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### WEATHER FORECAST

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Onions don't make this Tech faculty member cry.

### QUOTABLES

"I'd forget everything we accomplished in the regular season and trade it for winning in the playoffs. People remember how you finished."

Dallas Stars captain Mike Modano, whose team won 53 games this season before losing in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs to the seventh-seeded Colorado Avalanche. (AP)

"You know, the irony is perfect. The world works in an interesting way, but we (were) both pretty busy that day."

Broke Shields, speaking about the fact that her daughter, Grier, and Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' daughter Suri were born on the same day. (AP)

"I find as a woman, maybe I can encourage other women to go into this field."

Astronaut Eileen Collins, who ended her career at NASA Monday. She was on the first flight in space since the Columbia disaster in 2003. (AP)

### STATE

#### Beaten teen also was burned by cigarettes

HOUSTON (AP) — A Hispanic boy viciously attacked and sodomized by two white teens shouting ethnic slurs had cigarette burns on his back as well as numerous other injuries, a prosecutor said Monday.

Prosecutor Mike Trent revealed new details about the attack during an initial court appearance for Keith Robert Turner, 17. Also charged with aggravated sexual assault was David Henry Tuck, 18.

The victim, 17, was dragged from a get-together at the home of a 12-year-old girl, apparently because the two suspects were offended that he tried to kiss her. They stomped his head with steel-toed boots, poured bleach into a patio-umbrella pole and sodomized him with it and tried to carve something in his chest.

### NATION

#### Milwaukee students reject name change

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The votes are in: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students want to keep their beloved hyphen.

A new coalition wanted to dump the hyphenated name, saying it makes the school seem second to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which is often referred to as the University of Wisconsin by national sports media.

But 1,286 students who voted in last week's referendum said they want to keep the name as University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, according to results released Sunday night.

Wisconsin State University came in second with 804 votes, and Milwaukee State University trailed with 82 votes.

### WORLD

#### Bolivia military told to occupy gas fields

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — President Evo Morales ordered soldiers to occupy Bolivia's natural gas fields Monday and threatened to evict foreign companies unless they give Bolivia control over the entire chain of production.

Morales said soldiers and engineers with Bolivia's state-owned oil company would be sent "immediately" to installations and gas fields tapped by foreign petroleum companies.

Morales, a leftist allied with Cuba's Fidel Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in seeking to blunt U.S. and outside influence in the region, had pledged to exert greater state control over the industry since he won the presidency in December, becoming Bolivia's first Indian president.

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## Immigration protests hit home

### In Lubbock, marchers fill streets with vigor

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

Monday may have been Labor Day for the rest of the world, but one Lubbock organization seized the day and held a rally to protest the hotly contested immigration legislation.

American flags, protest banners and chants of "Si se puede," a Spanish phrase meaning "Yes it can be done," filled the air around the Lubbock County Courthouse during the rally hosted by the West Texas Organizing

Strategy.

"I think it's a unified effort to show we want peace and justice for all humans," said Lubbock City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon. "In America we have immigrants from all over, and it seems like they are only targeting Mexicans."

In attendance at the rally were about 500 participants. They met at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and marched to the courthouse.

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### 1 million immigrants walk off jobs nationwide

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 1 million mostly Hispanic immigrants and their supporters skipped work and took to the streets Monday, flexing their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott that succeeded in slowing or shutting many farms, factories, markets and restaurants.

From Los Angeles to Chicago, Houston to New Orleans, the "Day Without Immigrants"

attracted widespread participation despite divisions among activists over whether a boycott would send the right message to Washington lawmakers considering sweeping immigration reform.

"We are the backbone of what America is, legal or illegal, it doesn't matter," said Melanie Lugo, who with her husband and their third-grade daughter joined a rally of some 75,000 in Denver. "We butter each other's bread. They

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JANET CERVANTEZ, LEFT, and Domingo Cervantez, right, wave American flags during Monday's immigration march to the Lubbock County Courthouse just after noon Monday.

## Police arrest man accused of stabbing mother

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock police arrested a Lubbock man Sunday night who police believe to be connected to the murder of his mother in her east Lubbock home, Lubbock Police Lt. Roy Bassett said. Police found Glenda Williams Thornton, 57, on her bedroom floor with numerous stab wounds.

Emergency medical personnel rushed her to the University Medical Center where she was pronounced dead late Sunday night.

Police initially responded to a call from Glenda Thornton's son John Otis Thornton. He said two men had broken into his home at 3707 East Fourth St. and murdered his mother during a burglary attempt.

"He told the dispatchers he was asleep in his bedroom when he was awakened by intruders," Bassett said. "He said he chased two guys out of the house and suffered minor injuries while doing so."

It was then, he said he discovered his mother's body in her bedroom floor with multiple stab wounds, Bassett said.

Throughout the course of questioning John Thornton, police

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## Secrets and Lives

### Author lets postcard writers become anonymous artists

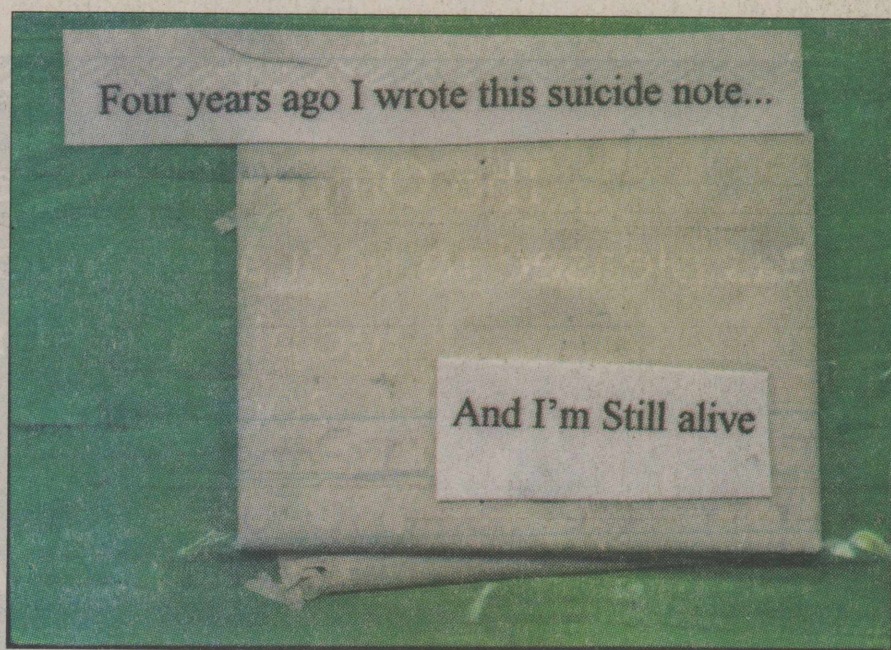
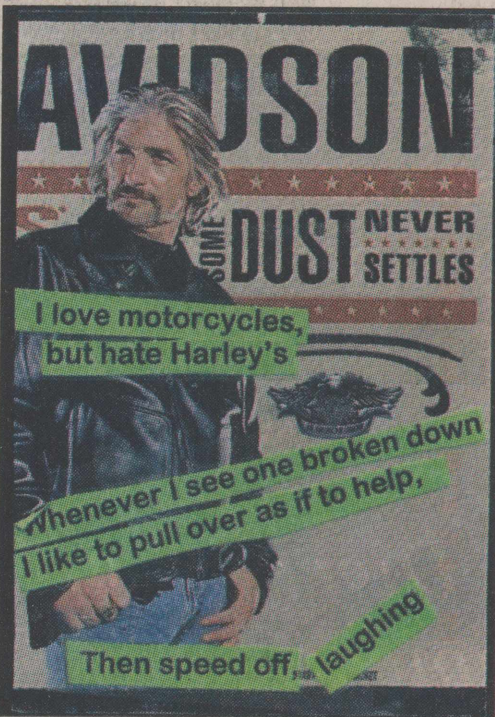
By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
FEATURES WRITER

Frank Warren knows a secret or two about the subconscious of Americans. Ever wanted to rob a bank? Are you happy someone else committed suicide because it now makes you value your life? Warren knows a few people like that.

