



Lubbock PD gets break in McGuire death

REVEALING INVESTIGATION: 55-year-old Gilmore attempted to cash check from McGuire's bank account following his death.

By Brittany Barrientos/*The University Daily*

A development in the death investigation of the 46-year-old Lubbock man who was shot to death presented itself Saturday in a Wolforth-area American Bank of Commerce.

According to police, 55-year-old Vernon Ray Gilmore entered the bank at approximately 11:30 a.m. Saturday and attempted to cash a check on Rex Allen McGuire's account. McGuire was found dead in his home Wednesday.

The statement reported Wolforth and Lubbock

County authorities were alerted by the bank and arrived at the scene immediately. When authorities attempted to detain Gilmore in the bank, he fired shots at the officers and fled the scene.

According to statement, local authorities pursued Gilmore to an unknown trailer park at FM 179 and FM 1585 where he discarded the white passenger vehicle he was driving and stole another vehicle at gunpoint.

The Lubbock Police Department then was dispatched to assist in the vehicle pursuit, which con-

tinued throughout Lubbock.

According to the preliminary Lubbock Police Department police report, Gilmore was last seen driving the vehicle where police lost sight of him, around the area of 98th Street and Indiana Avenue.

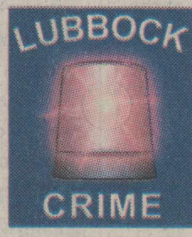
The stolen vehicle he was allegedly driving is a silver 1994 Chevrolet short-bed that has a blue stripe and a white toolbox. The vehicle has a Texas license plate, number 8YF T41.

In addition to the attempt to locate alert by local

authorities, Gilmore also is being sought by the U.S. marshal's for a previous parole violation.

Lubbock Police Sgt. Ross Hester said Gilmore is wanted for questioning for possible information regarding McGuire's death, but said he is not sure if local detectives have deemed Gilmore a suspect.

Police said Gilmore allegedly committed several felonies on Saturday, including firing shots in a bank, evading arrest in a motor vehicle and stealing a vehicle. He also could face charges related to attempting



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Tech student dies after four-wheeler accident

By Brittany Barrientos/*The University Daily*

The flags are lowered to half-staff today to recognize another tragedy for Texas Tech.

Tech student Brian Douglas Willis died April 9 from injuries received in a four-wheeler accident. He was a senior in the Rawls College of Business and his family said he wanted to pursue a career in real estate after his August graduation.

Willis' family and friends said he was a great and enthusiastic person whose personality will be forever missed.

Janis Willis, Brian's mother, said she was proud of her son. She said he was a great person as well as a great athlete.

"He was a very good son," she said. "He had lots of friends. His personality was one that he never met a stranger."

Janis Willis said she was proud of her son's accomplishments both emotionally and physically. She said in high school, he received district honors in football and was an avid golfer — even playing on scholarship for two years at Grayson County Junior College.

"He was a very loving individual," she said. "If you were counted among his friends, you were a friend forever."

Janis Willis said Brian was an extraordinary person, with whom she remembers many good times.

"All of my memories are my favorite," she said. "Him hugging and smiling at me — he always had that smile; it was given to everyone."

Janis Willis said she just enjoyed watching him grow up and become a wonderful man.

Brian Willis graduated from Olney High School in May 1999 and was scheduled to graduate from Tech in August.

Brian Willis' longtime girlfriend, Traci Horany, said Willis had only four classes left before he obtained his business degree. She said he was a great person whose enthusiastic personality rubbed off on anyone who met him.

"He loved his dog and his sports," she said. "His favorite thing to do was probably watching sports and hanging out with his friends."

Horany said the two had been together for more than seven years and said Willis will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

"He was a great guy," she said. "(He was) always smiling and fun to be around."

Horany said the two went to Tech together and she still lives in Lubbock. She said she misses Brian Willis and hopes everyone will continue to celebrate his memory.

"He's the only guy I've ever loved," she said. "I'll love him forever."

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PERCUSSIVE PERFORMANCE



ANDREW WEATHERL/*The University Daily*

VARTHAKAN, AN EVIL character played by Sadanam Krishnan Kutty, attempts to woo the character of Mary, played by Margi Vijaya Kumar, with diamonds during the first act of the play "Magdalena Mariyam" put on at the Lubbock Civic Center Sunday afternoon by the Fine Arts Academy of India and the India Students Association of Texas Tech.

India Students Association sponsors kathakali, kelikottu performances

By Jeremy Martin/*The University Daily*

Four shirtless men came onto the stage beating drums, playing cymbals and banging a gong in the Lubbock Civic Center Theater Sunday afternoon. This percussion concert introduced the kathakali, or story play, production of "Mary Magdalene." Kathakali is a traditional dance style from India.

Vrishali Subramanian, editor of the India Students Association's newsletter, said the percussion concert, or kelikottu, served an important purpose

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DAVID JOHNSON/*The University Daily*

JUSTIN BURGIN, SELECTED as the Masked Rider for 2005-2006, is dressed in the traditional masked rider attire by 2004-2005 Masked Rider Stacy Stockard during the Transfer of Reigns ceremony in the Animal and Food Sciences building atrium Friday afternoon.

Burgin named 2005-2006 Masked Rider

By Kelly Gooch/*The University Daily*

The Masked Rider, a tradition that has been at Texas Tech since 1954, has a new face for 2005-2006, as Justin Burgin was appointed Friday to be the 44th Masked Rider.

Burgin, a senior animal science major from Scurry, said he has been riding horses since getting a pony for his third birthday.

To become Masked Rider for Tech, Burgin was tested on his horse experience and horse knowledge, and after he passed, had a horse tryout.

Then, Burgin said, he went to a truck and trailer simulation to make sure he could operate the truck and trailer used by the Masked Rider.

Lastly, he was interviewed, after which he found out he would be the new Masked Rider.

Burgin said he was honored when he found out he would represent Tech on the back of Midnight Matador, the horse ridden

by the Masked Rider.

He said he wants to maintain the honor and respect of the Masked Rider tradition during the 2005-2006 year.

"I really look forward to next year," he said.

As the Masked Rider, Burgin will ride horseback in Lubbock parades, rodeos, Tech events such as Arbor Day home football games.

Jacque Burgin, Justin Burgin's mother, said she and her husband, John Burgin, have always supported Justin and went with him to rodeos when he was younger.

Jacque Burgin said she and her husband continue to learn more about the Masked Rider and will try to be at as many football games as possible this fall to support their son.

Stacy Stockard, a senior agricultural communications major from Sanger, was the Masked Rider for 2004-2005.

Stockard said she has made at least 100 appearances statewide this year as the Masked

Rider, and will miss being able to represent her university in such a special way.

"I feel like the year flew by," she said. "I feel like I'm letting go of everything at once."

Not taking care of Midnight Matador every morning will be a change, Stockard said, but it will be nice having time to focus on other things in her life.

Currently Stockard is waiting to hear back from the Tech law school to see if she was admitted.

Mary Stockard, Stacy Stockard's mother, said Stacy was given a lot of respect this year while she was the Masked Rider.

A friend introduced Stacy Stockard to the world of horses she was 10 years old, Mary Stockard said. Stacy Stockard has always had family support behind her endeavors.

"She's done all of this on her own," Mary Stockard said.

Burgin has gone to some Masked Rider

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House, Senate differ on Child Protective Services reform

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to ban homosexuals from being foster parents in Texas stole the spotlight from one of the top issues this legislative session: reform of the troubled Child Protective Services agency.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry in January declared CPS reform an emergency for lawmakers. The move followed high-profile cases of child homicides that happened after agency caseworkers investigated for possible neglect or abuse but decided the children were safe to remain with their parents.

That main mission got shoved aside last week, at least temporarily.

The Republican-controlled House voted to add the gay foster parent ban to its version of the CPS bill, sparking outrage from some foster parents and worry among some legislators and the governor, who wanted to keep Child Protective Services front and center.

The bill's Senate sponsor, Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said she will fight to have the provision removed.

That issue wasn't the only difference in the two chambers' bills.

While the House and Senate proposals have the same goal and many similarities, such as boosting caseworker training and developing an investigations division within CPS, there are some large differences. Outsourcing is one of them.

Both plans would allow private entities to recruit and manage all of the foster homes in Texas. Right now, private agencies handle 75 percent of Texas' foster homes.

The difference involves case management tasks, such as developing case plans for children or conducting family visits. State employees handle those tasks now.

The House bill, sponsored by Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, would hand those duties to private entities, while the Senate's plan calls for a pilot program to determine whether it is cost effective for private companies to handle case management.

Private agencies that provide foster care services have pushed to take on case management duties. The change would allow private providers to be proactive in creating case plans for children, said Kurt Senske, the top executive of Lutheran Social Services of the South Inc.

"At this point, we are allowed to provide only half of the solution, and we want to provide all of the solution," Senske said.

But former judge Scott McCown, who heard child abuse cases in court for more than a decade, says the House plan goes too far because all case oversight duties, including legal work, would be turned over to private agencies.

A key reason the House gives for privatizing foster care is the state's conflict of interest in providing both care and oversight, said McCown, who now leads the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin-based group that studies issues affecting low- and moderate-income Texans.

"Yet the House plan to privatize case management creates a much more serious conflict of interest by turning children over to private companies who provide both the case management and foster care," McCown said.

