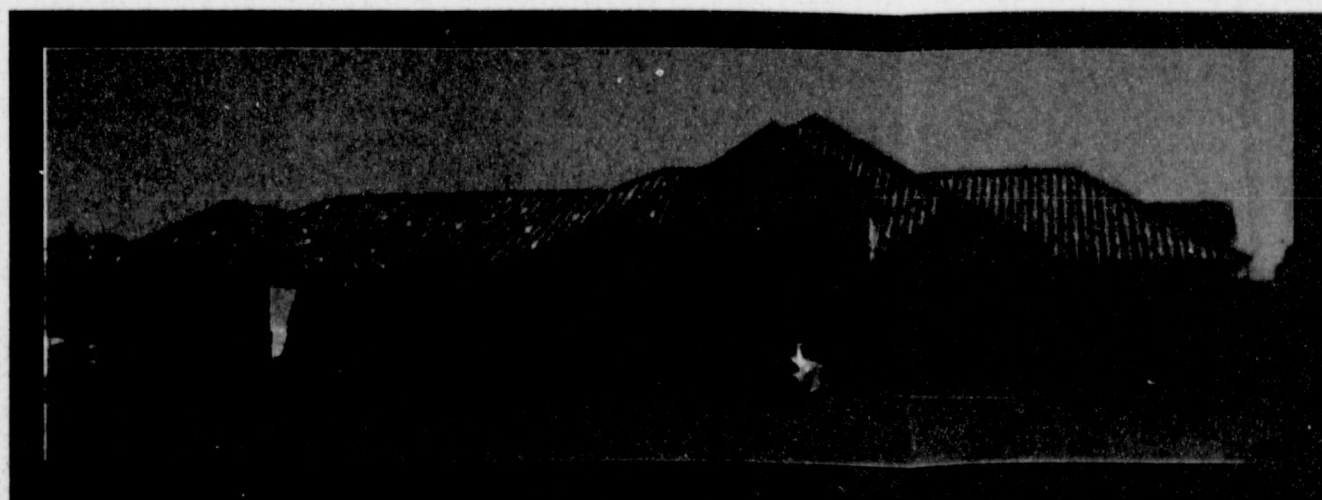


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Student association to focus on grad population



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CATHERINE POLYDORE, A graduate student from Dominica, explains to Tobin Ellison, a senior agricultural economics major from Seagraves, about the book fair that is raising money for graduate students. The fair will continue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sallyport room in the English building for the rest of the week.

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

As Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week gets underway, the Graduate and Professional Student Association of Texas Tech will host events to create awareness and observe the week.

Today, the GPSA will hold a campus-wide debate asking whether race should be used as a factor in the admissions process of the university. The debate, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union building, will include two undergraduates and two graduate students.

An undergraduate and graduate student will debate the topic, while the other two participants debate against race as an admissions factor. Emma Dawson, a GPSA member, said she would like to see many Techsians attend the debate because it is an opportunity to evaluate a topic that affects the entire university.

"It is a chance for students to think

of a topic from different viewpoints," she said. "We hope to receive questions and comments."

The event will be an open forum for students, faculty, staff and the administration can take part. If the debate is a success this year, the GPSA will hold another next year on another topic that is relevant to the student body, Dawson said.

The organization also will hold events throughout the week including a book fair, a poster/research competition, a presentation on fellowships and grants and a student appreciation night, GPSA President Catherine Polydore said.

The book fair will take place during the week in Room 102 of the English/Philosophy building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is considered the largest fundraising attempt the organization will make, Dustyn Webb, a

GPSA member, said. The hope is to raise nearly \$4,000 from book sales. Although it is a Scholastic Book Fair, the fair has books for everyone from pre-schoolers to adults.

"This fair is for faculty, staff, students and administration," Dawson said. "We

Webb said these events are critical for graduate students because many of the graduate research degrees require students to present their research in a professional manner.

The competition would allow graduate students to become accustomed to presenting their independent research to a professional audience. Webb said they expect the events to be a success, considering the participation for this year's event is double that of last year's event.

Last month, the week's events are designed for the benefit of the Tech graduate student. Many of the events help the students with their credentials, which makes them more marketable when looking for jobs, Webb said.

For more information on the events, students can contact the Graduate School office at (806) 742-2781 or the Sallyport of the English/Philosophy building at (806) 742-1208.

Debate Details

- Topic: Should race be used as a factor in admission?
- Where: Student Union Allen Theatre
- When: 12:30 to 2 p.m. today
- Who: All interested parties
- For more information, contact the GPSA at 742-1208 or 742-1209.

have self-help books, fiction and best-selling novels. We also have stationary and posters."

However, the poster/research competition and the fellowship/grant presentation are for the benefit of the graduate student population of Tech.

School voucher system catching criticism, supporters demanding reform

MILWAUKEE (AP) — One school that received millions of dollars through the nation's oldest and largest voucher program was founded by a convicted rapist. Another school reportedly entertained \$330,000 in tuition checks for hundreds of no-show students.

The recent scandals have shocked politicians, angered parents and left even some voucher supporters demanding reforms.

The troubles have helped lead to passage of a state law requiring voucher schools to report more financial information to the state. Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle signed it last month.

But so far, efforts to impose more rigorous academic standards on voucher schools have failed.

Milwaukee's 14-year-old voucher program has served as a model for others around the country. It does out state money to allow poor parents to send their children to private schools. Wisconsin will spend \$75 million this year on vouchers for more than 13,000 students.

The schools are required to report

virtually nothing about their methods to the state, or to track their students' performance. Proponents say that frees the schools from onerous bureaucracy. But some say the lack of oversight makes them a prime target for abuse.

At the Mandella Academy for Science and Math, school officials admitted signing up more than 200 students who never showed and then cashing \$330,000 in state-issued tuition checks, which the principal used to buy, among other things, Mercedes-Benzes for himself and the assistant principal.

Meanwhile, Alex's Academics of Excellence received \$2.8 million in voucher money over three years before the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that the school's founder, James A. Mitchell, served nearly a decade in prison for a 1971 rape. Unlike their counterparts at public schools, principals and teachers at private schools do not have to undergo criminal background checks.

The state has suspended funding for Alex's because of financial problems, and a judge shut down the Mandella academy earlier this year.

"I think across the community, there was outrage about what happened at Mandella. It finally raised the issue of accountability," said state Rep. Christine Sinicki, a Democrat who sponsored the legislation requiring more stringent financial oversight.

The scandals have upset many, including the parents of the 190 students displaced by Mandella's closing.

"Some of these places they have opened up a school, it's a doggone shame. There's kids playing in alleys and the streets," said Lee Brown, who sent her daughters, ages 14 and 16, to Mandella.

Mandella's principal, David Seppel, does not have a teacher's license and was not required to submit any information about the school's philosophy or curriculum before receiving upwards of \$1 million in voucher funding.

The district attorney's office seized a Mercedes from his home. A criminal investigation is under way.

The Mandella school initially reported an enrollment of 476 students, but 235 of them did not show.

Under the voucher program, tu-

ition checks in parents' names are sent straight from the state to the school. Parents sign a waiver authorizing the school to cash their checks, but if they later pull out, it is up to the school to notify the state and return the money.

In Mandella's case, some parents

who initially considered sending their children to Mandella but changed their minds said they were not aware that they were signing a waiver or that checks in their name were sent to the school.

The telephone number Seppel

listed on his application to the state has been disconnected, and The Associated Press could not locate another listing for him. Seppel has said that he does not believe he was stealing because he and his wife invested thousands in the school.

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View from another university

I do it for Ben & Jerry's

By Leah Wyner/
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — My stint with the Atkins diet began innocently enough.

I read the book in one sitting, and went to sleep with a smile of hope on my face and images of myself as the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue cover girl dancing in my head. Just 20 carbs a day? I can do it. Right?

The severe limitations of my menu hit me the next day at breakfast when I sat down and realized I couldn't eat an apple. I settled for an omelet with two cubes of sharp cheddar cheese, and once my mouth started watering, and I had this sudden burst of hope that I could live without any fruit, and make it to the cover of Sports Illustrated.

But then my mom, on Atkins as well, dropped the bomb on me.

"What do you think you're doing with that ketchup? Ketchup has carbohydrates, Leah!" she exclaimed.

How I had managed to live this long without being aware of the dangers of ketchup I don't know, but regardless, I suffered through breakfast with the organic, sugar-free imitation ketchup.