It started almost as a hobby or study. Warren printed and mailed 3,000 self-addressed postcards to strangers across the nation. The goal was for these strangers to admit a true, intimate secret about themselves they have never told anyone else, and then anonymously mail the postcard back. He now receives more than 150 postcards a day.

"I don't know why it's taken off as it has," Warren said. "I think there's a lot about this project that I don't understand. It shows that so many of us have rich internal lives that we're not comfortable sharing with family members."

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TWO POSTCARDS FROM the book "PostSecret" in which writers send in their secrets anonymously.



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE CAROLE Keeton Strayhorn talks to Texas Tech students Andrew Cruz, a junior electrical engineering major from San Antonio, and David Miracle, a junior finance and economics dual major from Wills Point, between the Library and the Student Union Building Monday afternoon.

## A visit from Grandma: Strayhorn visits Lubbock, discusses education, politics

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

Between petition drives and managing the public finances of Texas, gubernatorial candidate Carole Keeton Strayhorn found the time to visit Lubbock on Monday.

"I'm looking straight into the face of the future," she said addressing a small crowd at Reese Technology Center, home of South Plains Community College. "And it's a bright future indeed."

During the news conference, Strayhorn tackled the subjects of education, education funding and

education reform.

"I'm a believer in community colleges," Strayhorn said. "Community colleges represent the largest percentage of higher education in Texas."

Strayhorn highlighted her support of community colleges by discussing how she started petitions in 1972, and was an active member in the successful attainment of funding for Austin Community College.

Despite Lubbock's reputation for being a predominately politically Conservative town, many are optimistic about Strayhorn's ability to nab the votes of the citizens.

Former editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Randy Sanders is part of Strayhorn's army of optimists.

"She's a uniter, not a divider," he said. "Coming to West Texas shows she cares about uniting the whole state, not just I-35."

Sanders went so far as to make predictions about the outcome of the November elections.

"I think you will find that she will have more votes — percentage wise — in Lubbock than she will in the rest of the state," he said. "She

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# Shon-rock-n' Student Affairs vice president takes job responsibilities in stride, realizes implications of his work with students

By **ANDREW WOOD**  
STAFF WRITER

Achiever, arranger, responsibility, significance and strategic; what do these words have in common? They all describe one person. When Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, took the StrengthsQuest test, those were the five words used to describe him.

Although planning for the future is a great part of his job, the administrator also mentioned his great interest in history, and said history shows people they cannot change what is in the past, but can set the course for what can be changed.

However, this does not come without difficulties.

For Shonrock, his job is driven by his strategic mindset and his passion to serve students.

"When you're working with students, it's not a regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," he said. "It's usually 5 a.m. to 8 p.m."

As vice president for Student Affairs, Shonrock oversees 20 departments on campus, including the Center for Campus Life, Student Media and the Student Union Building.

While he incorporates his strategies into his work, Shonrock said he strives to look ahead, focus on his vision and never stops

until he gets there.

"I think anyone who is looking at the future should look ahead, not at the crystal ball, but at what they want to do," he said.

Some of Shonrock's challenges are conveying ideas to others and dealing with finances. He compared his dilemmas to running across an obstacle course.

"(Look at an) obstacle course. What's it really doing? It's just challenging you," he said. "For me, it's great."

Although he faces challenges much like anyone else in his position, Shonrock said he tries to persist by having an optimistic approach.

"I'm about as optimistic as one can get," he said. "I try to look at the positives and not the negatives," he said.

Shonrock's interaction with students includes work with various student organizations, including the Student Government Association.

To Matt Fowler, SGA internal vice president, Shonrock is a great example on how to incorporate his vision.

"Dr. Shonrock is a man who has a great vision for Texas Tech and the students. He works relentlessly to make sure the students have a great voice on campus. He's a great person to work with. He's always feeding us ideas," he said. "Dr. Shonrock is kind of a nurturing leader. He gives us what we need to

do to be successful, and lets us take that."

To the employees, Shonrock has high expectations, but does not want his protégés to feel pressured.

"To me, it's been the most awesome experience of my life, compared to working for other bosses," said Debbie Torrez, Shonrock's senior administrative assistant. "It's easy to get things done without the stress of someone looking over your shoulder. He knows it's going to get done."

Shonrock said he demonstrates leadership by creating a positive atmosphere for those around him.

"By treating people nicely, people are willing to treat you nicely," Shonrock said.

Although Shonrock received his latest degree in 1991, he said school never ends for him.

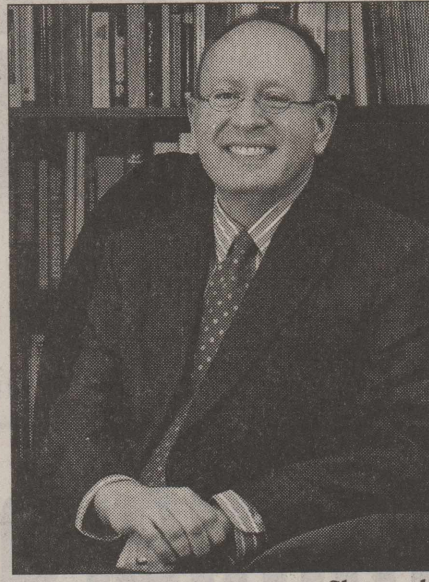
Shonrock first received a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1979, where he originally intended to teach chemistry and geology at the high school level.

"Just like (students), I majored in student activities and minored in school," Shonrock said.

He then went to Western Illinois to pursue a master's degree in higher education before he went to Central Missouri State and worked in Greek life and housing. Shonrock soon traveled to Pittsburgh State University in Kansas, where he had various roles in student life at a smaller university.

"It was kind of a jack-of-all-trades," he said. "I like engaging with students. When you're at a small school, you can do that."

After receiving his educational specialist certification from Pittsburgh State in 1987, Shonrock finished the course and received



Shonrock

a doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1991.

"I was pushing the envelope to get after it," he said.

While he was wrapping up his doctoral studies, Shonrock started looking at various universities and in 1990, he found Tech in the process. There, he became associate dean of students.