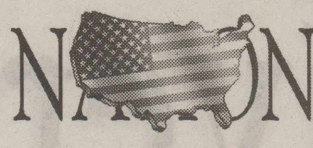
The differences between the House and Senate versions of the CPS bill likely will be worked out in a conference committee made up of a few members from each chamber.

Another main difference on the reform effort is the funding allocated for hiring new employees. Many say that a big part of the CPS problem is that caseworkers are overworked.

This is where the legislative budget writers come in.

House budget writers appropriated enough money for CPS to hire 848 additional investigators. That would reduce average monthly caseloads from the current 74 to 44, a 40 percent reduction.

The Rundown



Texas fined for defying provision

(AP) — Education Secretary Margaret Spellings has fined Texas \$444,282 for exempting hundreds of thousands of special education students from federal testing rules.

For two years, the state has exceeded the federal cap on how many students with learning disabilities can be given an easier exam instead of the rigorous Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

In a stern letter released Friday evening, Spellings said the Texas Education Agency has not shown why she should not withhold the money from the agency's 2004 federal grant.

"The TEA's proposed amendment was not consistent with the law and the regulations, and something the Education Department could not approve," Spellings wrote.

TEA officials could not be reached for comment on the fine.

Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley has said progress by special education students cannot be accurately measured unless the tests they take are tailored to their abilities. But critics say the state is trying to inflate test scores by exempting students who otherwise might perform poorly on the TAKS.

U.S. concerned about North Korean nukes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has told China and its other negotiating partners that it has serious concerns about "recent provocative statements" by North Korea on its nuclear weapons intentions, a State Department spokesman said Friday.

In the message, conveyed through diplomatic channels, the United States said North Korea's statements could only keep the reclusive regime in isolation, spokesman Tom Casey said.

During three rounds of negotiations, North Korea has asserted it has a nuclear capability and the potential to demonstrate it. In February and again last month, North Korea claimed to have nuclear weapons and said it would not return to the six-nation talks.

American analysts said this week they believe at least some of the claims are genuine. U.S. intelligence analysts estimate North Korea has produced at least two nuclear bombs.

The diplomatic message to U.S. partners did not suggest that North Korea is about to conduct a nuclear test or take any immediate action along those lines, said a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Jews celebrate last passover in Gaza

NETZER HAZANI, Gaza Strip (AP) — Under heavy army guard, families in this Jewish settlement gathered Saturday for the Passover seder, or ritual meal, the last time they and thousands of other settlers are likely to celebrate the holiday in the Gaza Strip.

Some said they tried not to think about the government's plan to remove them from their homes this summer and focus instead on the holiday that commemorates the delivery of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. Most Gaza settlers say they will put up at least passive resistance to the planned Gaza withdrawal, though some settler leaders have begun negotiating compensation deals with the government.

Anita Tucker, 59, a vegetable farmer in the Netzer Hazani settlement, said she goes on with her life as if no pullout is planned.

"It's our way of dealing with it," Tucker said as she prepared to host a seder for her five children and their families. Tucker immigrated to Israel from the New York City borough of Brooklyn in 1967 and settled in Netzer Hazani in southern Gaza almost a decade later.

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Texas State student drowns in river

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A Texas State University student drowned after jumping into the San Marcos River from the deck of a popular restaurant.

The body of Jason Lee Bonnin, 22, was pulled from the river by divers early Friday morning.

Bonnin was apparently caught in an undertow after he and three other Joe's Crab Shack employees jumped into the river from a railing on the restaurant's

deck. It overlooks a short waterfall where the river's headwaters at San Marcos Springs are held back by a dam.

Turbulence and undertows are created by the falls where the group jumped in. Authorities said the group jumped in twice and Bonnin did not surface after the second jump.

"The water splits when it comes down the chute," San Marcos Area Rescue Team dive captain Dan

Misiasek said. "Some of it goes downstream and some splits off and washes upstream toward the building. He got caught in the upstream whirlpool. His body ended up trapped in a compartment under the building."

Misiasek said two big, square compartments are located well below the water line.

While swimming is allowed in the area, signs are posted warning against diving because of unseen underwater hazards. Police frequent the area during swimming season to enforce the warnings.

An autopsy has been ordered in the drowning, which was the first this year for San Marcos, a town of about 35,000 located 31 miles southwest of Austin.

Bonnin, from Sugar Land, was a senior finance major, a university spokesman said.

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SHANKAR SUBRAMQ'MAN, a chemical engineering graduate student from Chennai, India, hits the ball as Sreeram Vaidyanath, a computer science graduate student from Kerala State, India, watches Friday afternoon outside of the Exercise and Sport Sciences building.

University of Texas-Arlington speaker provides insight on 'backstage' racism

By Demond Reid/
The Shorthorn

(U-WIRE) ARLINGTON — Whites have learned to be socially acceptable in public and racist in private, sociologist Joe Feagin said Thursday at a lecture at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"The public image of this country is that we are no longer a racist society," said the Texas A&M University sociology professor, citing public research and survey data.

However, he believes people are able to hide their true beliefs and feelings from surveys, providing only socially acceptable answers.

Feagin spoke to nearly 25 attendees in University Hall as part of the lecture, "Backstage Racism: What Whites Do in Private," a topic he has written a book about. The book has yet to be published. The talk, which dealt with the private, "backstage" comments by white people concerning racism, was the last installment of the Center for Theory Colloquia 2005 Spring Lecture Series.

According to Feagin, the term

"backstage" refers to a setting, usually among family, friends and other whites, where they feel comfortable telling racist jokes and expressing racist sentiments.

Feagin, who already has published 47 books about racism in American society, used data that was collected from the College Student Journals Project during the 2002-2003 academic school year as the basis for his argument.

The project consisted of having 1,000 sociology students from 23 colleges over the country keep a journal for one to two months, writing down racial and ethnic accounts.

Sixty-two percent of the test subjects were white.

Students were instructed that they could write about racial instances both positive or negative, or they could write that they experienced no racist or ethnic events. Out

of the approximate 9,000 accounts from students, about two-thirds were overtly racist, he said.

Of the overtly racist accounts, about three-fourths were aimed at blacks, 10 percent were aimed at

Latinos and the remaining percentage concerned other groups, such as Jews and Arabs.

One example he gave from a journal was when a white female student from the Midwest wrote about how her father told racist jokes.

"Why is Tylenol white?" the father asked. "Because if it was black, it wouldn't work."

Feagin said such banter is common among whites and believes society will never rid of racism.

However, he believes through teaching children what racial stereo-

types are, why they are wrong, how they do damage and why they should be deconstructed, society can go a long way in easing racial tensions.

"Racism can never be eradicated, but it can be sharply reduced in its impact," he said.

Sociology professor Ben Agger, who coordinated the lecture, said Feagin is considered a leading sociologist in the country on issues of race. Agger, the director of the Center of Theory, said Feagin studies racism at a level of everyday life that people can easily comprehend.

"He demonstrates that American society is still racist," Agger said.

John White, art graduate student, attended the lecture because he is concerned about racism problems. White, who is Caucasian, said a lot of racist whites are angry about social programs like affirmative action but do not bring their ideas to the forefront.

"I've seen a lot of cases of white people who are racist," he said. "A lot of people know how to act non-racist, but there is a still a problem of closet racism."

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— JOHN WHITE
An Art Graduate Student
at UT-Arlington

Writer punished for erroneous column

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Free Press has disciplined Mitch Albom after an investigation prompted by errors in one of the best-selling author's columns, according to a front-page letter to readers in the newspaper's Saturday's editions.

Four other newspaper employees also were disciplined, although the Free Press did not identify them or describe any of the punishments. The paper's

deputy news editor, Jim Finkelstein, told The Associated Press that he would not provide further details.

"We took into account many factors, including the seriousness of the offense, the importance of our credibility, the history of those involved and Albom's 20 stellar years at the Free Press," publisher and editor Carole Leigh Hutton wrote in the letter.