For lunch I had a Greek salad, and after a grueling day lifeguarding in the sun, I referred back to Dr. Atkins' book. Page 45 stated, "Do some sort of exercise every day," but I read that as, "Continue your intense training for cross-country in the fall."

I barely finished half my workout, and dinner caused even more difficulty.

My mom was annoyingly considerate, insisting that we not put my father and brother through the same Atkins-induced hell we were going through by cooking for only us. So there I sat, at a table covered in incred-

ible food, most of which I could not eat: homemade mashed potatoes, biscuits, lasagna, salad, challah (Jewish bread) and chicken.

For about a week I stuck to basically that menu, occasionally including veggie burgers or protein shakes, and I managed to run every day, slowly.

But then the forbidden food dreams started. One night I was swimming in a pool of rich chocolate mousse, the next I was at a birthday party for a giant and I had to eat my way through a 20-foot loaf of sourdough to get to the doorway.

Then there was the variation on the Skittles "Taste the Rainbow" campaign; instead of Skittles, it rained freshly squeezed orange juice. But they would always end as nightmares. The chocolate mousse would solidify and trap me, the bread would collapse in on me, and the orange juice rainstorm would eventually become a NutriSweet blizzard.

Then one Monday I woke up craving ice cream so badly I was almost dizzy. My mom and I had a movie day, and 10 minutes into "Terms of Endearment," the doorbell rang, and weak with hunger, I answered it to find my good friend

Deb. I immediately noticed that Deb looked a little strange. She seemed to have a sort of halo surrounding her, and she was glowing like Patrick Swayze in the last scene of the movie "Ghost."

Then I saw the source of the angelic glow: Deb was holding a pint of Ben & Jerry's Phish Food ice cream. And then it was over. Instinct took control, and my mother and I inhaled the ice cream in less than ten minutes.

That marked the end of my expedition into the world of Dr. Atkins, and I can't say I mind. It's not a bad concept, and as many testimonials show, it does work. But it's not

for the weak-minded; 20 grams of carbohydrates a day is a tiny amount (one slice of bread has 25).

And it doesn't mean just cutting out bread and pasta. There's no peanut butter, ketchup, salad dressing, or high-carbohydrate vegetables like carrots and peas. Got milk? Forget it. Diet Coke is out too, because it contains the artificial sweetener Aspartame, and cheese is okay only in small measured cubes. And if you're an athlete, think very carefully before trying Atkins. Those years of "carbo-loading" at team dinners weren't for nothing; carbohydrates are essential to athletic performance.

However, my advice is not to steer clear of the diet entirely. You and I both know that we all have that distant vision of ourselves on the cover of the swimsuit issue, and the Atkins craze is everywhere, from low-carb menus to low carb chocolates and candy. If you're interested in the Atkins diet, by all means try it, but before you commit yourself, take a moment to realize what you're getting yourself into. Borrow the book, read it, and go into your kitchen and create a few Atkins-approved meals for your own, because the sample menus he provides are useless. The few of us who can actually saute worth a damn will quickly become lazy and stick to omelets.

Give it a trial run.
As for me, many people would be angry with Deb for the ice cream episode, but I'm thankful. Her generosity marked a turning point in my Atkins days, and my dieting days in general. Eating more protein and not eating late at night works well enough for me. In the end, Ben & Jerry's Phish Food ice cream is just not a sacrifice I'm willing to make.

View from another university

America starting to give Israel a raw deal

By Michael Behr/
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Life sucks as a terrorist. Terrorists somehow get pleasure from killing hundreds of innocent people and then once you die, people around the world mourn your death.

The recent views stemming from pro-Palestinian opinion columns and international institutions involving the assassination of Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin is both appalling and hypocritical.

People, especially Americans, cannot possibly criticize Israel's military strategy when President Bush has stated that he wants to capture Osama bin Laden dead or alive. Hamas is a more religiously-based organization than al Qaeda, but it is still comprised of brutal terrorists.

Spirituality and Koran references don't vindicate terrorist activities. The leaders of Hamas have repeatedly planned attacks against innocent Israeli citizens. The group is responsible for hundreds of deaths, including Americans.

The media has used the words "spiritual leader" and "religious organization" to describe the recent assassination, as demonstrated in CNN.com's March 24 article, "Hamas names interim leader in Gaza."

Many Americans are beginning to move away from supporting Israel. Although the United States was the only veto power in the United Nations who voted against a condemnation of the recent assassination, the country's support has diminished. World opinion is turn-

ing as support diminishes for Sharon's policies to employ targeted attacks against Palestine.

There is no difference between Yassin and Saddam Hussein — both committed violent acts against innocent persons. Therefore, Israel's tactics in Palestine are similar to the United States' more arrogant occupation of Iraq. If Saddam Hussein had been assassinated in his capture, international media would not have pointed out Hussein's religious nature or dedication as a leader. He is a horrible man, no different from Yassin. Any country that helped out in Iraq has no room to criticize Israeli actions in Palestine. The situation is the same.

Bin Laden's planned attacks on Sept. 11 raised unprecedented anger and revenge in American communities. These emotions are normal reactions to such a horrific event. We are a hypocritical nation if we do not recognize that Israelis face these angers on almost a daily basis. Going after the leader of Hamas who continues to disrupt Middle East peace negotiations is completely justified. There is a difference between targeting terrorists and targeting innocent bystanders. This is why America continues to support Israel.

If bin Laden was killed, would media outlets still call this an assassination? American media might instead hail this as a great military achievement or the end of terrorism. Yet, when Israel engages in the same practices, some people claim Israel is fostering more terrorism.

The argument that more terrorism will result from the Yassin assassination is not valid. Hamas has engaged in terrorist activities for

years in Israel, and they are not stopping. Taking out "spiritual leaders" is a step in the right direction for destroying a terrorist organization. If Israel quietly follows peace plans and does not address terrorists, attacks will continue and innocent people murdered.

Granted, this environment of killing is not desirable. Ideally, organizations like Hamas will cease suicide bombings and peace can be achieved in the Middle East. Yet Hamas is not going to stop terrorizing Israelis. This leaves Israel with no other choice but to fight a war with Hamas. These targeted attacks are part of this war. Since Hamas is not a sovereign country, this war does not fit normal international definitions of battle. However, this is the type of conflict in the new age of terrorism. Targeted attacks counter suicide bombings.

Once again, the difference between a peaceful nation and a terrorist organization is the targeting of murderers or of innocent citizens. Americans are experts at justifying conflicts with this notion and should not criticize Israel for engaging in the same military tactics. Terrorism against any country should not be vindicated. People should focus on the killing of a prominent terrorist leader and the implications for Hamas and Middle East safety — not referring to Yassin's religious and spiritual intentions. Israel does not harbor terrorists or engage in terrorist activities. They are actively eliminating terrorists from the Middle East, and this is an admirable and justifiable mission.

Cult's secrets come at cost

Scientology: shocking science fiction selling itself as sacred spirituality

So, I have this recurring fantasy: it's judgment day, or whatever, and all the souls of humanity are waiting outside the Pearly Gates, awaiting Final Judgment.

St. Peter comes out (and for some reason he's dressed like Vanna White ... anyway), he holds up a big placard, he announces to the crowd "and the winner is ..." All the souls of humanity hold their breath, awaiting the revelation of the True Faith. St. Peter turns the card, and the answer becomes known; "... Scientology. Yes, Scientology. Scientologists, approach and accept your reward everlasting. Everyone else, thanks for playing, and better luck next universe. Heh heh."

Not that I think Scientology has any real credibility. I think most religion has a bit of a crazy bent to it, but Scientology takes it to whole new levels. Christianity brought about atrocities such as the Crusades, witch-hunts and Puritanism. Scientology has resulted in "Battlefield Earth."

I mean, sure, millions died in the Crusades, but John Travolta in dreadlocks, KISS boots and an aspirator? You can't un-see that. In fact, you know how so many Christians feel about "Passion of the Christ"? Well, Tom Cruise, who is a member of the Church of Scientology, feels that way about "Battlefield Earth." Well, I assume he does, but I can't be sure. I mean, he's broken up with both Nicole Kidman and Penelope Cruz and I still think he's straight.

Other famous Scientologists include Jason Lee (Cruise's co-star from "Vanilla Sky"), Jenna Elfman (Dharma from "Dharma & Greg") and the guy who plays Hyde on "That '70s Show."