"I just really enjoy the people. All other schools offered more money, but I decided this was the place to be," he said.

In 2000, Shonrock became interim vice president of student affairs after his predecessor Robert Ewalt retired. His title of vice president became official Feb. 1, 2001.

"I worked for Bob for a number of years. If you met Bob, he's very tall. Someone said it

would be tough to fill his shoes," the administrator said. "I'm not trying to fulfill his shoes. I just want to carry his passion."

Ewalt was one of Shonrock's many influences in his career.

"I've been blessed to have folks I have worked with," he said. "I guess if there's one thing I gained with interaction from those folks is to follow your passion. For me, it's a continued journey."

When he's not in his office or in meetings, Shonrock can be seen in a classroom, where he teaches a graduate-level class in higher education.

Outside of his on-campus duties, Shonrock works with the United Way and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. At the Chamber of Commerce, he worked with the Giant Side of Texas tourism campaign, and Leadership Lubbock, a way for people to discover what Lubbock has to offer.

Shonrock said he and Eddie McBride, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce president, came up with Leadership Lubbock while having a cup of coffee one day.

In his spare time, Shonrock likes to travel with his wife, Karen, and spend time with his black pug, Annie. He also attends Lakeridge United Methodist Church, and he enjoys the company of his nephews and nieces.

For the administrator, who said he may even pursue a job as university president in the future, the world is his classroom and school never is out of session.

"I may be a teacher and administrator, but I've never given up on being a student," he said.

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— **MICHAEL SHONROCK**  
Vice President  
Student Affairs

## Astronaut Eileen Collins leaves NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Eileen Collins, the first woman ever to pilot and command a space shuttle, said Monday she will leave the U.S. space agency.

Collins, 49, said she wants to spend more time with her family and pursue other interests. Last July she added to her string of firsts by fearlessly leading NASA's harrowing first flight in space after the Columbia disaster in 2003.

In a statement, Collins said she hoped to continue working in the aerospace industry but didn't offer details.

"I leave the astronaut job with great memories but also great expectations for our country's future in space," Collins said.

Last July's mission required Collins to perform a series of unprecedented twist-and-flip maneuvers so the shuttle's belly could be photographed for damage.

"Eileen is a living, breathing example of the best our nation has to offer," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said in a statement. "She is, of course, a brave superb pilot and a magnificent crew commander."

Named an astronaut by NASA in 1990, she became the first female pilot on a space shuttle with the flight of Discovery in 1995, the first mission to rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir.

She also flew on Atlantis in 1997 and became first female commander on the 1999 Columbia flight. That mission sparked keen interest among girls and women

and landed Collins in the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

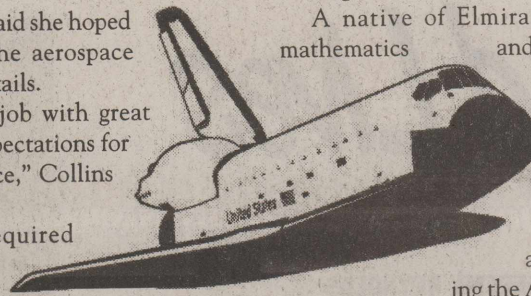
"I can honestly say that in my job day to day, I'm not really aware that there's any difference between male and female crew members," Collins said in an interview with *The Associated Press* last year. "It may be cool to the rest of the world that a woman is the commander of this flight. I think that's great."

A native of Elmira, N.Y., Collins studied mathematics and economics and Syracuse University and received masters degrees from Stanford University and Webster University.

Collins was selected as an astronaut while attending the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in California. She had been a mathematics professor and pilot instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy and an Air Force pilot instructor at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. She retired from the Air Force in 2005.

She began her NASA career working in engineering support for the space shuttle orbiters and then joined the astronaut team that inspects the orbiters before launches. She also worked in mission control as a communicator with in-flight shuttle crews.

During her NASA career, she logged more than 872 hours in space.



## Nationwide

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bread. They need us as much as we need them."

Police estimated 400,000 people marched through Chicago's business district. In Los Angeles, there was no announced count, but one law enforcement official put it at about 300,000. Tens of thousands more marched in New York, along with about 15,000 in Houston and 30,000 more across Florida. Smaller rallies in cities from Pennsylvania and Connecticut to Arizona and South Dakota attracted hundreds not thousands.

In Los Angeles, protesters wearing white and waving U.S. flags sang the national anthem in English as traditional Mexican dancers wove through the crowd. In Chicago, illegal immigrants from Ireland and Poland marched alongside Hispanics as office workers on lunch breaks clapped. In Phoenix, protesters formed a human chain in front of Wal-Mart and Home Depot stores. A protest in Tijuana, Mexico, blocked vehicle traffic heading to San Diego at the world's busiest border crossing.

Many carried signs in Spanish that translated to "We are America" and "Today we march, tomorrow we vote." Others waved Mexican flags or

wore hats and scarves from their native countries. Some chanted "USA" while others shouted slogans, such as "Si se puede!" Spanish for "Yes, it can be done!" Others were more irreverent, wearing T-shirts that read "I'm illegal. So what?"

The White House reacted coolly.

"The president is not a fan of boycotts," said press secretary Scott McClellan. "People have the right to peacefully express their views, but the president wants to see comprehensive reform pass the Congress so that he can sign it into law."

The boycott was organized by immigrant activists angered by federal legislation that would criminalize illegal immigrants and fortify the U.S.-Mexico border. Its goal was to raise awareness about immigrants' economic power.

Industries that rely on immigrant workers were clearly affected, though the impact was not uniform.

Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat producer, shuttered about a dozen of its more than 100 plants and saw "higher-than-usual absenteeism" at others. Most of the closures were in states such as Iowa and Nebraska. Eight of 14 Perdue Farms chicken plants also closed for the day.

Goya Foods, which bills itself as the nation's largest Hispanic-owned food chain, suspended delivery every-

where except Florida, saying it wanted to express solidarity with immigrants who are its primary customers.

None of the 175 seasonal laborers who normally work Mike Collins' 500 acres of Vidalia onion fields in southeastern Georgia showed up.

"We need to be going wide open this time of year to get these onions out of the field," he said. "We've got orders to fill. Losing a day in this part of the season causes a tremendous amount of problems."

It was the same story in Indiana, where the owner of a landscaping business said he was at a loss. About

25 Hispanic workers — 90 percent of the field work force — never reported Monday to Salsbery Brothers Landscaping.

"We're basically shut down in our busiest month of the year," said owner Jeff Salsbery. "It's going to cost me thousands of dollars."

In the Los Angeles area, restaurants and markets were dark and truckers avoided the nation's largest shipping port. About one in three small businesses was closed downtown, including the cluttered produce market and fashion district.

The construction and nursery industries were among the hardest hit by the work stoppage in Florida.

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Q: How can you tell if two adults eating in a restaurant are in love?