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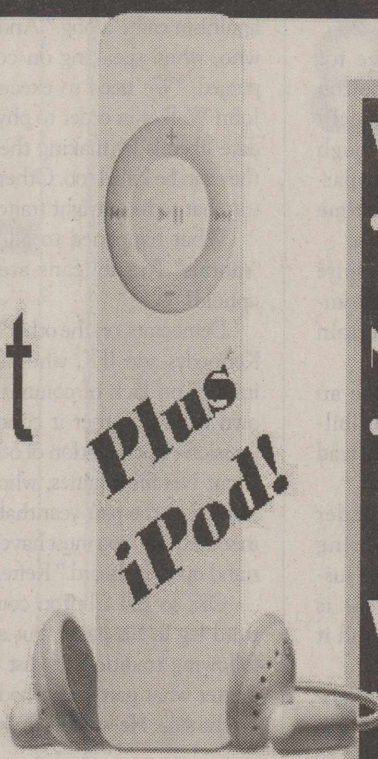
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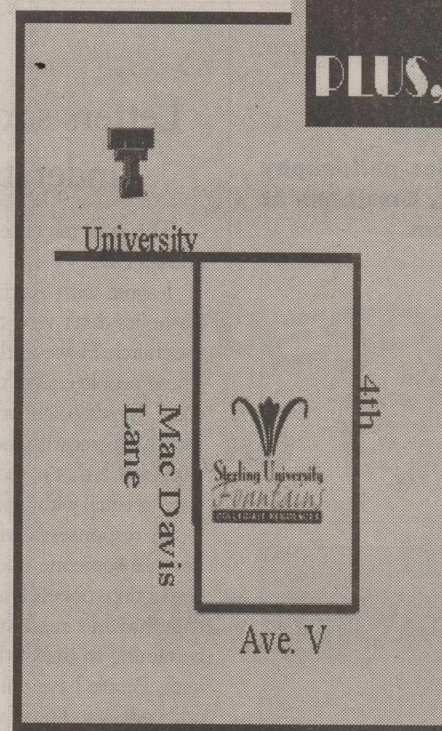
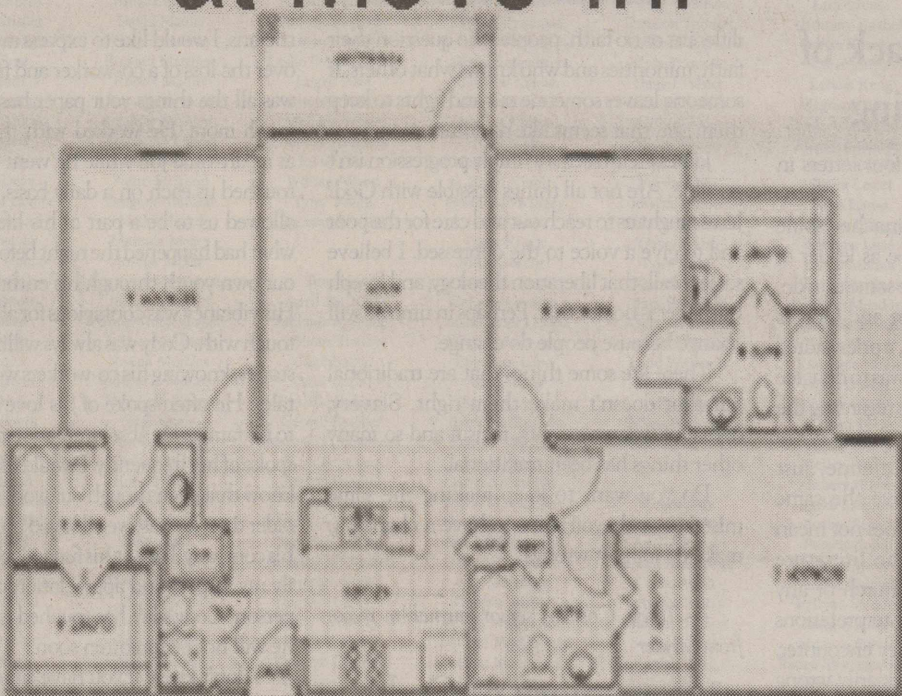
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Americans listen to their hearts when it comes to global politics; let's show the world why

How are wars won? First by conquering the bodies, then the hearts and minds, of the enemy. In our current conflict, we've been doing the first part well, but not so much the second. This needs to change.

Americans — isolationist and spiritual by nature — have historically felt a deeper need to provide moral justification when they go to war. And the more insecure or divided we are about our cause, the more shrill and elemental our justifications.

When we're in that kind of mood, we like our reasons to be candid, emotional and obvious. So when it's time to rumble, Americans are unusually honest about our reasons. We seem to feel it's kind of shady to gild up our reasons for action in elaborate justifications, diplomatic niceties or international opinion. Americans, for good and ill, live by their gut.

This always has been my take on my countrymen and there's a great nobility to it. In the war against terror, to try to put a nice-guy face on our actions, to "spin" them at all, seems not only a show of weakness, but phony.

This belief is wrong. Good-hearted, but wrong.

Why? To pacify our European allies, to abide by the double-standards of the U.N. and the diplomatic rulebook, to smile at Saudi Arabia — to require this of ourselves at this time seems like driving the speed limit and stopping at lights when there's a pregnant woman in the backseat.

We are at war with dark forces manned by the scum of the earth. It seems crazy to go through the motions of pretending to listen when everybody knows what we're going to do.

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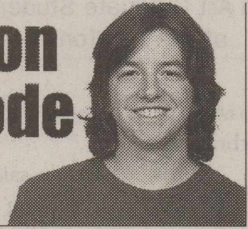
No matter how justified, our silence has made enemies where there shouldn't be any and created obstacles.

It's going to make trouble for us, and we need to change. The current situation of our foreign relations is a good example why manners matter. Not because they're always essential, or even honest — but because they're necessary if human beings, or nations, are to live together.

In a perfect world, countries and their citizens would judge people and ideas according to enlightened self-interest. Sadly, this is not the case.

We live in this world, the one where, even though we know Europe secretly agrees with us on terrorism and wants us to do the dirty work, we still have to play along, listen to their lectures and humor

Jason Rhode



We are living in an age, and under a government, where even humoring requests for rational and balanced justifications are becoming rare. This is another form of passing the buck, and it needs to stop.

them as you would your crazy aunt.

Even in a war of good vs. evil, appearances are important. Presentation is everything, as they say in the restaurant business, and the irrational emphasis men put on the parsley-sprig flourishes of world history is part of human nature. It explains why the theology of Benedict XVI disappoints whereas John Paul II's delighted — though they differed very little.

The reason? JPII simply had charisma (which is nothing but instinctive diplomacy) and Benedict doesn't. Almost the same product, but different packages.

It explains why Major Gen. George Fay's competent August 2004 report on Abu Gharib disappointed many. Fay's critiques cited "a lack of discipline and lack of leadership" in the prison; whereas "vicious gang of sadist bastards" rings truer in one's heart of hearts.

It explains why Bush's nominee for United Nations Ambassador, John Bolton — who would bring the U.N. some much-needed hilarity — is having such a tough time being approved for the job; apparently he's just unwilling to take the time to pretend not to be a first-class jerk.

And perhaps it explains why, despite our liberation of their country and promises to leave soon, Iraqis are uncertain about us. They shouldn't be.

Bush speaks of wanting to create an "ownership society." Personal responsibility. Good idea. But the best way to lead is by example.

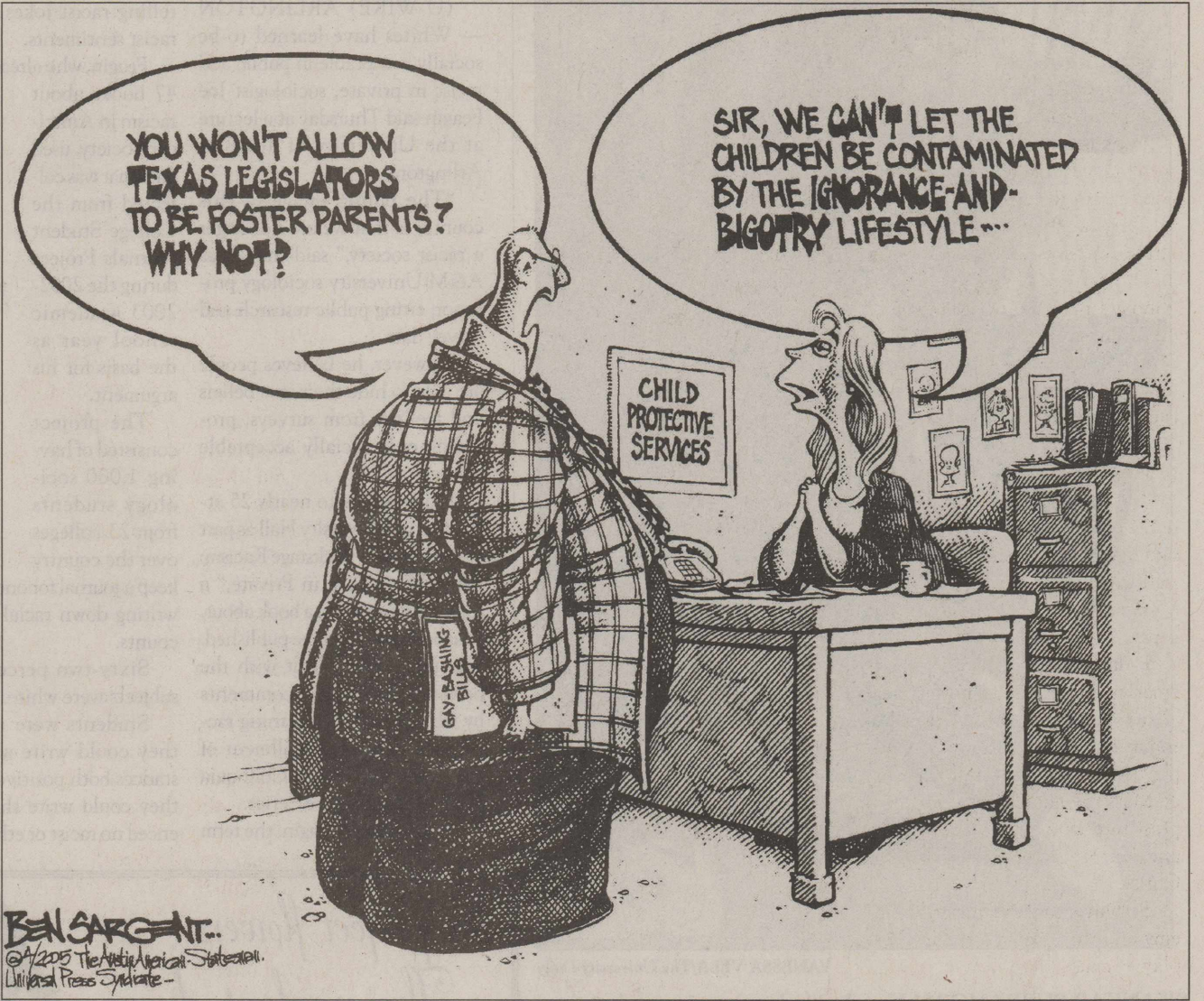
We are living in an age, and under a government, where even humoring requests for rational and balanced justifications are becoming rare. This is another form of passing the buck, and it needs to stop.