Outwardly, Scientology seems not much different from your average religion. It promises to make you feel better, provided you give them money and tell all your friends about it until they a) give up and join or b) stop being your friends. Your average religion, however, does not have the shame of originating from the mind of L. Ron Hubbard, mediocre sci-fi writer and world-class egomaniac.

It all started when LRH (as his lackeys refer to him) realized that starting your own religion was an excellent way of generating money, while maintaining a tax exempt status. He wrote a book, called Dianetics, which explains that all human ailments, from diabetes to agorophobia, are caused by "engrams."

"Engrams" are like corrupt pieces of computer data stored in our brains. An engram is a memory of pain associated with a number of factors, like smells, sounds, sights, or feelings associated with said pain.

Example: You have an arthritic knee. Through dianetic therapy, it's discovered that at sometime in your childhood, you tripped and banged your knee while listening to Blondie and drinking Kool-Aid and rollerskating. Anyone one of those sensations now will recall the sensation of hurting your knee, so your brain reacts in a similar manner. It claims that with just a few hours of training anyone can be a therapist and help people reach the level of "clear;" a near superhuman, engram-free state.

Scientology wants to help you do this, and all it asks is your money. Lots of your money. Sell your grandma to get them more money. However, there are levels of knowl-

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edge to be gained after achieving "clear" status, and Scientology holds the secrets close, presumably because they're so stupid they know no one would give them access to their bank accounts if they knew. Now you too can know what John Travolta paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to learn.

Whew boy, OK. Here's the history they hail as truth:

About 75 million years ago a galactic leader named Xenu had an overpopulation problem. To sort out his problem, he had psychiatrists and income tax agents help round up and sedate a good several hundred billion of his population.

He then flew them to Earth on modified DCS planes, stacked them up around volcanoes, dropped a couple of H-bombs into the volcanoes, and set them off. The blasts killed everyone. Xenu then rounded up their souls (called "thetans" in Hubbard-speak) and made them watch movies to convince them they were people.

These souls grouped into clusters and attached themselves to the few remaining living bodies left. Also, human beings are descended from clams. Anyway, these "thetans" are bonded to our souls like ticks on a dog. Through Scientology, we can remove them and operate on a clear level.

There is no part of that that is not relentlessly stupid. This is the secret Scientology doesn't want you to know, and it's not hard to figure out why. This is the secret the Church of Scientology has engaged in numerous lawsuits to keep under wraps, yet has failed to keep off numerous websites, such as <http://www.xenu.com>. Like any good cult, it tries to keep its real teachings on a need-to-know basis.

So, congratulations, fundamentalist Christians, you are not the most dangerous religion-type thing out there.

Anyone who can actually convince someone else to believe Scientology is not the sort of person to be trifled with. Not to mention the (extremely remote) possibility they're right.

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Iraq

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of the legitimate authority. We will not tolerate this," Bremer said.

Sunday's clashes — sparked by the arrest of an al-Sadr aide who is also accused in the slaying of rival cleric Abdel-Majid al-Khoei — were a surprise show of power by al-Sadr's militia, the Al-Mahdi Army.

Fighting was particularly fierce in Sadr City, a Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad, where militiamen ambushed U.S. soldiers, killing eight and sparking battles that killed 30 Iraqis and wounded 110 others.

It took a column of tanks to restore quiet and force the militiamen out of police stations they had seized after police fled.

Outside the city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, firing between militiamen and Spanish-led coalition troops

killed one Salvadoran soldier and 22 Iraqis on Sunday.

Violence broke out Monday morning in another Shiite neighborhood of the capital, al-Shoala, where militiamen clashed with a U.S. patrol.

An American armored vehicle caught fire, and an Iraqi ran away with a heavy machine gun. A U.S. Apache helicopter was hit by small arms fire and responded with a barrage of machine-gun rounds, the U.S. military said.

Militiamen also traded fire with British troops in the southern cities of Basra and Amarah, sparking fights that killed three Iraqis, witnesses said.

Gunmen also held sway in the streets of the holy city of Najaf, prompting police to flee their stations, said the Spanish Defense Ministry, whose troops control the region. Witnesses said the police later returned.

The Spanish bases in Diwaniyah

and Najaf came under sporadic mortar fire overnight Sunday but there were no injuries, the ministry said.

Al-Sadr's main support is among young seminary students and impoverished Shiites, devoted to him because of his anti-U.S. stance and the memory of his father, a religious leader gunned down by suspected agents of Saddam Hussein in 1999.

However, al-Sadr's religious status is low, giving him less influence than more moderate Shiite leaders. And many Shiites see him as erratic.

The arrest warrant against al-Sadr is on charges of involvement in the April 2003 murder of al-Khoei, who was stabbed to death by a mob in a Shiite shrine in Najaf soon after Saddam's fall, said coalition spokesman Dan Senor.

Sunday's violence was touched off by the arrest of Mustafa al-Yacoubi, a senior aide to al-Sadr, on similar charges. A total of 25 arrest warrants

have been issued in the case, and 13 suspects are in custody, an official at coalition headquarters said.

Al-Sadr supporters also were angered by the closure of his weekly newspaper by U.S. officials, who accused the paper of inciting violence.

In other developments:

—U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi met with members of Iraq's Governing Council as he launched a mission to help with the transition to an interim government after sovereignty is transferred to the Iraqis on June 30.

—A suicide attacker detonated a bomb-laden vehicle as he tried to enter a U.S. base in the northern city of Kirkuk, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding six Americans and six Iraqis, the military said. A roadside bomb killed a U.S. soldier in the city of Mosul.

At least 613 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq since the war began a year ago.

Career

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University," she said. "The students have been very involved this year."

Andrade said there were 20 representatives at this year's fair, and she hopes the number will double next year. She said she would like to see student attendance triple.

"These students have the opportunity to start networking and find out what it takes to be in these professions," she said.

Carl Rudd, a sophomore pre-medicine and mechanical engineering major from Aledo, volunteered to hand out fliers about the fair in the free speech gazebo. He said turnout appears larger than last year, but he is concerned about the fate of the health career fair.

"If this year doesn't go good," he said, "it's going to be on the brink of not happening again."

Rudd said pre-professional students can hinder themselves from graduating because they do not meet their educational requirements.

"It shouldn't happen at all," he said. "That's ridiculous."

Medical professions are competitive, and students should begin looking into prospective medical schools as early as possible, Andrade said. All students should stay on top of what is needed to complete their schooling for their prospective careers, she said.

"There's always new regulations that are being implemented," she said. "It's never too early to be informed."

However, those who were unable to attend the fair should not fret, because other opportunities for information are available.

Andrade said interested students may call the Health Professions Career Office located in the Chemistry building in room 340.

Andrade also suggested pre-medical or pre-health students use the Internet as a resource when researching medical schools. She said it is important to show interest.

Batra suggested students talk to Bobbie Knight, an adviser in the Health Professions Career Office. Knight takes care of all applications and recommendation processes for health careers, he said.

"Knight's office has tons of info," he said. "They're very helpful in assisting with your application process."

Rudd said students should talk to advisers about graduation requirements and medical school admission standards.

"They should definitely talk to their advisors," he said. "That's how I got it."

Rudd said he is also a member of the Dr. Bernard Pre-Medical Society. He said the group meets every three weeks, and is a valuable experience for pre-professionals.

Macy Edington, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Coleman, recommends students join any pre-professional organization they can. She said her involvement with the pre-pharmacy organization enables her to keep track of upcoming deadlines.

For more information about medical and health careers, contact the Health Professions Career Office at (806) 742-3078.

Reaction

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cupation of Iraq.

Steinhart, a professor of a Modern Middle East course at Texas Tech, said there is no excuse for the mutilation of the bodies, a practice condemned by the fundamental law of Islam, but there is no way the victims could be seen as innocent bystanders because they were merely doing their job.

The four employees of Blackwa-

ter Security were killed in the attack while providing security on a food convoy for a U.S. government subcontractor.

Cary Brown, a graduate student studying public administration from Willis, said she was in disbelief when she heard the news because of the tragic nature of the event.

"They had nothing to do with the conflict," she said. "They were just over there doing their job."

In response to the attack, Deputy Secretary of State Richard

Armitage said the retaliation would be severe and obvious to all. The U.S. overseer in Iraq, Paul Bremer, agreed with Armitage when he said the attack would not go unpunished, according to the AP.