"Just see if the man picks up the check. That's how you can tell if he's in love."  
— Bobby, Age 9

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— Christine, Age 9

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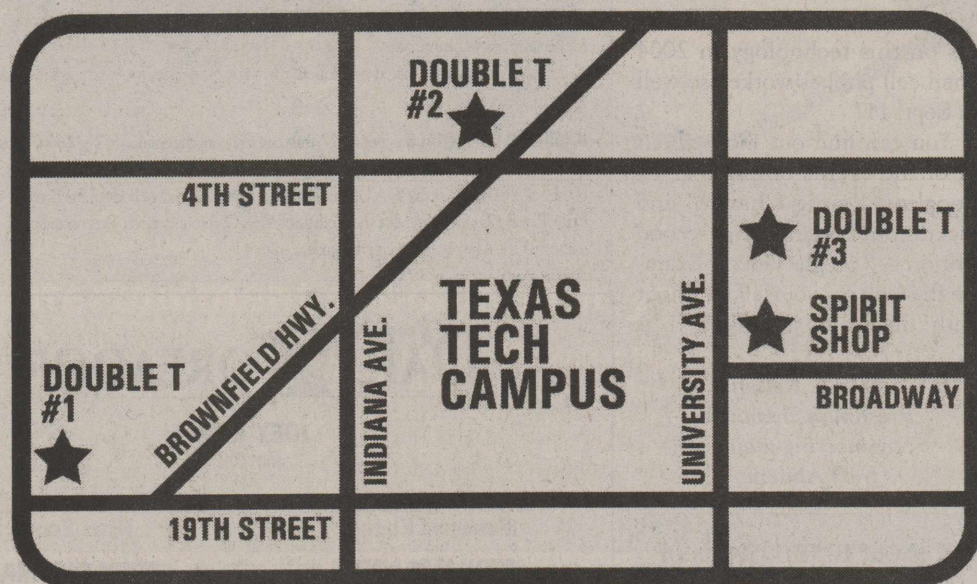
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# Bush's tyrannical tactics slowly killing democracy

Seven-hundred fifty. That's the estimated number of laws Bush has claimed the authority to disobey, according to the *Boston Globe*.

Disobey? How?

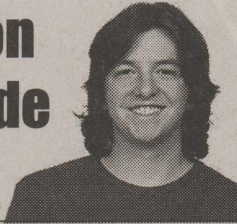
Simplicity itself: When the chief executive of the U.S. signs a bill into law, he may attach to it something called a "signing statement." In the past, these additions generally were harmless, amounting to little more than the president signing Congress' yearbook with an aside: "Thanks for the help on HR 5049." "Stay cool over the summer." "I hate you."

Every once in a while, presidents have used signing statements to describe their interpretation of a law and any reservations regarding it. This was more or less rare until an attorney in the Reagan administration — Sam Alito was his name — wrote a memo in 1986 explaining how signing statements could be used to garner power for the executive. Reagan used them, and so did Bush I (232 laws challenged) and Clinton (140). Not good. But most of these were over minor quibbles spread out through a dozen years. The president, after all, has a way of raising objection to a law: the veto. When Reagan, Bush I and Clinton didn't like a bill, they sent it back.

But Bush has never used a veto. He has his own way. This is it.

They're more than "statements," really: they're, in effect, Bush ruling on questions of legal validity. Example: the McCain torture bill.

**Jason Rhode**



*Unbound. Unchecked. Unlimited. All-powerful. As a snake sloughs off its skin, so we'll make do without portions vestigial to the omnipotent executive. What is paramount here is to kill the victim slowly. Death by a thousand papercuts. Coup d'etat via memo.*

Passed by the House (308122) and the Senate (909). Extensive negotiations. McCain and Bush shook on it. Then on Dec. 30 at 8 p.m., Bush shanked McCain in the back — not with a knife, but a pen.

I quote from the "President's Statement on Signing of H.R. 2863": "The executive branch shall construe Title X in Division A of the Act, relating to detainees, in a manner consistent with the constitutional authority of the president to supervise the unitary executive branch ... and consistent with the constitutional limitations on the judicial power."

This is one of many "interpretations" within this signing statement alone, and Bush has done this hundreds of times, concerning 750 statutes. When you get right down to it, Bush is cherry-picking again; only instead of intelligence, he's doing it with laws. More than 10 percent of the bills he's been sent, actually.

Congress passes the laws. Bush negates what he doesn't like. The presidential statements are duly entered into the federal register. The bureaucrats who actually run the governmental machinery are obligated to take these opinions as their guiding star. And thus is the will of the White

House accomplished.

Confused, I turned to the Constitution, an arcane and little-remembered document of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, which seems to contain pucky allusions to our modern institutions in the District of Columbia. "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States" rants one section.

"He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient ... he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed" fussily claims another.

Modern legal scholarship by the learned gents at the Department of Justice long ago established that this document was meant as a satire. Who but humorists and madmen would claim only Congress may make federal law? That'd be like separating the powers of government among its branches and trying to effect some kind of crazy check-and-balance scheme.

Executive ought to be legislator — as night is day, black is white, right is wrong, and up is down.

Equally hilarious is the idea of "judicial review." As my readers are

no doubt aware, the notion of ruling on the constitutionality of laws is no province of the Supreme Court, but of the White House. As that droll doyenne of jurisprudential wit James Madison once quipped: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny." Snap!

If you watched his Comedy Central special, you'll probably also recognize these zingers: "I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations" and "If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy." Madison, you rake! Watch out, Oscar Wilde!

They say the age of prophets is past. But let me try my hand. America's flirtation with representative democracy? Like a hothouse flower which blooms into gorgeoussness for a short while only to return to its original state of mulch. We may yet prove that the ancients were correct about the cyclical theory of history — we began in this country with kings, and to kings we shall return. George III to George II. Full circle.

Soon we will have shirked away the encumbrances of the other two branches, leaving only a single,

mighty throne. Unbound. Unchecked. Unlimited. All-powerful. As a snake sloughs off its skin, so we'll make do without portions vestigial to the omnipotent executive.

What is paramount here is to kill the victim slowly. Death by a thousand papercuts. Coup d'etat via memo. Fritter, fritter, fritter. The Roman emperor Constantine had it right: "In this sign you shall conquer."

But I confess, the president has inspired me. Let me break the fourth wall and attach my own postscript. Assuming I don't attend grad school here, this may be my last column for *The Daily Toreador*. If so, two comments. First, some thanks. To my friends and family, who read and supported me, even when they didn't agree with me. To the staff of *The DT*, for the soapbox. To my readers, for recently voting me their favorite. To the president, my collaborator in this endeavor. Special debts of gratitude are owed: to my first and lifelong editor; to Duff and Mencken, who showed me how to write columns; and to the man I eat lunch with every Sunday. Second, everything I've written is based on two simple precepts which I consider immutable and eternal. Think for yourself, and question authority. That's the message. That's all you need to know. Good night, and good luck.

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## VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

### The importance of doing nothing: keeping stress low

By **ANDREW HEATON**  
OKLAHOMA DAILY  
(UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Our culture places a heavy emphasis on constantly doing something.

College and the world beyond have any number of rewarding vocations and activities that give life meaning while rapidly ending it. Constant motion, left to its own, will inevitably kill you.