We owe it to ourselves, and our neighbors. In America, we famously follow the beat of our drummer; there's a music to what we do.

Most of the world's people know how to hum the tune.

Let's finally show them the words.

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Democrats, they want to have fun

I transferred to Texas Tech as a Republican and I'm leaving as a proud, loud Democrat. Being on both sides of the puppeteer political sphere, I do know that just like blondes, Democrats have more fun in the end. The neo-cons may have full control of the House, Senate and Texas politics, but parties and humanity are classic and timeless. It's a diamond that never goes out of style, like Democrats.

Think back to the late 1960s and early '70s when most of our parents were protesting the war, burning bras, smoking weed and trying out threesomes. I can only wish I was there to take in all the action and fun. Did I mention that all of those timeless pictures and the rights we have now are from Democrats? Our parents caught on; if you're going to fight for your rights, you better have a good time doing it.

Republicans have people like Rush Limbaugh who vomit statements like, "Women were doing quite well in this country before feminism came along." And Ann Coulter who, when speaking on college liberals, purged, "We need to execute people like John Walker in order to physically intimidate liberals by making them realize that they can be killed too. Otherwise, they will turn out to be outright traitors."

What happened to all the Christian "morals" Republicans are supposed to uphold?

Democrats, on the other hand, have the Kennedys and JFK, who said, "Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others." Or what about Natalie Maines, who said, "I have learned in the past year that if you believe in something, you must have the courage to stand up to be heard." Refreshing.

OK, so Bill Clinton couldn't keep his third leg in his pants, but at least he was following tradition of past presidents, no matter what party, who had a few women on the side. He was able to keep his sex life

Robin Milstead



I've found a 'party,' in more ways than one, is for the people and also a good time. We'll end up at church hungover a few times, but we're there, and we never forget Jesus turned water into wine.

separate, and I'd rather have a president lie to me about what he's doing in the bedroom than lie to me about weapons of mass destruction.

When I testified in front of the State Board of Education to lobby for sex education in our public schools, I faced conservative abstinence-only advocates. Bless their hearts. Countless women shared stories of being 35 and still a virgin. Now, while I was advocating for prevention and protection, all I could think was, "What a sad existence to be 35 and never know the power of an orgasm."

Back in November, I watched both political conventions from Boston to New York.

In New York, thousands of protesters lined the streets with makeshift coffins for every soldier who died in the war, while others wore pig snouts chanting "Hallibacon bucks" outside of the convention as Republican walked by and demanded the police escort them away. In Boston, the Democrats had a few protesters, but cranked up the music, poured the wine, tapped the kegs, painted flags on

their faces and partied with Democracy. As the Republicans tightened their corsets, the Dems let loose.

Even on campus, we saw Democrats throwing parties and hosting various events, as the Republicans had only one member show up for a debate. Anyone remember the chicks that stood in the "free speech" area demanding an end to the war? They were fun to look at and I bet they didn't vote for Dubya.

While many of my critics call me a fem-nazi, but spell it incorrectly, I can't help revel in the feeling that women of my party, Hillary Clinton and Teresa Heinz Kerry, also are called those names. Hillary has formed bi partisan alliances in the Senate and one of the few first ladies who didn't stick to decorating and gardening.

Teresa told pushy news reporters to shove off and had John sign a pre-nuptial agreement. The girl has got it together. I'd rather be aligned with these women than the perfect librarian wife or the first lady who is the ideal party planner. It's great to see women who have a voice in and out of the bedroom.

While learning is an ongoing process, I have learned being a Democrat means not caring with whom others fall in love, women have a choice with their body, every child deserves an equal chance, peace is better than war, sometimes taxes are OK, any religion is OK and in the end, having margaritas after protesting is better than sitting around with soda pop and ice cream.

Soon I'll venture beyond the protected walls of academia and it's good to know my partying and memory-making won't end at graduation.

I've found a "party," in more ways than one, is for the people and also a good time. We'll end up at church hungover a few times, but we're there, and we never forget Jesus turned water into wine.

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TECH TALKS BACK

Letters show lack of understanding

This is in response to all four letters in Friday's UD.

I agree with Adrian Simnacher some Catholics don't view the pope as leader of the church. However there are some that do. Those people equate the pope and God as equal. Tuesday night on CNN, a priest stated that to disagree with the pope was to disagree with God. Is that not someone regarding the pope as equal with God?

In response to Marcel LeJeune, just because someone doesn't have the same convictions or beliefs as you, does not mean they haven't read any of the literature pertaining to the Catholic Church or any faith. People have different interpretations and understanding of what they encounter. Neither you nor they are necessarily wrong or right.

Jessica Escue believes Christianity is not "drowning in discrimination." Tell that to the people who have been cast out by their religion. Here are some references: divorcees, remarried people, homosexuals, people of a

different or no faith, people who question their faith, minorities and who knows what others. If someone leaves someone out and fights to keep them out, that seems like discrimination.

James Helm seems to imply progression isn't possible. Are not all things possible with God? Jesus taught us to reach out and care for the poor and to give a voice to the oppressed. I believe society calls that liberation theology, and Joseph Ratzinger is not for that. Perhaps in time he will change because people do change.

There are some things that are traditional but that doesn't make them right. Slavery, denial of women's rights, racism and so many other things has been traditional.

Do you want to keep making the same mistakes or do you want to have a chance to make up for past wrongs?

— Tonya Costillo, senior journalism major from Snyder

In memory of Cody Hughes

As Cody Hughes' co-worker at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Department of Plant Operations, division of elec-

tricians, I would like to express my great sorrow over the loss of a co-worker and friend. Hughes was all the things your paper has reported and much more. He worked with the electricians as a part-time job while he went to school. He touched us each on a daily basis. Every day he allowed us to be a part of his life by telling us what had happened the night before. We relived our own youth through his enthusiasm for life. His vibrancy was contagious for all he came into touch with. Cody was always willing to share his stories, knowing his co-workers would enjoy the tales. He often spoke of his love and closeness to his family. He absolutely adored his sister and spoke of her frequently. I would like everyone to know that even though our work group is much older than he was, we all loved him and enjoyed his company. I was at his funeral to show his family my respect and appreciation of a wonderful person. Cody's life has touched mine own, and he will not be forgotten soon.

I don't know if you have time to insert our statements, but our whole heart-felt feelings for the man is beyond understanding.

— Michael Teutsch, electrician at Plant Operations

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Kathakali

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hundreds of years ago when acting troupes first produced these plays on the streets of Indian villages.

"When the play begins, you hear cymbals and four different kinds of percussion," Subramanian, a graduate student in environmental toxicology from Chennai, India, said. "That announces to everyone, 'Come on, a kathakali is about to begin.'"

Unlike the musicians generations removed, the four percussionists took the stage Sunday wearing wristwatches and gold chains. One musician wore glasses.

The Lubbock chapter of Fine Arts Academy of India and the India Students Association sponsored Sunday's play. Chirag Mandaviya, president of the association, said people in the Lubbock community may gain a better understanding of the traditions and customs from India because of programs like "Mary Magdalene."

"They bring awareness of the rich heritage ad culture of India," said Mandaviya, a graduate student in industrial engineering from Mumbai, India. "It's about bridging gaps."

Padmanabhan Seshaiyer, a mathematics and statistics professor at Texas Tech, said kathakali is one of India's oldest dance forms. Sunday's play used the style to tell the story of Mary Magdalene, the biblical prostitute who sought redemption and learning at the feet of Jesus Christ.

Seshaiyer said the fine arts academy and the association chose the play because it told a story with

which many people in Lubbock are familiar.

"Traditionally the stories (for kathakali plays) come from Indian mythology," he said. "But we wanted the audience to be able to relate to the story."

By selecting a subject the audience would be more familiar with, Seshaiyer said, they would allow viewers to concentrate on the dancing and music in the play.

Mandaviya said he believes the play and the kathakali dance style are an excellent way to introduce people in the Lubbock community to his native country's heritage.

"This is the culture in one of its most traditional and purest forms," Mandaviya said.

On stage, the musicians continued to play while Varthakan, described in the program as "an evil-minded Pharisee," made his entrance.

The actor portraying Varthakan danced in an elaborate costume including a bejeweled gold headpiece and an intricately painted red, green and white face. Seshaiyer said some of the actors spent five and a half hours getting their make up ready for the play.

In a kathakali play, the background musicians sing the story in the Malayalam language. The actors express themselves through body language and facial expressions, not dialogue. On Sunday, a screen

to the side of the stage displayed an English translation of the singing in the background.

When the actor portraying Mary Magdalene came on stage, Varthakan tried to win her love by offering her diamonds.

"I want to enjoy this evening with wine and your lips," the Pharisee told her, according to the translation on the screen.

The prostitute did not want to return the Pharisee's affections and rejected him. She said she had the strength to reject him because of a vision she had the night before.

"In my dreams yesterday, a saint came to soothe my mind," Mary told him.

The Pharisee fell to his knees and groaned in agony. Both the actor playing Varthakan and the actor playing Mary are men. In traditional kathakali plays, all of the actors are male.