Days after the attack, community leaders in Fallujah, while leading worshippers in prayer, reacted by calling the mutilations un-Islamic, according to the AP.

Although Steinhart believes the mutilations were un-Islamic, he said the reaction of the Iraqi

clergymen was interesting.

Under Islamic law, mutilation and even scarification are considered taboo and blasphemous.

However, the clergymen did not condemn the murders of the contractors.

Steinhart said he believes the clergymen see the contractors in Iraq as mercenaries instead of protectors.

The murders of the individuals were not condemned, because the clergymen see the aggression as an act of war.

Aid

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need, especially at the undergraduate level."

State and federal deficits have left many universities reorganizing fiscal policy and institutional finances.

Tech and other state universities may benefit greatly from a federal restructuring in the financial aid system.

A state budget crunch left about 19,000 qualifying students across Texas without grants, and officials expect that number to grow to about 30,000 within the next year.

Tech and many other universities sidestepped a near-disaster by asking for and receiving permission to dip into other state funding accounts to offset the blow, and as a result, no qualifying Tech student went without a grant from the program.

Tech officials have been finding creative and sometimes drastic measures to deal with financial issues, especially those directly involving students.

Earlier this year, the university's Board of Regents approved a 36-percent tuition hike, and 33-percent of the \$15 million generated annually from the hike is earmarked for scholarships.

Endowments also represent a strong arena for Tech officials, according to figures provided by the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Tech's endowments outperformed the national average between 2002 and 2003, growing to \$344 million from \$333 million. Tech ranks 125 out of the 717 endowment wealthiest schools in the nation.

The hope is that those funds, coupled with funds generated through tuition hikes, can be used in part to unload the burden on students who may go without aid.

Bush's approval numbers on Iraq hit lowest yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public approval of President Bush's handling of Iraq has slipped to a new low — alongside his overall job rating — after last week's grisly deaths of four contractors in Fallujah, a poll says.

Still, a majority supports his decision to use military force in Iraq, says the poll released Monday.

Four in 10, or 40 percent, approve of the way Bush is handling Iraq, while 53 percent disapprove. That's down from six in 10 who approved in mid-January, according to the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Bush's overall job approval is at 43 percent, a low point for his presidency, down from 56 percent in mid-January. In the new poll, 47 percent disapproved of Bush's job performance. Bush's job approval soared to 90 percent after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and remained in the 70s for almost a year after that.

Public support for the decision to use military force in Iraq has not changed. The poll found that 57 percent think the United States made the right decision to use military force — about the same as in early February.

"People are sticking to their guns on whether this was the right decision, but they're beginning to feel a little more wary about how long our troops are exposed to these dangers," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "While they think this was the right thing to do, they don't think Bush is handling it very well."

Kohut suggested the drop in Bush's overall approval rating may be caused by a combination of domestic and overseas concerns. Public interest in high gas prices rose to 58 percent who said they were following the story very closely, compared with 47 percent who felt that way in mid-March.

"He's got bad news out of Iraq, in-

terest in gasoline prices is soaring," Kohut said. He added that the effect of last Friday's report of more than 300,000 new jobs may not be evident in polls yet.

The poll of 790 adults was taken Thursday through Sunday and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Half of those polled, 50 percent, said the United States should keep troops in Iraq until a stable government is formed there, while 44 percent said the U.S. should bring troops home as soon as possible. In January, 63 percent said the United States should keep troops in Iraq until there is a stable government.

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IDOL

Stangel/Murdough Idol tonight and
Wednesday in Murdough lounge

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

They might not be as famous as Ruben Studdard or Kelly Clarkson, but Tech has some idols of its own, and for the next three days Red Raiders will have a chance to show off their musical talents in the Stangel/Murdough Idol contest.

Auditions to become the Stangel/Murdough Idol will be held tonight and Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Murdough lounge.

Eight finalists chosen from the auditions will sing at the Stangel/Murdough idol extravaganza on Thursday evening in the market from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Cody Charles, a community adviser in Murdough and the coordinator for the Stangel/Murdough Idol, said the inspiration for the event came from the popularity of the hit Fox reality show, American Idol.

"We are always hearing students say they have to get home to watch American Idol," he said. "The show is a huge sensation, and we thought our own idol contest would be something fun for students to do."

Participants will choose a song to perform from the song list which is located on the Stangel/Murdough Idol Web site www.karaokeidol.cjb.net

Charles said that participants don't have to be excellent singers to win the competition.



"It is going to be more of a karaoke style competition," he said. "We will be judging mostly on stage presence so everyone will have a shot."

Prizes for the Stangel/Murdough Idol champions include free textbooks for an entire year from Barnes & Nobles Book Store and money placed into the individual's Tech Express account.

Red Raiders striving to become a star can register on the Stangel/Murdough Idol website or show up to either of the two auditions.

The Idol auditions will be taped and played on the campus television channel 14.

Charles said he is hoping the Idol event will be a way for students to relieve stress.

"With last minute tests and finals looming, students need a way to relieve stress," he said. "Hopefully, this will be an outlet for them to relieve that stress."

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Diana Ross won't serve more time in jail

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Diana Ross, who served her sentence for an Arizona drunken-driving conviction in Greenwich, Conn., won't have to return to Tucson to spend more time in jail.

On Monday, a city judge rescinded his order calling for the 60-year-old singer to return to Tucson to serve 48 consecutive hours in the Pima County Jail.

Ross, who pleaded no contest in

February to a drunken-driving charge, arranged to serve her jail sentence in Greenwich, where she lives.

But based on an account from Greenwich police, Tucson City Court Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw found that she failed to serve 24 consecutive hours as required by Arizona law.

Ross spent 22 1/2 hours at the Greenwich jail between Feb. 9 and Feb. 10 before being released because there was no female guard on duty for the remaining 1 1/2 hours.

Defense lawyers and prosecutors

told Cranshaw during a hearing last week that Ross should be credited with having served her full sentence.

In all, she served 47 hours in the custody of Greenwich police over a three-day span, Cranshaw found.

The former lead singer for the Supremes was arrested Dec. 30, 2002, after a driver called to report a car traveling south in the northbound lanes outside Tucson.

Tests showed Ross had a blood-alcohol level of 0.20 percent, police said. Arizona's legal limit for drivers is 0.08.

Mom reunited with son in Iraq

(AP) — A 26-year-old Army Ranger never expected an ambush quite like this one while stationed in Iraq — and the only warning he got was when fellow soldiers paged him over the 2-way radio.

"Hey, Nick. Your mom's here," they said.

Susan Gallemore, 48, of Alameda, went against the warnings of military officials and showed up for the surprise visit Feb. 1, seven days after leaving with a group from the Bay Area.

Gallemore was reunited with her son for 90 minutes. He gave her a tour of the base and accompanied her to see the view from a guard tower.