To illustrate my point, a recent discussion with a pipe expert included a statistical anomaly: on average, pipe smokers live three years longer than non-smokers.

That's queer, isn't it? That means people smoking a particular kind of tobacco on the whole live longer than people who don't.

Were I able to actually confirm this statistic (it's probably from the 1940s), it would stand in the face of everything I have been taught about tobacco, namely that it is a type of poison ivy which turns brown because its roots are warmed by the blazing fires of hell.

What would cause this strange occurrence? Naturally, I assumed that "pipes are magical," and started wearing them like talismans to ward off prostate cancer.

When I think of a pipe smoker, I imagine someone sitting down in an overstuffed chair, leisurely reading a book. Stress is not going to kill this person. He is going to shove off when he damned well feels like it, probably when he runs out of good scotch.

Which leads me to this conclusion: We should give stress a lot more credit for killing Americans.

Tobacco once a month will kill you slower than adrenaline every day.

The point of this article, however, is not to encourage tobacco use. It's still probably poison.

Rather, I am asserting the overlooked psychological and physical health benefits of pure, unadulterated inactivity.

Keep this in mind as you trudge through dead and finals week. Doing nothing might save your life.

I call this "constructive inactivity," and it has saved whatever equivalent of sanity I operate with.

I've done plenty of stupid things over the last three years, but enrolling in 18 hours is at least as moronic as the dimwitted things I've done and cannot remember, but apparently have a police record for.

The stress of this workload has chipped away at my soul for months, a soul already "petit" at best, considering I'm a Republican.

An interesting thing resulted: Stress became its own time-sucking, unproductive activity.

I could not focus on the tests, projects and surgeries I was needed for because of the nervous tension expanding between them.

Just as I was about to toss in the towel and hide in a spork-dug spider hole at an undisclosed location on the North Oval, I walked into a courtyard, sat down and proceeded to do nothing.

This is my advice to you for finals: Take 10 minutes a day to sit somewhere and do absolutely nothing.

Indulge yourself in 600 seconds of no worries, plans or thoughts. Exist, breathe and avoid anything else.

It did the trick for me. When I stood up the world around me had rearranged itself into a more peaceful, orderly place.

I realized that life is good, we won't run out of oil and be drafted into World War III for at least another month, and I am capable of both surviving and managing 18 hours of college.

Were I not able to enter this state of clarity, I could not have dealt with the daunting tasks at hand.

Fortunately, that small break provided enough lucidity as to come up with a brilliant solution to my workload: Report a false medical condition to my professors to gain sympathy and subsequent extensions.

Thus, instead of turning in an outline to my professor the following day, I gave him a handwritten note which read, "I'm pregnant."

I've since repeated this brilliant maneuver in all my classes, and the amount of leeway my professors give me is beyond belief.

Not only can I turn work in several days late, they talk to me slower and avoid sudden movement.

To avoid undue scrutiny, I draw ultrasounds in my other classes and then pass them out during hers. Usually I start to practice lamaze about halfway through lectures when my attention dwains.

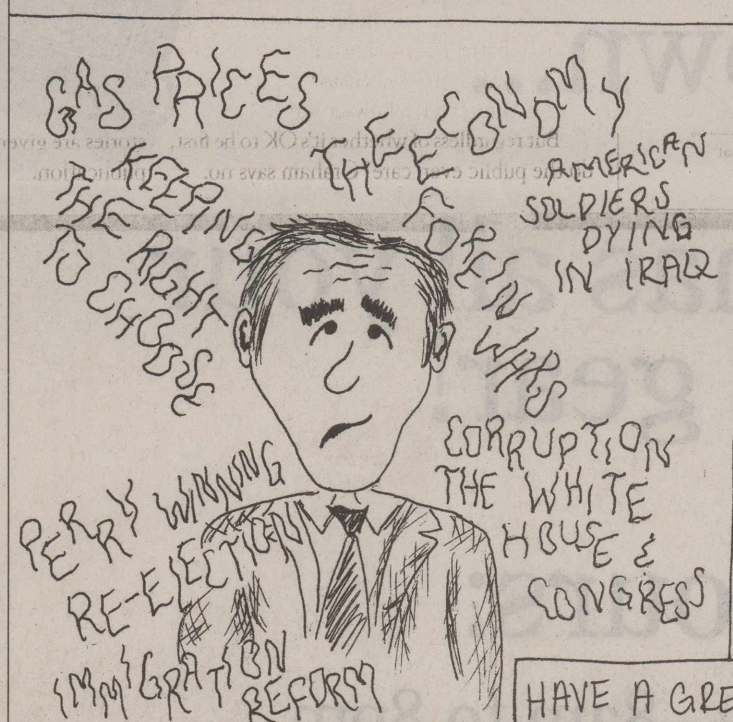
Last week she wanted to know why I hadn't bothered helping with my group project, so I spilled something, screamed "My water broke!" and ran straight out of the classroom and then to a bar.

I'm going to repeat this whenever she bugs me about turning in term papers or giving her purse back.

Incidentally, it's not terribly difficult to balance a Guinness on a watermelon duct-taped to your midriff.

Don't let this fortnight break your spirits. Try the 10 minutes of constructive inactivity. It worked for me.

## WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT



## WHAT TECH STUDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Caliva column, 'United 93' don't tell full Sept. 11 story

In response to Trey Caliva's article from Monday "United 93 resurrects emotions from Sept. 11," I would like to dissent from the official story. I understand I will be ridiculed for this heresy, but I'm OK with that. I take joy in being in the same boat as Jesus Christ, Martin Luther, Francis Parker Yockey, Copernicus, Galileo and Charles Darwin.

Besides the utter lack of evidence of a Boeing 757 ever hitting the Pentagon and three federally confiscated surveillance tapes that captured the event in Washington (and have yet to be released to the public), perhaps the next story that has raised many questions is that of United Flight 93. Quite obviously, such a claim requires much examination and demands volumes, but a pertinent example will do for now.

The cell phone calls from Flight 93 could not possibly have taken place. A.K. Dewdney of www.physics911.net, in an experiment called Project

Achilles, flew up to 32,000 feet. (cruising altitude for a commercial airliner) to determine the success rate of cell phones at higher altitudes. His results: at 4,000 ft. he calculated a cell phone success rate of 0.400, and as he climbed in altitude the success rate dropped to an astonishing 0.006 at 32,000 feet. On July 15, 2004, passengers aboard an American Airlines flight were able to send and receive calls from their cell phones because of a cell station that was installed on the plane. Why would American Airlines spend thousands of dollars on this technology in 2004 when cell phones worked so well on Sept. 11?

You can find out more about all of the events of Sept. 11 by Googling "Loose Change" and clicking on "Loose Change second Edition — Google Video." Examine the facts for yourself. Without truth, there is no justice.

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# Analyzing Accuracy: Accurate journalism: Who is best at it, how does it work? Media watchdogs, a TV news director weigh in

By **BRYAN WENDELL**  
MANAGING EDITOR

The pain of Sept. 11, 2001, which still has not fully healed for millions of Americans, was renewed with the recent release of the film "United 93."

The film recreates the confusion surrounding the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, a chaos that was also felt in every news media outlet in the world.