Sneha Sadasivah, a graduate student in meteorology from Chennai, India, said the all-male institution of kathakali is a part of the style's heritage, and has not changed with the time. She said many other dance forms do include women, so the lack of female dancers does not bother her.

"It's been tradition for the past God-knows-how-many years," she said. "And we have accepted it as part of our heritage."

When the play begins, you hear cymbals and four different kinds of percussion. That announces to everyone, 'Come on, a kathakali is about to begin.'

—VRISHALI SUBRAMANIAN
Graduate Student studying Environmental Toxicology from Chennai, India

Masked Rider

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appearances and has seen how Midnight Matador handles different situations, Stacy Stockard said.

Burgin started feeding Midnight Matador Friday night, Stacy Stockard said, and had his first appearance as the Masked Rider Saturday morning in Lubbock.

"I know he'll do a tremendous job," she said.

Alvin G. Davis, the first honorary Masked Rider, named at Tech homecoming 2004, has been on the Masked Rider Committee for 18 years.

He said the Masked Rider is unique because only a handful of universities have horse mascots.

Out of all of those universities, Davis said, Tech is the only one to have a student rider.

"Nobody ever forgets it if they see the Masked Rider," he said.

The Masked Rider Program struggled with finances and had to borrow the athletic department's truck to transport the horse, he said, since a horse trailer was too expensive to purchase for exclusive use of the Masked Rider.

Davis said now, the Masked Rider Program is more financially stable.

Throughout a 10-year period, Wells Fargo Bank has given \$250,000 to the Masked Rider program, he said.

Davis said people easily recognize the Masked Rider.

"I think it's the most important tradition that Texas Tech has," he said.

Investigation

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to cash the check from McGuire's account.

According to the initial police report, McGuire was found Wednesday night in his 60th Street home with multiple gunshot wounds. He was found by his family, who went to his residence to check on him after not hearing from McGuire for several days. There is no word yet when McGuire was killed.

According to Lubbock Police Sgt. John Gomez, the case is in

the preliminary stages of investigation. He also said McGuire's vehicle, a red 1996 Chevrolet pickup truck with a camper shell, was not located at McGuire's home. The Texas license plate number is 61J NJ1.

Gilmore is described as being approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing between 130 and 160 pounds. He was last seen with collar-length brown or black hair and a full beard.

Local authorities said the case is still under investigation.

For information regarding this or any other case, contact Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Peal
- 5 Pedro's house
- 9 Jack who ate no fat
- 14 Ron Howard
- 15 Many years
- 16 Use a scale
- 17 Criminals' policy platform?
- 19 Boredom
- 20 Party conservatives
- 21 Emblems
- 22 Nile bird
- 23 Muslim women's quarters
- 24 Wards off
- 27 You there!
- 28 "Peter Pan" pet
- 31 Japanese porcelain
- 32 Gram or rail lead-in
- 33 Old ruler
- 34 Varnish ingredient
- 35 Powers' reduction?
- 38 Spasm
- 39 Enjoy
- 41 Archipelago member
- 42 Advil rival
- 44 Bridge coup
- 45 CIA forerunner
- 46 Terrified
- 47 Dapper
- 49 5th Avenue store
- 50 Enlaces
- 52 Poe story, "The Heart"
- 56 Chart anew
- 57 Flea on kittens?
- 58 Seething
- 59 Adams or Brickell
- 60 Gymnast Korbut
- 61 Fracas
- 62 See after
- 63 Uninvited plant

DOWN

- 1 African nation
- 2 October stone
- 3 The Swedish Nightingale
- 4 More long-shanked
- 5 French port
- 6 Thickening agents
- 7 E-mail button
- 8 Inquire
- 9 Take an oath
- 10 Supported from above
- 11 Mallia don?
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 "Gun for Hire"
- 18 Open to all
- 21 Westlands passage
- 23 From this place
- 24 Lunar valleys
- 25 Messages by computer
- 26 Wolf?
- 27 Cries loudly
- 29 Gullible
- 30 Bowed
- 32 Disorderly
- 36 Public disturbances
- 37 Take on or take down
- 40 Send forth
- 43 Final line of seats
- 46 Like some nuts
- 48 Native American dwelling
- 49 Become established
- 50 Neat and tidy
- 51 Existed
- 52 Ocean motion
- 53 Competent
- 54 Sport sled
- 55 Mild oath
- 57 Allow to

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Death

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CRUISE CONTROL:

As a young boy, Tom Cruise had to rely on people to sneak him in to the movies. Over the phone, you can hear Cruise's trademark teeth-filled smile as he remembers begging his cousin to sneak him in to see "The Outlaw Josey Wales."

"I spent a lot of my life convincing people to take me to movies," Cruise said. "I worked so I could have money so I could go to the



Over the phone, you can hear Cruise's trademark teeth-filled smile ...

Tom Cruise is master of his career

movies — those R-rated movies that I convinced my cousins and sisters to take me to."

His movie experiences as a young boy, sitting wide-eyed in dark movie theaters, formed heroes for Cruise.

"Actors that I loved growing up," he said, "definitely it was Paul Newman,

it was (Dustin) Hoffman, it was (Gene) Hackman. Those actors I grew up looking at their movies, inspired me."

Cruise laughs that all-too-familiar laugh when he talks about coming face to face with his heroes in movies he would later work on.

"Here I am sitting across from Paul Newman (in "The Color of Money")," Cruise said. "And I remember as a little kid seeing 'The Sting' and 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.'"

Now Cruise, 42, has 28 movies to his credit — 18 rated 'R,' by the way — and has become a Hollywood heavyweight in his own right. But Cruise could not care less for all the glitz that ac-

companies his star-status.

"I don't really care," he said.

"It's not important. What's important to me is I make the movies I want to make; and I'm incredibly proud of that."

Exercising his right to make the films he wants,

Cruise put off shooting "Mission: Impossible 3" so he could re-team with his "Minority Report" director Steven Spielberg to make "War of the Worlds."

Spielberg has wanted to remake the H.G. Wells-adapted 1953 film of the same name for years. The project was suddenly green-lit in late August 2004, with a summer 2005 release date.

The film was shot in a quick 72 days, leaving the rest of the time to add the many special effects.

In "War of the Worlds" (opening June 29) Cruise plays a small-town deadbeat father who must suddenly become a hero for his family when aliens start invading earth, intent on exterminating the human race.

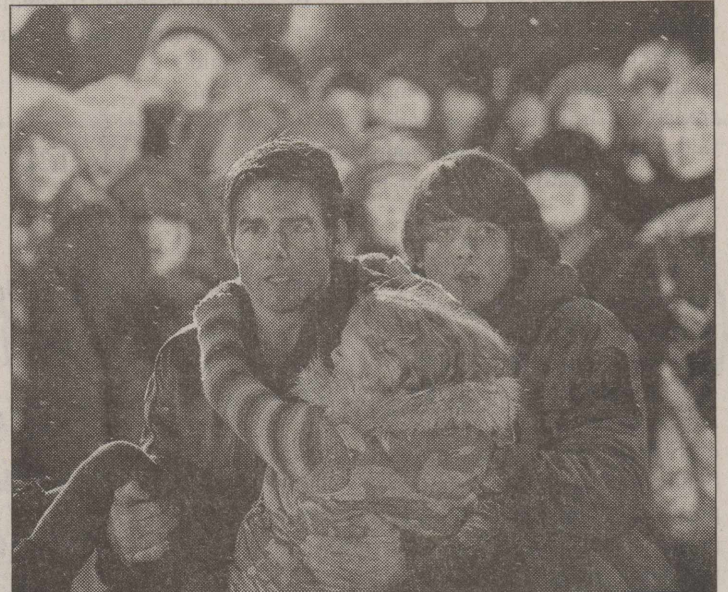


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TOM CRUISE PLAYS a selfish father in Steven Spielberg's "War of the Worlds," which opens nationwide June 29.

Cruise and Spielberg both are fans of Wells' novel, and Orson Welles' famous 1938 radio broadcast inspired by the book. While the new film recognizes the old work, Cruise said innovations have been made.

"We both really enjoyed the book, and we pay tribute to it," Cruise said. "But it's told from a subjective point of view. So it's going to be terrifying; it's going to be quite frightening. It's definitely original — it's new — but it has the same themes."

Cruise, who also is a father, said he does not see much of himself in his "War of the Worlds" selfish father character. But he said all the characters he has played in his career have something in common.

"I'm different from all of them," Cruise said. "There are different aspects of characters that are me that you can't get away from because they're intimate to me. There're little pieces (of me) in characters I play."

Each of these experiences, though, have fused together to make Cruise the man he is.

"Every experience I've had has been rewarding," Cruise said. "Every one has been distinctly unique and added to the journey of who I am now as an artist, as a man."

"War of the Worlds" marks Cruise's second experience with Spielberg, who continues to challenge him.

"Spielberg is great at knowing what he needs," Cruise said. "I really had to make sure that I gave the full range of intensity, emotion, fear."

"You can have all the effects in the world, but if you are not invested in the story and the characters it doesn't matter," he said. "When you look at Spielberg's stories, he's just a great storyteller, and I want to go on that ride with him."

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Citing a "close friend" of Affleck's, "People" says the "Pearl Harbor" actor has been privately spreading the news. A friend of Garner's told the magazine

in February that she expected Affleck to propose.