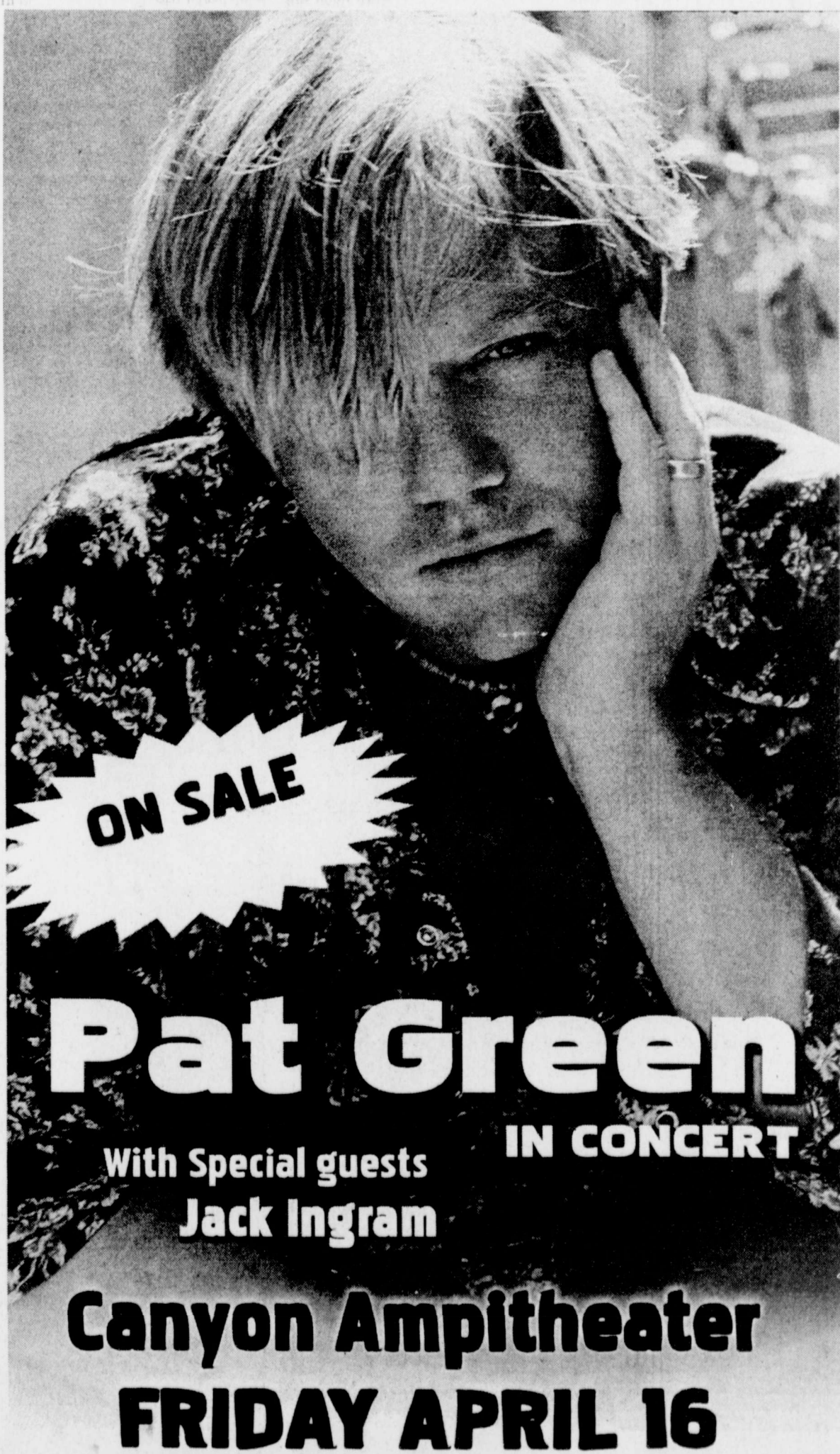
Gallemore chose not to reveal Nick's last name to protect him from potential harassment from colleagues for her anti-war views.

Gallemore was also using the trip to gather information for a book she plans to write on the views of some Iraqi and U.S. parents on the war. She said she simply wanted to see for herself how her son was doing since he was sent over in December.

Gallemore's 10-day trip, which was also spent visiting hospitals, orphanages and politicians, was arranged by the peace activist group Code Pink, which has led about a dozen parents to Iraq over the past few months.

U.S. military officials have strongly discouraged parents from visiting soldiers in Iraq because of the dangers involved.

"I'm a mother, too, so I know how she feels," said Sgt. Pam Smith, an 82nd Airborne spokeswoman. "But it is extremely dangerous over there."



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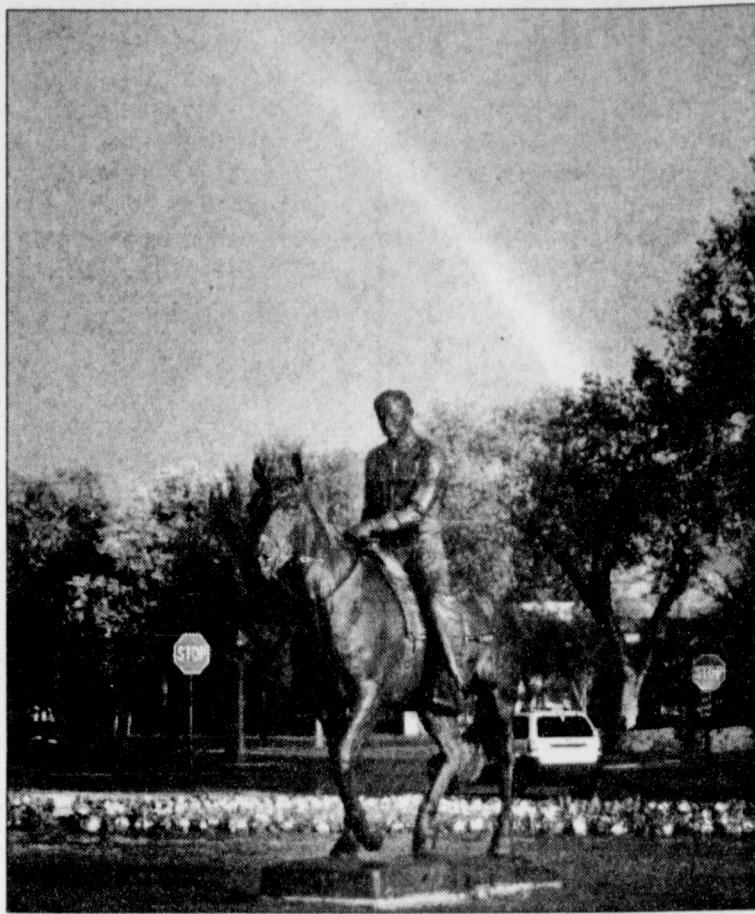
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ROGERS AND RAINBOWS



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A HINT OF a rainbow graces the sky above Will Rogers Monday evening after four days of rain. More than an inch of rain has fallen since Friday, and it continued through Monday afternoon.

Autopsy results show missing woman died of strangulation

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A woman whose body was retrieved from a backyard latrine had been strangled, according to the results of an autopsy released Monday.

The body of Veronica Lorenza, 32, was removed Sunday from the backyard of her Ciudad Juarez home, located in a neighborhood where many homes lack indoor plumbing, the Chihuahua state Attorney General's Office reported Monday afternoon.

An autopsy found the victim had been choked to death between six and eight days before her body was recovered.

More than 250 women have been killed in Juarez throughout the past 10 years, according to federal prosecutors.

Nearly 100 of those killings were

similar, with the victims sexually assaulted, strangled and dumped in the nearby desert.

Officials have not said whether Lorenza's death was tied to any previous killings.

Authorities were holding a 31-year-old bricklayer who lived with Lorenza and was arrested Friday on charges of sexually molesting her 4-year-old daughter.

Lorenza's body was excavated by state authorities and the federal special prosecutor's office investigating a decade-long string of killings of women in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.3 million located across the U.S. border from El Paso.

Authorities have not determined if the killings are the work of a serial killer.

The Rundown



Formerly conjoined twins return home

DALLAS (AP) — Two formerly conjoined Egyptian twins have been discharged from the hospital, nearly six months after they were successfully separated during a 34-hour surgery, hospital officials said Monday.

North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City issued a statement saying Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim have been living with their parents at a nearby apartment since March 24.

The boys, who will celebrate their third birthday June 2, return to the hospital each weekday to continue their physical therapy and rehabilitation sessions. They wear special helmets to protect their fragile heads.

"It was hard for everyone involved — especially the pediatric nurses who care for them every day — to see them leave the hospital, but it is wonderful to know that they are living with their family for the first time in their lives," said Sue Blackwood, director of the World Craniofacial Foundation, which covers the boys' non-medical costs.

The boys lived with their father, Ibrahim Gad, from October 2002 until June 2003 in a Dallas apartment, but this is the first time both have lived with their parents.

The boys, born in a small Egyptian town, were separated Oct. 12 at Children's Medical Center Dallas during a 34-hour surgery. About a month after the surgery, the boys returned to North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City, where they had lived since arriving in Dallas in June 2002.

Southwest suffers from massive flooding

(AP) — More thunderstorms were forecast Monday for parts of Texas and New Mexico following weekend flooding that drove dozens of people from their homes, closed roads and collapsed part of a highway bridge.

At least 21 deaths were blamed on the weather system in Mexico.

More than 40 of the 100 residents of Toyah had to be evacuated early Sunday when arroyos and ravines flooded rapidly and the water ruptured an earthen dam. Water three feet deep rushed through the town, forcing out even Toyah's own emergency crews.

"We had like 8 inches of rain fall all at once," said Toyah Mayor Pro Tem Diana Tollett, one of about 20 residents who were stranded in town by the flooding.