"It was very interesting to watch every channel on Sept. 11, 2001," said Steve Rendall, senior analyst at Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting, a national media watchdog group based in New York. "It was interesting to see all of the disinformation — all of the absolute errors."

Rendall said Sept. 11 was a perfect example of the current state of inaccuracy in the media today. He and other news media experts say it is OK for media outlets occasionally to report wrong information as long as they are transparent in admitting to their mistakes.

On Sept. 11, Fox News reported the State Department had been firebombed, Rendall said, and Dan Rather on CBS incorrectly informed viewers that a truck with explosives was stopped on the George Washington Bridge.

"The pandemonium here would be a very hard place to practice accurate journalism," Rendall said. "We were willing to cut fairly wide to give journalists a fairly wide berth on that day. We did ask that if you filed a story that wasn't right, you've gotta do corrections."

But most news agencies didn't come back and expressly admit their errors, he said. Instead, these journalistic mistakes from almost

five years ago still happen today.

## My bad

Cliff Kincaid, editor at Accuracy in Media, a non-profit media watchdog group based in Washington, D.C., said printing or saying something on TV that is inaccurate is not a death sentence.

"If you make a mistake — and everybody does it — be willing to correct it," he said.

Newspapers and local TV stations differ in the ways in which they highlight their faults, Kincaid said. Newspapers often have a special area on a designated page each day for corrections. Their policy for accepting information for corrections also is clearly stated in that area.

Corrections on the broadcast level, however, are done a little differently with limited time during a 22-minute broadcast, Kincaid said, in which stations complain they don't have enough time to run a correction.

But Benji Snead, news director at Lubbock's KCBD-TV, said his station rarely is pointed at by viewers as inaccurate.

"Locally we do a pretty good job," he said. "I don't hear a lot of complaints in terms of something we do being inaccurate."

Some experts say it's hard for people to admit they are wrong, saying it is human nature for people to not want to highlight their own mistakes.

But Rendall said the opposite effect actually happens when a media outlet prints or broadcasts a correction. He said when a journalist says something that is untrue in a news story and the public knows it, the media's credibility will be judged on their desire to admit fault.

"I really can tell you that when I see some-

body do a good-faith correction, I have more faith in that person," he said.

## He said, she said

Good journalism relies on attribution, which is why David Yarnold, executive editor of the *San Jose Mercury News*, published an accuracy checklist, accessible for anyone via [www.journalism.org/resources](http://www.journalism.org/resources).

The seventh and final step on checking accuracy in that list is: "Are all the quotes accurate and properly attributed, and do they capture what the person really meant?"

If a reporter can answer yes to this question, he or she has a story that instantly is 20 percent more accurate, according to the site.

Kincaid summarizes this idea very simply. "If you're going to state something, give a source," he said.

But Snead, whose station consistently ranks highest among news agencies in Lubbock Nielsen ratings, said attribution is only the first step in good journalism.

"It goes beyond attribution," he said. "We're now more than ever held responsible for what we let people say. Attribution was a way that the media could get away with anything they wanted as long as they let it come out of somebody else's mouth."

Instead, Snead said, his reporters must verify the information instead of just using attribution as a shortcut to accurate reporting.

Rendall, who is co-host of FAIR's national weekly radio show "CounterSpin," said verifying the accuracy of a source's statements is a necessity in good reporting.

"If somebody says something that's wrong in your story ... it's your responsibility to say that the speaker's comments are at odds with reality and to explain that in some detail," he said.

## First thing's first

Though CNN, MSNBC and Fox News allow everyone from insomniacs to early birds the opportunity to watch news on their schedule, these 24-hour news agencies often do so at the expense of accuracy, Kincaid said.

He said the creation of these networks has created an "intense competition" to be first.

Tim Graham is director of media analysis at the Media Research Center, a non-profit conservative media watchdog group based in Alexandria, Va.

Graham said there is a temptation to be the first to report a story — even if some information is inaccurate — because media can be more accurate in a follow-up story.

But regardless of whether it's OK to be first, do the public even care? Graham says no.

"In most stories, the public doesn't necessarily benefit from someone having it an hour before the other guy," he said. "Who was the first to report that Reagan died? Does anybody care? Not really. You don't run commercials on that."

But Snead said he has seen stations in the past that produce advertisements claiming to be the "Breaking News Station."

KCBD-TV, Snead said, is content with being the first station to get the story right even if it's not the first to break the story.

"When you're struggling to be first and the priority is not on being accurate, you tend to get sloppy," he said.

However, Rendall cautions reporters not to get too lazy in getting the story to the public in a reasonable amount of time.

"It is good to get news in a timely fashion; that's why we call it news, because it is new," he said. "I just don't see it as an over-arching value of journalism to get a story out with blinding speed."

## Squaring Off

Journalism experts and watchdogs agree that when comparing the accuracy of print media and broadcast media, the print side typically is much more accurate.

Rendall said broadcast is at fault because it is rushed and often must get a story to viewers with little time to digest the news.

"It goes through less hands; fewer people are checking out the copy," he said. "An anchor will receive a report from a correspondent and go straight on the air."

This is in direct contrast to print, Rendall said, because print is more deliberative and goes through several editors before it ever reaches newsstands.

Kincaid agrees, saying print media generally have more space and therefore can show more depth to a story without simplifying details.

Graham, who said he has been inaccurately quoted in *The Washington Post*, said a newspaper is more accurate because stories are given more time to develop before publication.

"A newspaper has, in a lot of cases, at least a couple of hours to clean something up," he said.

But Snead disagrees, saying it's an unfair generalization to assume print media always are more accurate. He said quoting a source in print is much less reliable, because vocal tones and inflections often are not conveyed.

Also, he said, broadcast news can rewind and rewatch the speakers' statements.

"I would imagine that quoting someone in print would be a little tougher because you don't have a tape to lean back on," Snead said.

## Learning from the start

Kincaid, a graduate of the University of Toledo, said journalists shouldn't wait until they are in a career to start being accurate.

"It should start in high school," he said. "Most high schools offer some kind of journalism or writing courses."

However, Snead said it's hard for students to understand the consequences of inaccuracies at the high-school level.

"The consequences are much greater when you're doing it for a living than when you're doing it as a student," he said. "The teacher can give you a bad grade, but if you do it on a national level there are far greater consequences."

Those consequences, Rendall said, are known as the "death penalty" in journalism.