Affleck's publicist, Ken Sunshine, would not comment on the reports. A

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Affleck got engaged to Jennifer Lopez in 2002, but they called it off in



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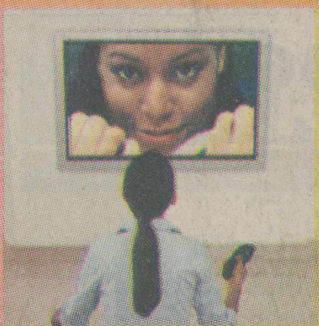
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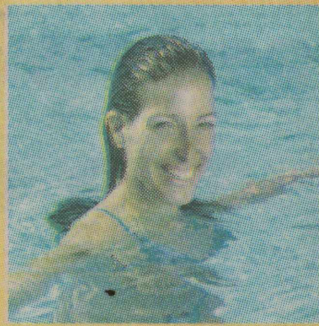
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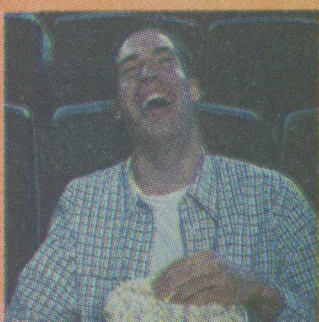
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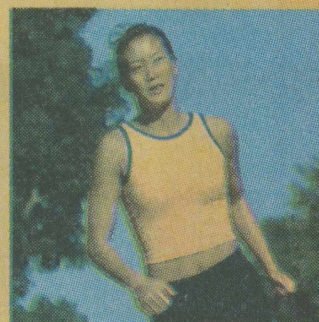
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Noisy Nightlife



By Clara Cobb/
The University Daily

SPACE 1110 PLACE TO GO FOR LIVE MUSIC

Downtown shuts down promptly at 5 p.m. but Space 1110, located in a back alley off Avenue K, is still hours away from waking up.

The space is not the place to see and be seen; it is an underground venue for underground bands. At dusk, bands and their equipment begin to unload into the small two-room venue. At dark, the space emanates the only sound heard downtown.

Meshawn Wright, a junior public rela-

tions major from Roswell, N.M., re-enters the venue from its alley entrance.

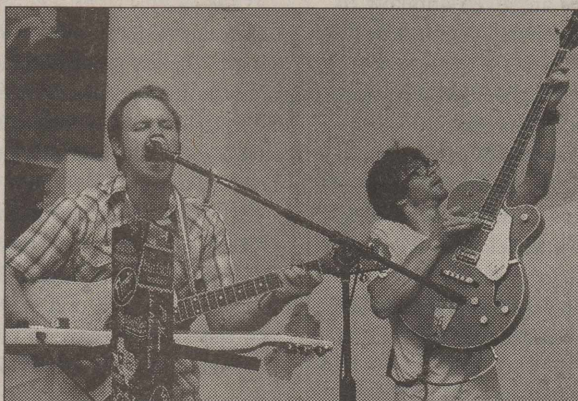
"I've never been camping," she said. "I almost pissed on my pants."

Wright, like many of the venue's patrons, said she does not like using the venue's small closet bathroom, which is often flooded. Many patrons use the restroom in the alley or back parking lot.

The bathroom facility is one of the elements of the space that make it unique and give the space its fan base and following.

Wright said she likes going upstairs to the venue's loft, where she can view the crowd and the band. She likes coming to the space to watch bands play.

"It could use some painting, but other than that, it's re-



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

THRIFTSTORE COWBOYS BAND members Daniel Fluitt, vocals and guitar, and Clint Miller, bassist, play at Space 1110 of downtown Lubbock late Saturday night.

shows at the space give fans a connection to the band, many of the songs the bands play have a better sound on the radio, or on a CD.

The venue is of a size where the bass will vibrate the floor,

ally nice," she said. "It is a lot smaller and a lot more open at the same time."

Michael Magee, a graduate student from Dallas studying architecture, said he has seen several bands play at the venue. He likes the back-alley feel, and how any size crowd seems big.

He said the venue is not the best place to hear the bands' actual sound.

"To be honest, I am not a big fan," he said. "It's so narrow you can't hear the sound well."

Magee said while the

even the floor upstairs in the loft, and often will vibrate into the street.

Amy Sandefur, a senior music education major from Abilene, said she first started going to the venue this year. She said the venue was the only place in Lubbock that felt like somewhere else.

"It feels like a big city," she said. "Maybe it's the exposed brick. Maybe it's the concrete floor. Maybe it's the fact it's not the cleanest place in the world."

Like Wright, Sandefur refuses to use the venue's bathroom. She said when bands play at the venue; it is almost like watching a concert outside. She said people feel a connection to one another at the space.

"It's such a small venue, there're always a lot of people there," she said. "You feel you experience something with them you can't in a larger venue."

She said for live music in Lubbock, the space is the place to go to see bands.

"The thing it has that other places in Lubbock don't is that really amazing artists choose to go there," Sandefur said. "I don't know why they choose to play there, maybe because it is a small space. I go there for the artists."

Troubled Hubble brings energetic vibe to local scene

Indie rock has a lot of names floating around, names you hear people rattle off in their list of favorite bands.

Groups like Modest Mouse, the Shins and Bright Eyes seem to have a stranglehold on the scene right now. They make good music that's accessible. And, these bands are hitting at the right time, a time when mainstream music is at the worst it's been since Poison dominated the charts. People want better music and these bands are providing that.

Here's a prediction: Within the next couple of years, a band called Troubled Hubble will hold rank among those names, and to the delight of hundreds of satisfied Lubbock music fans, this band played one of the best shows I've ever seen in this town on Saturday night.

I've seen this band six times now. Six. They're coming back in June and I can't wait.

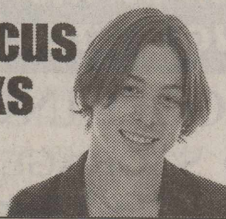
Like an 8 year old who has had too much cake at his birthday party, happy

beyond control and spreading it to everyone else in the room, Troubled Hubble laid waste to that art space, putting on the best performance I've seen by this band yet. Every time I hear them play live they are exponentially better. The last performance I attended was only a few weeks ago at the South by Southwest music festival in Austin, and they've improved since then.

Troubled Hubble has been signed to Lookout Records (Green Day's first label, when they were good). Their new album, "Making Beds In a Burning House," is as good, if not better, than their last album, "Penturbia," one of my favorites of 2002.

Quirky indie-pop ala They Might Be Giants, Modest Mouse and Built to Spill (it's possible, trust me), Troubled Hubble is like the clap during the first week of classes at Tech: catchy, infectious and spreading. Anyone who has heard "I Love My Canoe," "Nancy," or "Understanding Traffic" can attest to what I'm saying. I've sang these songs for days on end, and I don't care if they get stuck in my head. And that's

Marcus Parks



just after hearing the album. After you see them live, those songs can get stuck in your head for weeks.

You want the most energy you've seen this side of an east Lubbock crackhead? You want a band completely dedicated to making sure you do nothing but have a good time? Most importantly, and this is key: Do you wanna dance?

The show came to a frenzied fever pitch when Chris, the lead singer, split the crowd like Moses and led dozens of patrons in a huge conga line of terrible, wonderful dancing. It was beautiful.

Saturday Night Fever-style dance-offs, a drummer who looks and plays like he's one cymbal crash away from spontaneous combustion, a lead singer who's broken an ankle jumping off a 20-ft balcony all for the sake of rock, a guitarist who can play laying upside down, the top of his head pointed directly down at the floor, and a bass player who is one of the most talented in indie rock today. Inventive, catchy and most of all, rocking, Andrew Hubble will be a bass hero to many.

I have never seen people react to a band like Lubbock reacted to Troubled Hubble. Never before have I heard a crowd get that loud, wanting more even after the band played a 17 song set. Nate Hubble, the drummer, looked like he had been playing drums for six months straight without stopping. His



shirt had changed color from sweat.

Chris, the lead singer, was trying his hardest to catch his breath, while Josh, the guitarist, showed off his appendix scar from an operation done only two weeks ago. And then they played one more. I've never seen a band more dedicated to their fans. Others could learn a lot from Troubled Hubble.

The fan-base for this band in Lubbock is huge for such a soon-to-be-not-so-unknown. This is due largely to their explosive live shows and the work they put into loving their fans just as much as their fans love them.

I can only imagine what the future holds for Troubled Hubble. But don't be surprised when everybody you know starts listening to them, and please, don't hate them when they're famous.

■ Parks is The UD's music critic. E-mail him at Marcus.J.Parks@ttu.edu.