Not far from Toyah, a bridge carrying eastbound lanes of Interstate 20 over a small stream collapsed. No one was injured because police had closed the roadway earlier.

Authorities also shut down a nearby Union Pacific Railroad bridge.

As traffic was detoured around the I-20 bridge, three tractor-trailer rigs collided early Monday on a two-lane highway about 25 miles southeast of Pecos, killing five people and critically injuring another.

It was not immediately clear if weather was a factor in the wreck, which closed the highway being used for the detour, police said.

Spain: another arrest made for bombings

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Authorities announced another arrest in the Madrid terror bombings Monday and sent police to patrol subway and bus stations, as a newspaper said a group linked to al-Qaida threatened to turn Spain into "an inferno."

Court officials said the arrest came Saturday in Ceuta, a Spanish enclave on the Moroccan coast. No details were given on the man's identity or possible role in the March 11 train attacks, which killed 191 people. Another suspect whose weekend arrest was also announced Monday has been released after questioning, officials said.

The arrest raises to 16 the number of people in custody, including six charged with mass murder.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes confirmed Monday that one of those killed in a suicide blast Saturday in an apartment south of Madrid was Moroccan Jamal Ahmidan, a prime suspect in the bombings.

At least five terror suspects are believed to have died in the explosion, along with a special forces officer. One of the suspected terrorists has yet to be identified. Sarhane Ben Abdelmajid Fakhet, a Tunisian believed to be the overall leader of the attacks, was among those killed, Acebes said.

Fear of more violence prompted authorities to order police to patrol the city's subway and bus stations while civil guards and army units continued checking the country's rail system.

Powell to Haitian leaders: don't reward criminals

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday was urging Haiti's leaders to make sure government posts are not given to leaders of the February insurrection who are criminals or human rights violators.

That was the message Powell intended relay to Prime Minister Gerard LaTortue and others during a visit of several hours, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Powell was met at the capital's international airport by U.S. Ambassador James Foley and LaTortue's foreign minister, Yvon Simeon.

Powell also planned to meet with commanders of the U.S.-led multinational force in Haiti, sent to restore stability after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was forced from power on Feb. 29.

The United States has nearly 2,000 troops in Haiti. Additional forces are

being supplied by France, Canada and Chile, for a combined total of about 3,600. All are expected to be replaced by international peacekeepers in early June.

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said Friday that Powell would discuss U.S. and international efforts to bring stability to the country and to provide humanitarian relief.

Looting and instability have not ceased despite the efforts of peacekeepers as well as police who have returned to their post.

Just hours before Powell's arrival, two employees of a frozen food company were shot to death in Petionville, a suburb of Port-au-Prince, the capital, after being robbed. It took police more than two hours to respond.

Aristide initially took up residence in the Central African Republic. He went to Jamaica about three weeks ago for family reasons, the Jamaican gov-

ernment said. Little has been heard from Aristide since his arrival.

The Bush administration insists that Aristide left Haiti voluntarily. Aristide and Haiti's Caribbean neighbors contend that Washington pushed him out.

Caribbean countries have declined to recognize the interim government, arguing that Aristide is Haiti's legitimate leader based on elections held in 2000. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., says Aristide was the victim of a U.S.-sponsored coup d'etat.

U.S. officials have pressed LaTortue in recent days not to give government positions to leaders of armed rebel groups who have criminal backgrounds.

About 10 days after his appointment as prime minister, LaTortue appeared publicly with some insurgent leaders and hailed them as "freedom fighters."

The United States is in a delicate position in the post-Aristide era. The former president's supporters hold the United States responsible for the change in government.

The insurgency does not consider the United States a friend because Washington is demanding that the rebels disarm.

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Quarterback situation getting clearer for Tech

QUARTERBACKS SONNY CUMBIE (15) and Cody Hodges (10) drop back to throw passes during practice Monday afternoon. The Raiders have a group of quarterbacks competing for the starting job next season.



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After BJ Symons set the NCAA record for passing yards in a season last year, finding a replacement may be tough. But Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach has a plethora of talent to choose from, and Sonny Cumbie believes he has the edge.

"I'm real comfortable," he said. "I know those guys have to beat me out if they want to play quarterback here."

Those other guys are junior Cody Hodges, junior college transfer Robert Johnson and redshirt freshman Phillip Daugherty.

Cumbie has been receiving the

most reps with the first squad in practice and has established himself as the starter for the time being. In a scrimmage this weekend he was 21-of-31 for 280 yards and three touchdowns. His closest competitors were almost perfect on the day as well.

Johnson was 13-of-15 for 161 yards and two scores, and Hodges completed 12 of his 15 passes for one touchdown and 107 yards.

Cumbie likes to see the team stacked with so much talent at the signal calling position.

"I really like it," he said. "We've got a lot of good guys, and it makes everybody else work harder."

Leach has made it no secret in the

past that he likes experience at the quarterback position because of the intricacies of his offensive system. Symons had spent four years on the bench before starting, three of them with Leach as coach. Cumbie has been in that position for a while, and is looking forward to the opportunity to possibly get the starting nod this season.

"It feels really good. It's something I'll think about in the fall every night," he said. "It's hard to go to sleep at night because you're so excited to go to practices."

Johnson is excited to be at Tech and said he enjoys Leach's high-powered offense. It is one of the reasons he wanted to be a Red Raider, and he is doing his best to improve every day

and learn the complicated offense. "I love it; you gotta love throwing the ball a lot," he said. "It's nice. We've got good receivers, and good O-line."

On the first day of practice Johnson could be seen shadowing Leach and checking his wristband to see what play had been called. He said he has been learning since.

"I'm just trying to get in and learn all the plays," he said. "Every question I have, I ask him, and he'll tell me certain things about them."

Johnson knows he came to a school loaded with quarterback talent, but he would not have had it any other

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Bush throws first pitch for Opening Day

(AP) — Wearing a red Cardinals warmup jacket, President Bush strolled out to the mound and waved to a sellout crowd in St. Louis.

For the third time in a week, it was opening day in baseball.

This one finally felt right. Greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos on a crisp Monday afternoon, Bush threw an inside strike to catcher Mike Matheny before the Cardinals' game against Milwaukee.

"It just goes to show you a guy can get lucky occasionally," Bush said.

St. Louis was the site of one of nine games around the majors, highlighted by Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants playing the Astros in Houston.

In Cincinnati, the Reds opened with a tribute to former owner Marge Schott, a ceremonial first pitch by Vice President Dick Cheney and a 7-4 loss to Sammy Sosa and the Chicago Cubs.

Baseball season should be full of surprises

I've been working on my Jamaican accent, and I've put on a little "winter weight" in preparation for making my psychic predictions for the upcoming 2004 Major League Baseball season.

So, without further adieu, here it is, the way the season will unfold.

AL East
I'm starting off with the most intriguing division race in decades. The Baltimore Orioles were under the radar in the offseason, that is under the A-Rod fiasco between the division rivals New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox. The O's signed All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada and future hall of famer Rafael Palmeiro, but unfortunately for the O's, they still will not see the postseason.

The Yankees and Red Sox will be fighting in an age-old hate fest once again. The Yankees will probably set a record for most runs scored in a season and will most likely win the division.

The Red Sox will easily get the Wild Card berth in October and will be equipped to make a serious run in the postseason. They may have had the most impressive offseason moves of all. The BoSox got Curt Schilling to bolster their already impressive pitching staff including Pedro Martinez and Tim Wakefield. But most importantly, they signed Keith Foulke from Oakland to fill their closer role they missed so badly last season. Plus, Manny Ramirez is healthy, look out world.

Adam Boedeker



AL Central

The Minnesota Twins will have a decent season, but they will not be able to challenge the Chicago White Sox. Frank Thomas is back after a few years of disappointment. He was an All-Star caliber player last year and will be even better this year. I think he'll hit 50 homers and when Magglio Ordonez is added to the mix no one will be able to hang with them.

AL West

The Texas Rangers will win 100 games. I mean they will lose 100 games. The Anaheim Angels made what quickly could be the most important acquisition of the offseason — Vladimir Guerrero. Team him with Garret Anderson and you have a dangerous lineup. Assuming Angels closer Troy Percival can return to his 2001 form and set-up man Brendan Donnelly can get healthy they will have the most formidable bullpen combination in baseball and will run away with the division.

NL East

For the first time in a while the Atlanta Braves will not make the playoffs. The Philadelphia Phillies will finally make the postseason after a few

years of "this is their year" talk.