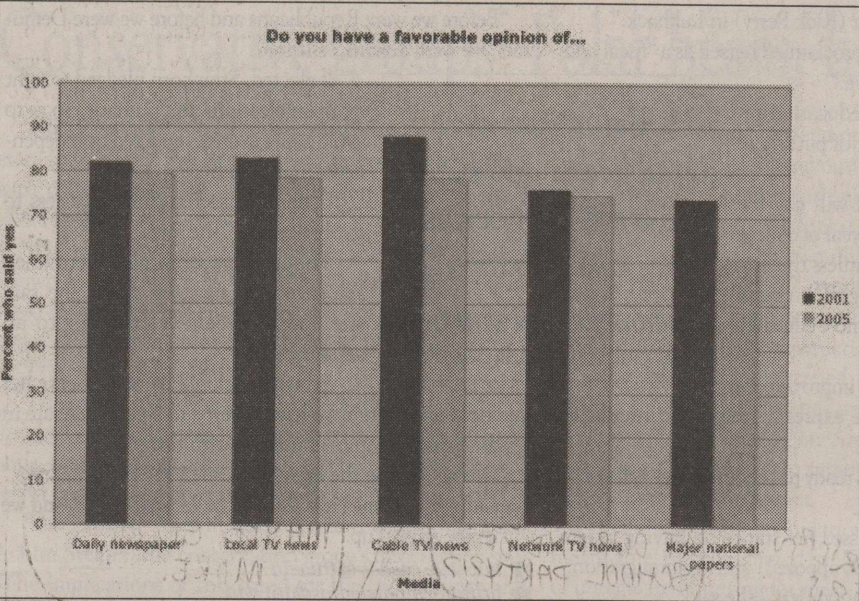
"If it's supposed to be journalism, it better be accurate," he said. "If it's inaccurate by some willful action, that's a firing offense. If it's a mistake, which we all make, it needs to be corrected as quickly as possible."

Rendall, who wrote a book called "The Way Things Aren't: Rush Limbaugh's Reign of Error," highlighting inaccurate statements in Limbaugh's radio show, said accuracy is essential in high school, college and beyond.

"It's all-important at an level," Rendall said. "Accuracy is the backbone of journalism. It's why it's FAIR's middle name."

*"In most stories, the public doesn't necessarily benefit from someone having it an hour before the other guy. Who was the first to report that Reagan died? Does anybody care? Not really. You don't run commercials on that."*

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# Texas Tech Fulbright Scholars traveling across globe for research opportunities

By CARLOS BERGFELD  
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With the help of the Fulbright Scholars Program, ambassadors from Texas Tech will research bacteria that aid plant growth and developments and could lead to cancer-fighting nano-machines.

"We're very excited about it," said Paul Paré, associate professor of biochemistry who will be traveling to Brazil for his research on plant-signaling in response to bacterial interactions.

Paré said he had previously conducted research in Brazil for a year and now will be working with some of his former colleagues when he arrives in the country in January.

"If you have these bacteria that are present in the soil, they can interact with plants, and they can promote growth," Paré said. "It works so well that seed companies often times will spray their seeds with certain kinds of bacteria."

Paré said his ability to speak Portuguese and breach the language barrier with his colleagues will aid in the international research, something that can hamper other worldwide collaborations, and may be one of the reasons he was selected out of 6,000 scholarship recipients.

He will join scientists at EMBRAPA in Brazil, an organization similar to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The bacteria Paré will work with, specifically called rhizobacteria, form a symbiotic

relationship with the plants for the mutual benefit of both organisms.

The rhizobacteria can protect the plants from certain pathogens, and the plants release organic compounds used by the rhizobacteria in return.

Paré and his colleagues will be researching not whether the bacteria do aid plant growth, which has been proven, but why they do so.

Tech's other scholar will be across the Atlantic in Ilmenau, Germany, studying developments in electro-mechanical sensors and nano-technology.

"We are absolutely delighted," said Jane Bell, Tech's Fulbright program adviser. "That's a wonderful feather in our cap."

Bell helped graduate student Mary Donahue apply for her Fulbright scholarship to study micro- and nano-technology at the Technical University of Ilmenau.

Donahue will continue Tech's tradition of student Fulbright scholars, making an eight-year streak of sending students abroad, Bell said.

Working toward her master's degree in electrical engineering, Donahue said she was mildly surprised when she heard she received the scholarship.

"The whole time I was sort of like 'I don't think I'll get it,'" Donahue said.

Donahue said she did not have a 4.0 grade-point average and wondered how many other straight-A applicants had applied.

In addition, Donahue said she does not

speaking any German, something that could have complicated matters.

"That was one of the reasons I was thinking I was not going to get it," Donahue said.

Nevertheless, the committee believed Donahue was an ideal candidate for the scholarship, and she will be traveling to Germany for 11 months in August.

Donahue will be bringing her husband, Adam Williamson, another graduate student studying electrical engineering, to Germany, as well as her 5-year-old child and infant of 7 months.

Williamson works for X-Fab Semiconductor Foundries of Texas, which has its office in Lubbock, and Donahue said she is planning on transferring to the X-Fab offices in Germany, 30 miles from where the family will be living.

Fulbright adviser Bell said she encourages all Tech students with an interest in studying abroad to apply for Fulbright scholarships.

Graduating seniors or graduate students can apply for the program, which takes place during the entire academic year following the application.

"The sooner a student comes in and talks to me, the better off he or she is," Bell said.

For interested students, the application deadline for the program during the 2007-08 school year is Oct. 4 at noon.

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COMEDIAN AND ACTOR George Lopez tells jokes as part of his stand-up act Sunday night in the United Spirit Arena. Lopez, who was joined in the Hub City by comedian Bryan Kellen. Lopez is one of the reigning Most Influential Hispanics, which is named annually by Time magazine.

## Lubbock

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Several prominent Hispanic citizens of Lubbock spoke at the rally, including Father Andres Montez of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

"We are human beings," he said. "We are children of God. We are workers. We are not criminals."

Montez called for an end to the discrimination he believes is taking place all across the nation. Protest banners waved among the crowd and proclaimed messages written in Spanish such as: "Together we fight for the good; with respect and unity everything will be better," "Workers not Criminals," "One nation under God," "With liberty and justice for all?"

Local Baptist pastor and news anchor for Telemundo, KXTQCA-TV, Porfirio Vas, also spoke at the event.

"I not just a pastor and a news anchor, I'm an immigrant proud to represent Lubbock, Texas," he said. "I just can't understand why such derogatory language is being used towards immigrants. Immigrants whose only intention is to work hard for a better life."

Vas called on Lubbock's local government officials, state representatives and President Bush to do something about the current situation.

"Let me remind you (political office holders), when y'all took office you promised to serve and you did so with one hand on the Bible," Vas said.

Activist Nephtali De Leon was responsible for initiating several of the chants in which the crowd participated. "Si se puede" and a call-and-response chant — "What do we want?" "Justice!" "When do we want it?" "Now!" — were the obvious crowd favorites.

Roger Settler also was present at the rally.

"I'm here to represent the wing of the Republican Party that believes criminalizing Mexicans is wrong," he said. "Dragging people from their homes is not the American way."

Settler said he was pleased with what he believed to be the large turnout at the courthouse.

"People can organize and come together like this and truly bring about profound change," he said.

Linda DeLeon echoed Settler's views on the rally.

"There were some people who didn't think this would happen," she said. "All of us coming together was a big success, and we even have people from other counties helping out."

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## Strayhorn

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"She will beat the governor (Rick Perry) in Lubbock."

At the conference she proclaimed herself as a "fiscal and common-sense conservative."

Among her plans for education reform, Strayhorn is in favor of putting in place "tuition locks."

"This means a student will pay the same amount for their first year of college as they will for their last, unless the cost decreases," she said. "My goal is crystal clear: Texas will have the most educated workforce in the nation."