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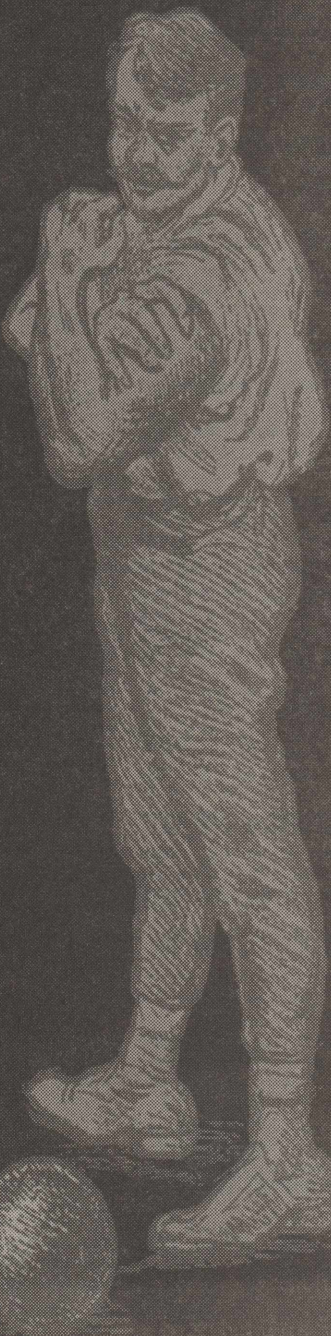
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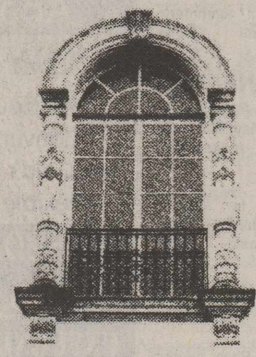
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Johnson honored at Celebrity Luncheon

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

Jonathan Johnson certainly has made headlines, both in and out of Lubbock.

To many in the Lubbock community, Johnson is a stand-out performer. To The Association for Women in Communications, he deserved the Headliner Award.

"Some of them are just no-brainers like him," Patti Douglass, a member of the organization, said.

At the 21st annual Celebrity Luncheon held by the Lubbock professional chapter of the organization on Friday, Johnson was presented with the award because of his achievements.

The theme of "Crowning Achievements" was reflected in his accomplishments, as a long list of attributes

was read before he took the microphone.

Douglass said the awards are given annually to someone decided on by a selection committee made up of members.

"Headliner awards are about people who brought positive attention to Lubbock," she said.

Texas Tech track and field coach Wes Kittley said he felt Johnson was very deserving of the award.

"I think JJ brought national attention to Lubbock, Texas, in the sport of track and field like it's never been brought to Lubbock," Kittley said.

Kittley described Johnson's continual success last year during the end of the season with the NCAA

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Raiders set new records at TCU meet

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

Dreams were achieved, goals were reached, the bar set higher, the mark further and the time faster this weekend as the Texas Tech track and field team competed at the Texas Christian Invitational for several records.

In the long jump, Tori Polk claimed a school record for the second time in two weeks, replacing her old jump of 20 feet-5 3/4 inches with a mark of 20-9 1/4. Polk's jump also is a meet record.

"I'm ecstatic," she said. "I'm loving it."

Polk now holds both indoor and outdoor records for Tech.

"That's something I wanted to do as a freshman when I came here," she said.

Contrary to resting on her laurels, Polk said she cannot wait to see what the end of the season will bring.

"I want to work on more," she said. "It

just drives me to do better and better in practice. I know I can jump further."

Polk said this season has been better by far because she is not injured.

"I feel good every time I step out there," she said. "I'm more fresh when it comes to the weekend. I'm excited about this year."

Polk said changes in practices and techniques, as well as a more positive attitude thanks to newcomers in the squad, have helped her to achieve what she has this season.

"It's a better atmosphere from the squad," she said. "I want to see if I can break this one again. I'd like to."

High jumper Lacy Wilson set a record with a jump of 6 feet-3/4 inches, replacing an 11-year-old record.

Coach Wes Kittley said Wilson's continuous improvement is indicative of the squad's desire to do well.

"Lacy just keeps getting better in the

high jump," he said. "I'm really getting excited."

Kittley said the long season allows for this kind of improvement, but he feels the main focus should be on the steadiness with which the athletes are competing.

"I just feel like we're getting more consistent every weekend," he said. "We really want to do well in the Big 12."

Kittley said the goal to finish well in the conference is one that was set at the beginning of the season. The focus is on consistent improvement to do well in the conference championship meet.

"That's the thing we're looking for at this time of the year," he said. "I tell the kids, 'The times will come, just get in there and compete.' I was real pleased."

Kittley said this meet was the beginning of something new, however, that he has not seen as much of this season.

"I feel like we came together as a team this weekend," he said.

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Women's tennis ends season with win Sunday game canceled for rain



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TECH PLAYER Cigdem Duru returns a ball in the match against Prairie View A&M Friday.

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

The Texas Tech women's tennis team decided to finish its season leaving no questions unanswered, as the players put a 7-0 victory on the boards with only three games dropped against Prairie View A&M.

Coach Cari Groce said the two teams are at different levels mentally and physically, which contributed to the victory for the Red Raiders.

"Their season is over — mentally, the teams are in two different places," she said. "I do believe we're a much stronger team."

This is not the end of the meetings between the two teams, Groce said, as the Raiders will face the Panthers at the beginning of their next season.

"You typically like to play those types of teams at the beginning of the

season," she said.

Team captain Tara Browning said it did not matter to her what color the jerseys were of the team they played.

"It was just really good to get that extra match," she said. "I think we're where we need to be right now. It was good to get a match under our belts."

At the No. 1 position, Janet Durham defeated her Panther opponent, Marika Dawkins, 6-2, 6-0.

Browning played in the second slot, defeating Antoinette Majors 6-0, 6-0.

Lakann Wagley played in the third position to defeat Michele Scurry 6-0, 6-1, while Erin Hunter played in the number four position and defeated Shannon McCleary 6-0, 6-0.

In the fifth position, Amandine Ferot had the opportunity to play for points and defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0.

Browning said the team is not taking

their win for granted, as they face many tough opponents in the tournament.

"I think anything's possible," she said. "We still have to put the ball on the court. We want to step on court and be the players that we are."

Groce said she noticed a change in the mentality of the team.

"I think our team definitely has that attitude right now — they just want to go after it," she said. "I think they're excited. They're pumped up."

The extra opportunity to play did not take the focus away from the upcoming tournament, as the Raiders hope to do well facing many ranked conference opponents.

"This team's got some goals they want to take care of and they're not going to let anything get in their way," she said.

Browning said the team's goal to do well in the tournament still is within reach.

"I think we're all pretty focused right now," she said. "I think we're feeling pretty good."

Tech enters the tournament with a 9-12 overall record and a 5-6 conference record.

All 12 teams the Raiders fell to are currently ranked, as well as three of the teams they defeated this season.

Browning said she thinks the season has gone well for the Raiders.

"So many things have happened," she said. "I think we all did a really good job. We just went out there and took care of business."

While the team may have to wait for results from the weekend before they find out who they face first in Austin, Browning said she thinks the Raiders have a decent shot at the title.

"It looks like the draw is going to be pretty good for us," she said.

By Bryan Wendell/The University Daily

In Game 3 of a weekend series, the Texas Tech baseball team was left wondering what could have been.

Could they have accomplished a series win against the last-place Kansas Jayhawks?

Would the rain have let up in time for a game if Kansas' airplane was not scheduled to leave so early in the evening?

What would a victory have meant for the Red Raiders in the Big 12 standings?

For senior shortstop Cameron Blair, the question on his mind is whether this lost game will come back to hurt his team down the road.

"I think it's a big loss, because we're playing against one of the lower teams in the Big 12 conference, and the win could've been a crucial win," he said. "It definitely could turn out to be the death of us."

Sunday's game at Dan Law Field was canceled because of rain, and a three-game series turned into a 1-1 split between the Red Raiders (25-14, 7-9 Big 12) and the Jayhawks.

The game, originally scheduled for 1 p.m., was delayed with hopes that clear skies would arrive in time to accommodate Kansas' travel schedule, but the clouds and constant rain did not subside.

The Jayhawks' (25-20, 4-10) scheduled flight back to Lawrence, Kan., was at approximately 6 p.m., according to media relations staff, and Dan Law officials determined a started game could not be finished in time.

NCAA rules mandate a game must be a full nine innings to be counted as an NCAA game, but a game can be deemed official with the Big 12 after just five innings.

The extra win for either team could have been important in the Big 12 Conference Tournament seeding when the tournament begins May 25 in Oklahoma City. Both teams settled for one win and one loss in a weekend that had little impact on either team's status in the conference.

Tech coach Larry Hays said either team could have benefited from the opportunity to play.

"It's hurting us," he said. "We're gonna have to overcome it. They wanna play as bad as we wanted to. Both of us needed the game — if we win it."

Hays said right-handed pitcher Billy Carnline, who was scheduled to start the game for Tech, probably would have had success against Kansas.

Carnline's record of 5-1 and ERA of 4.30 gave him a statistical advantage over Kansas starter Mike Zagurski who has a 4-4 record and 4.69 ERA on the season.

"I feel like Carnline's stuff is what you need against this team at this point," Hays said.

After the game had officially been canceled, Hays said he regretted not starting Carnline in Saturday's game.

"I just missed this," he said. "I never thought it would rain today."

Tech opened the series Friday evening with a 9-7 victory in which catcher Cooper Fouts, Blair and third baseman Carey Avants each recorded two RBIs.

Fouts went 3-for-4 in the contest.

Starting pitcher Brian Wyatt allowed seven runs in his five innings of work to increase his ERA to 5.33 for the season.

Left-handed pitcher Carleton Hargrove came on in the sixth inning and threw three innings of shutout relief, only allowing one hit and one walk.

Saturday afternoon's game saw another starting pitcher struggle as right-hander Adam Lawford allowed eight runs — five of them earned — and dropped his record to 2-5 on the season.

Center fielder Cody Fuller dropped a routine fly ball in the fourth inning that led to three unearned Jayhawk runs in a 13-7 Kansas win.