Jim Thome will have a monster year and the Phillies have one of the best pitching staffs in the majors with Kevin Millwood, Randy Wolf and Vicente Padilla as their top three starters and a formidable bullpen with Rheal Cormier, Todd Worrell and their newly acquired closer Billy Wagner, who is one of the hardest throwers in the league.

NL Central

The Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs fought an offseason battle of "who can get the best pitching staff in baseball." The Astros have Roy Oswalt, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens as their top three starters. Assuming Clemens can give Houston innings this could be the best staff in baseball.

The Cubs are looking good as well though if Mark Prior gets back for the home opener, and if he's healthy they will group him with Kerry Wood, Greg Maddux and Carlos Zambrano. When Maddux is your third starter that's good.

Look for Sammy Sosa to have a great season. He'll hit 50 homers and probably drive in 130 runs.

Houston will ultimately win the division, but the Cubs will get the Wild Card berth and will make a strong run in the postseason much like the Red Sox.

The St. Louis Cardinals and Albert Pujols will put up a fight, but they will lose the pitching war, and the division at the same time.

NL West

This is the second most intriguing division race in baseball, and since the Cubs will get the wild card out of the Central, only one team will live to see October.

Perennially, the San Francisco Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks have fought for the crown with the Los An-

geles Dodgers providing some scares.

This year, in my, and many others' dark horse pick, the San Diego Padres will take the division and send all the "powerhouses" home packing early.

The Padres signed David Wells, and while he is old and a bit on the hefty side he can still toe the rubber with the best of them. With closer Trevor Hoffman healthy they will be a tough team to beat if the Padres are given any sort of lead.

The Padres will have plenty of offense with Phil Nevin back swinging the bat. Nevin has been a walking injury but in his last full season, 2001, he hit .306 with 41 homers and 126 RBIs, and supposedly he's healthy.

In order for the Padres to turn things around from last year when they had an NL-worst record of 64-98 they will need more than Nevin.

Right fielder Brian Giles is my early pick for NL MVP. He'll be hitting in front of Nevin so he will see his fair share of pitches. Giles will hit 40-plus homers and 120-plus RBIs, and assuming Nevin stays healthy it could be a race between teammates for the league MVP honors.

But ultimately the Padres will turn around this year, and go from worst to first leaving the Giants, Diamondbacks and Dodgers in the dust. If not because they have Hoffman and Nevin back, then for the simple fact they are from San Diego, and anything that comes out of San Diego is good.

Well, except for the Chargers and the Padres of old.