Kansas scored seven runs in that inning, and Jayhawk starter Tyson Corley allowed four hits in seven innings of work.

Tech next plays 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against the New Mexico Lobos at Dan Law Field. Avants said his team is disappointed about canceling a game because of rain, but the Raiders do not feel any additional anxiety to win future contests.

"Losing the game, in the end, will take away from the total amount of games we have, but it won't add pressure to any other games," he said.

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WOMEN'S GOLF—The Texas Tech women's golf team made a push to make the NCAA Women's Central Regional with its highest finish at the Big 12 Conference Championship since 2000. The Red Raiders finished sixth, where the team was ranked in the league entering the tournament.

Seniors Megan Hull and Kim Kolb continued to swing well coming off a top 10 finish in Tech's previous tournament. Hull climbed the leaderboard throughout the tournament held at Texas' home course. After the first round, she sat at 26th and was able to improve her position every day before finishing in a tie for 10th. Kolb struggled in the second round after placing herself in the top 10 after the opening round. She recovered in the final round to finish 19th.

Sisters Valerie and Hazel Tan finished 30th

and 38th respectively, and sophomore Marla Troester finished 41st. Oklahoma State's Annie Thurman-Young led the tournament wire-to-wire and claimed the individual title for a second consecutive year.

Defending champion Oklahoma State took the title again and was able to hold off No. 22 Texas by one stroke. No. 29 Baylor, No. 14 Missouri and No. 38 Texas A&M round out teams finishing ahead of No. 48 Tech.

The Raiders now wait to see if they will play in the Regional they will be hosting May 5-7 at The Rawls Course. The NCAA is expected to announce the fields for the four Regionals at 2 p.m. today. An invitation would be a second consecutive Regional appearance for the women's team.

—David Wiechmann

MEN'S TENNIS — The No. 10 Red Raider tennis team came one step closer to hosting part of the NCAA tournament as they swept No. 74 Nebraska 7-0 in Lincoln, Neb. on Saturday.

At the No. 1 position, Radek Nijaki defeated Jerry Posch 6-2, 6-3, and at No. 2 Bojan Szumanski took Adrian Sztarmay 7-6, 6-2.

After a slow start to begin the season, Jakob Paulsen has excelled of late and beat James Clow 7-6, 6-4 in the No. 3 slot.

Rounding out the Raiders sweep of singles play were Esat Tanik, Michael Innebrener and freshman Adrian Prpic who all recorded victories for Tech.

In doubles play, Tech was able to capture the elusive point that has often evaded them this season.

The duo of Nijaki and Szumanski won at No. 1 8-6, while Tanik and Prpic teamed up to win 8-3 in the No. 2 slot. Finishing off the Huskers were Innebrener and Paulsen who defeated Sztarmay and Clow at No. 3, 8-6.

The Raiders improved to 22-2 and 4-2 in Big 12 play as they prepare for the Big 12 tournament in Austin this weekend.

Tech took on the No. 61 Colorado Buffaloes on Sunday though results were not available by press time.

—Trey Shipman

SOFTBALL — On Saturday the Texas Tech softball team clashed with No. 5 Texas A&M in an attempt to halt an eight game slide. Thanks to Aggie pitcher Amanda Scarborough the team saw the losing streak extended to nine games and looked for the series split on Sunday.

In front of the third largest crowd in A&M history, Scarborough took a no hitter into the fifth inning en route to a 7-2 victory over the Raiders (22-20, 2-11 Big 12).

The Raiders two-run fifth cut the Aggie lead to one run, but A&M answered in the bottom half of the inning with four runs of their own putting the game out of reach.

Junior Erin Crawford took the loss for Tech allowing six runs on nine hits through five innings of work.

Leading the Raider offense was Kula who finished the day by going two for three with a run scored.

Scores from the series finale on Sunday were unavailable by press time.

—Trey Shipman

Three Raiders selected on second day of Draft

After two days of negotiating contracts and taking phone calls, two former Texas Tech offensive linemen and a linebacker have worked out agreements to move up to the next level — to the National Football League.

Dylan Gandy, the Red Raiders' center from Pflugerville, was selected in the fourth round by Indianapolis as the No. 129 overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

Gandy served as the anchor in the Tech passing attack, helping protect quarterback Sonny Cumbie last season and allowing the Raiders to gain its third consecutive NCAA passing record. He was named to the All-Big 12 Conference Honorable Mention list by the coaches for the 2004 season.

At the NFL Combine, Gandy ran a 5.12 40-yard dash time. During those workouts, he did not perform any lifts because of a strained right pectoral muscle.

While at Tech, Gandy was able to bench press 385 pounds, squat 550 pounds and had a 31-inch vertical jump.

Six-foot-6 offensive tackle Daniel Loper was the second Tech lineman picked up, going in the fifth round as the No. 14 pick in the round and No. 150 overall.

Loper started 44 games throughout his time as a Raider, and he was able to provide protection as well for Cumbie, who led the NCAA in passing and total offense.

During the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl on Dec. 31, Loper was assigned to Cal's All-American defensive end Ryan Riddle, and Loper was able to keep Riddle away from Cumbie during the entire game, in which Tech defeated the Golden Bears 45-31.

During the combine, Loper ran a 5.32 time in the 40-yard dash while bench pressing 225 pounds 14 consecutive times.

In high school, Houston-native Loper played tight end and punter, earning all-district honors both his sophomore and senior years. He also played basketball,

starting as center for Episcopal High School, and had a 95-mph fastball while pitching for the baseball team.

Mike Smith, the Raiders' inside linebacker, got picked up by the Baltimore Ravens, where he will join the ranks of Ray Lewis next season. Smith was drafted in the seventh round as the No. 234 selection overall.

Smith, 2004 team captain, led the defense with 83 tackles, seven and a half for loss and one sack.

During the two days of the NFL Draft, many questions were answered, particularly with the first five players selected. Utah's quarterback

Alex Smith went to San Francisco as the No. 1 overall pick. Both Auburn running backs, Ronnie Brown and Camell "Cadillac" Williams, were picked up in the first five selections, going to Miami as the No. 2 pick and Tampa Bay as No.

5, respectively. Michigan's wide receiver Braylon Edwards went to Cleveland as the No. 3 selection, and Texas running back Cedric Benson was picked No. 4 overall, going to Chicago.

Jammal Brown of Oklahoma was the No. 13 pick overall, with the offensive tackle being given to New Orleans by way of Houston. Derrick Johnson, former Texas linebacker, went in the first round as well to Kansas City.

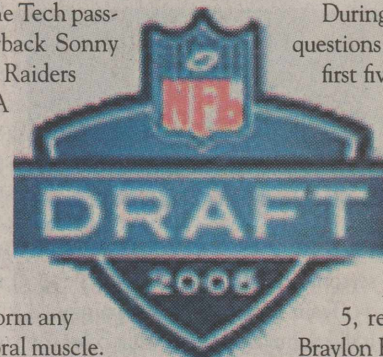
Two other Big 12 Conference players went in the first round, including Mark Clayton, Oklahoma receiver, and Fabian Washington, Nebraska cornerback.

Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who was thought to be a No. 1 overall selection prior to the draft, went as the No. 24 pick.

Former USC wide receiver Mike Williams will get his chance in the NFL this upcoming season, joining Detroit's list of receivers at the No. 10 spot.

For more information about Texas Tech players in the draft, view the results at www.texastech.com or at www.nfl.com/draft.

—Joey Kirk



THIS WEEK IN SPORTS						
Team	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Texas Tech Football		vs. New Mexico, 6:30 p.m. Dan Law Field			@ Baylor, 7 p.m. Waco	@ Baylor, 2 p.m. Waco
Texas Tech Tennis				Men & Women @ Big 12 Tourney Austin	Men & Women @ Big 12 Tourney Austin	Men & Women @ Big 12 Tourney Austin
Texas Tech Softball		@ Texas, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.				@ Kansas, 2 p.m.
Texas Tech Soccer			Penn Relays Drake Relays	Penn Relays Drake Relays	Penn Relays Drake Relays	Penn Relays Drake Relays
Texas Tech Golf					Men- Big 12 Tournament, Trinity	Men- Big 12 Tournament, Trinity
Texas Tech Basketball	Game 2 vs. Houston 8:30 p.m. TNT			Game 3 @ Houston 8:30 p.m. TNT		Game 4 @ Houston 4:30 p.m. TNT
Texas Tech Baseball		Game 2 vs. Denver 7 p.m. TNT				Game 3 @ Denver 9:30 p.m. ESPN
Texas Tech Hockey	Game 2 @ Dallas 8:30 p.m. TNT			Game 3 vs. Dallas 8:30 p.m. TNT		Game 4 vs. Dallas 4:30 p.m. TNT
Texas Tech Football		vs. Seattle 7:05 p.m. FSN	vs. Seattle 7:05 p.m. FSN	vs. Seattle 7:05 p.m. FSN	vs. Boston 7:05 p.m.	vs. Boston 7:05 p.m.
Texas Tech Football					vs. Chi. Cubs 7:05 p.m. FSW	vs. Chi. Cubs 6:05 p.m. FSW
Texas Tech Football						vs. Chi. Cubs 1:05 p.m. FSN
Texas Tech Football	@ Pittsburgh 6:05 p.m. FSW	@ Pittsburgh 6:05 p.m. FSW	@ Pittsburgh 11:35 a.m. FSW			

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