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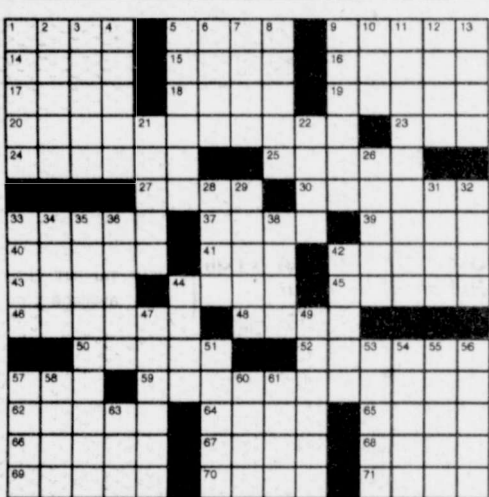
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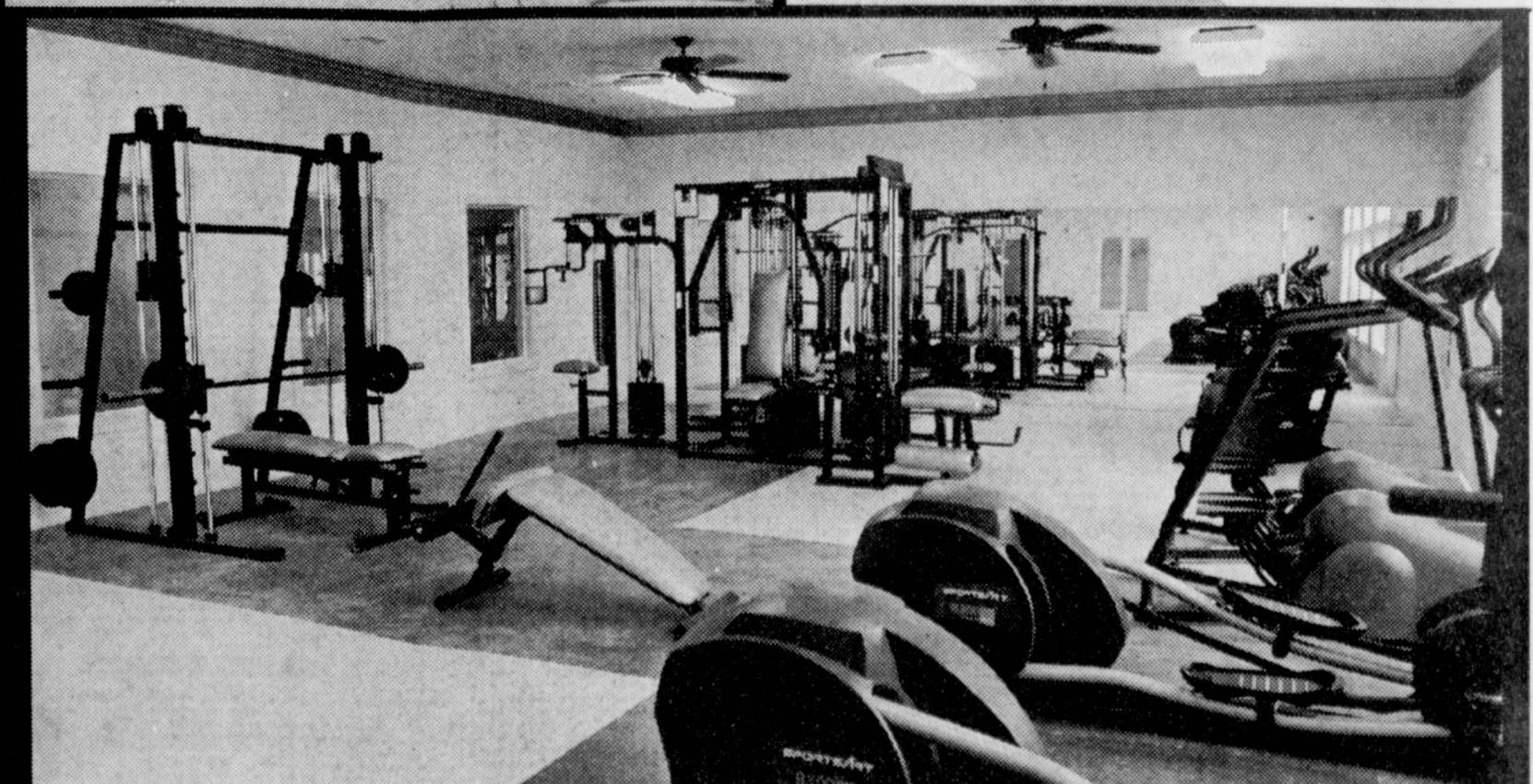
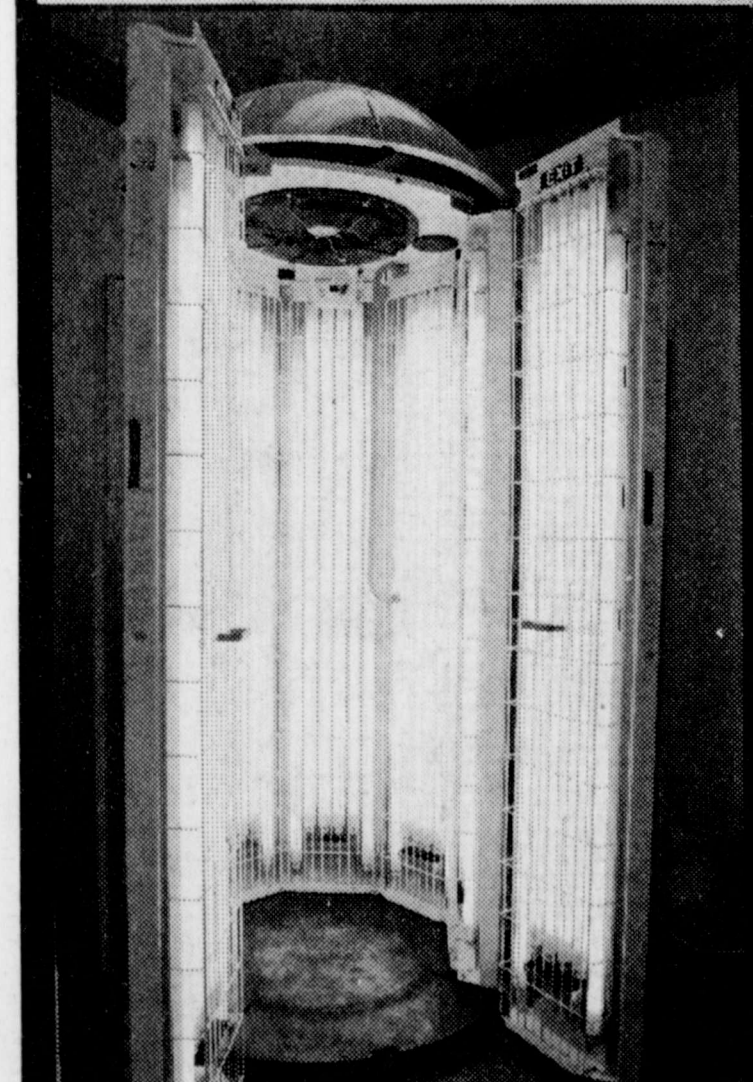
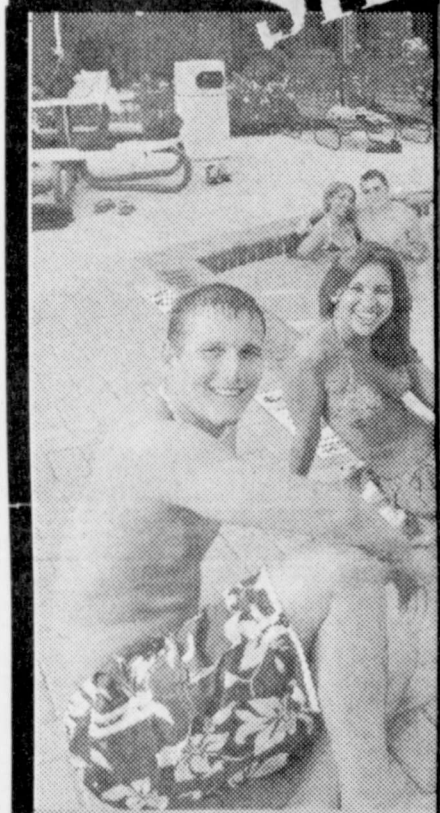
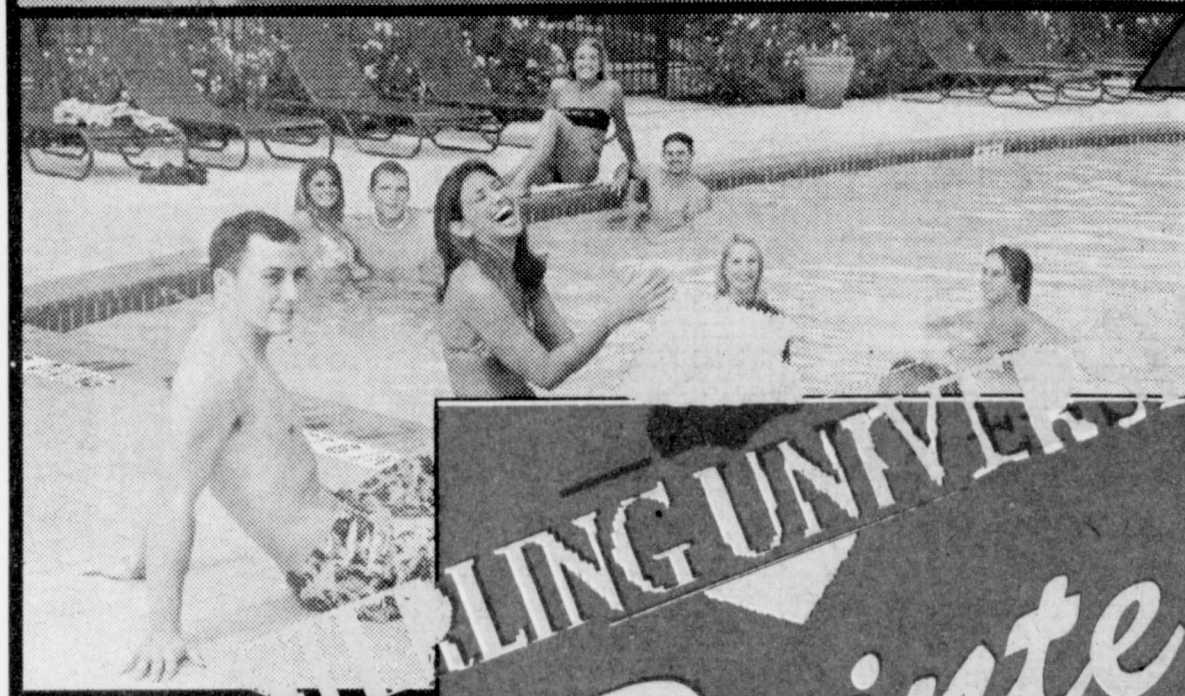
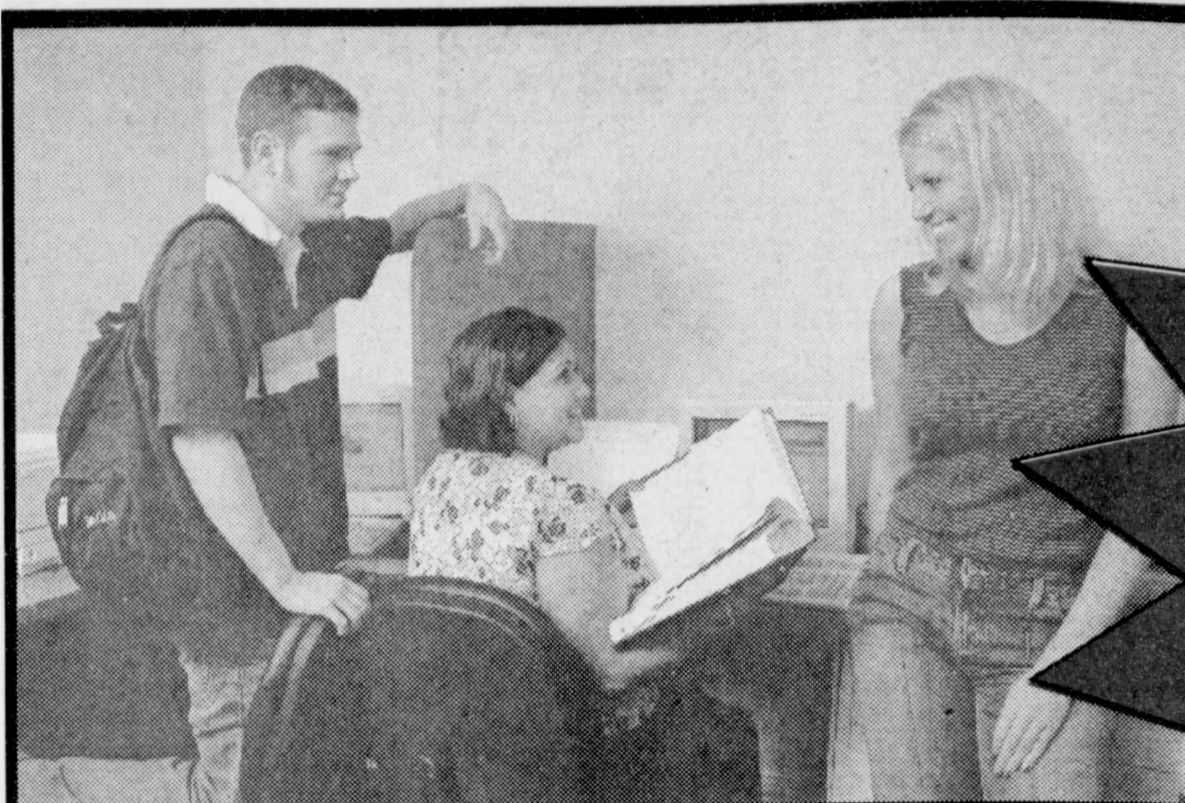
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