In talks concerning the improvement of education in Texas, she expressly stated her interest in higher education.

"I believe Texas Tech is ready to become a Tier 1, flagship university," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn briefly discussed her stance on having a state income tax (to which she is opposed) and on immigration.

"We're got to secure our borders," she said.

Strayhorn said she is in favor of putting in place a long-term "fair and legal" immigration plan.

Another main point of her speech was her push for all Texans to "put partisan politics aside."

"Before we were Republicans and before we were Democrats, we were Texans," she said.

If elected, Strayhorn pledged to fight for open elections and primaries so as to avoid petition drives endured by independents in the future.

"The most sacred thing is access to the ballot box," she said.

Though Strayhorn also mentioned she loved the petition drive, she said she does not believe it is fair to all candidates.

Strayhorn closed by challenging her opponent and current governor, Perry, to a public debate in which to discuss topics of interest with the public.

"We're blowing the barn doors off of the petition drive," she said. "And come Nov. 7, I will be on that ballot, and we will shake Austin up."

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# Three years after 'Mission Accomplished,' President Bush sees Iraq progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years after delivering his "mission accomplished" speech on Iraq, President Bush on Monday declared another turning point had arrived with the establishment of a permanent government in Baghdad.

"We believe we've got partners to help the Iraqi people realize their dreams," Bush said of the recent emergence of new Iraqi leadership. "They need to know that we stand with them."

The president's May 1, 2003, appearance on the USS Abraham

*The battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on Sept. 11, 2001, and still goes on. ... We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide.*

— PRESIDENT BUSH

Lincoln is one of his most indelible war-related images.

Clad in a flight suit, he emerged dramatically from a Navy jet that screamed in for a landing on the carrier's deck. Under a giant "Mission Accomplished" banner, Bush announced that "major combat operations in Iraq have ended."

Though he was careful not to declare overall victory and warned of difficult work ahead, the speech was congratulatory in tone and aimed at marking a pivot from invasion to reconstruction.

"In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed," Bush said then. "The battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on Sept. 11, 2001, and still goes on. ... We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide."

U.S. troops were trading fire with Iraqis almost daily, basic services were in a shambles and neither ousted leader Saddam Hussein nor weapons of mass destruction had been located. But the day seemed brilliantly staged. Detractors dreaded what they thought was inevitable — seeing the images of Bush jubilantly greeting sailors resurfacing in the president's 2004 re-election campaign and reinforce his wartime popularity.

It didn't turn out that way. Violence in Iraq continued instead of ebbed. In the six weeks from the start of the invasion

to Bush's speech, 139 U.S. soldiers had died. In the three years since, as of Sunday, there have been another 2,258 U.S. military deaths in Iraq — an average of 63 each month.

There have been three democratic elections with voter participation increasing each time. But it took four months of infighting to produce a slate of government leaders — expected to be finalized this month — representing all of Iraq's major ethnic and political factions in a fragile unity. Also, reliable electrical power is scarce, petty corruption is rampant and the government's Interior ministry is blamed for harboring death squads that are helping to drive sectarian violence.

Amid the difficulties, Bush's overall approval rating has fallen to a new low.

Democrats cited the anniversary in criticizing the president.

Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., chairman of House Democrats' campaign arm, issued a reminder of some of the administration's main prewar predictions that proved false: that Iraqi oil production would finance the reconstruction, that American troops would be greeted as liberators, that weapons of mass destruction would be found, and that a war that is now heading toward a \$300 billion-plus price tag wouldn't cost even a third of that.

Democratic leader Harry Reid stood on the Senate floor in front of a picture of Bush with the date May 1, 2003, and the phrase "Mission Accomplished" and read the names of the 16 troops from his home state of Nevada who had been killed.

Reid called it an "unfortunate anniversary" that marked "a public relations stunt gone horribly wrong."

# Game on: Committee recommends Duke lacrosse team resume play next season

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A Duke University committee recommended Monday that the school's lacrosse team resume play next season, but said the team needed strict monitoring because of a history of problems tied to alcohol.

"Although the pattern of misconduct in recent years by the lacrosse team is alarming, the evidence reviewed ... does not warrant suspension of the sport," a committee of seven faculty members wrote in a report.

Duke suspended the highly ranked lacrosse team from play last month, following allegations that a black woman was raped and beaten by three white men at a team party where she had been hired to strip.

A grand jury has indicted two players on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual assault, and District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he hopes to charge a third person.

The report released Monday night did not consider the rape allegations, but instead focused on the behavior of the team during the past five years. It found that while the team performed well academically and athletically, "a large number of the members of the team have been socially irresponsible when under the influence of alcohol."

"We looked closely but found no compelling evidence to support claims that these players are racist or have a record of sexual violence," said Duke law

professor James E. Coleman Jr., who led the committee.

The rape allegations led Duke to accept the resignation of coach Mike Pressler and begin several internal investigations, including the examination of the lacrosse program.

The two players charged — sophomores Reade Seligmann, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, of Garden City, N.Y. — have been released on \$400,000 bond and are scheduled to appear in court May 15.

A third of current team members have been cited in recent years for offenses ranging from underage drinking to public urination. Neither Seligmann nor Finnerty was among them, although

Finnerty was charged last year with simple assault in Washington, D.C.

The report was released the same day Seligmann's attorney, Kirk Osborn, demanded Nifong's removal from the case, accusing him of using it to help his election prospects. Nifong faces a primary election Tuesday that could decide whether he remains in office.

"They don't want to go up against me," Nifong said when asked outside court Monday about the defense request for his removal. He has denied any political motivation behind his investigation.

In a statement released with the report, Duke President Richard Brodhead did not offer an opinion on the panel's

recommendation, saying only that the report will "give us useful information as we consider the future of men's lacrosse at Duke in the weeks ahead."

"The picture that emerges is complex, with players praised as respectful to employees who worked near the team, and criticized for their inability to learn from multiple citations for inappropriate behavior," Brodhead said.

The report concluded that the disciplinary record of the lacrosse team was "noticeably worse" than other athletic teams at Duke, with a larger percentage of lacrosse players involved in alcohol-related incidents.

But, Coleman said, "the conduct of lacrosse players did not differ from the

misconduct of other Duke students who drink too much and unfairly impose upon their neighbors."

The report also found that university administrators learned of the team's "extensive disciplinary record" in 2004, but except for the coach and the school's dean of judicial affairs, no one else at Duke "appears to have treated the lacrosse team's disciplinary record as a matter of serious concern."

The coach's attorney said he would have no comment on the report.

Defense attorneys have strongly proclaimed the players' innocence, often citing DNA tests they said failed to connect the accuser and the lacrosse players tested.

# Conservative groups: Polar bears, hippos among 16,000 species threatened with extinction

GENEVA (AP) — Polar bears and hippos are among more than 16,000 species of animals and plants threatened with global extinction, the World Conservation Union said Tuesday.

According to the Swiss-based conservation group, known by its acronym IUCN, the number of species classified as being in serious danger of extinction rose from about 15,500 in its previous "Red List" report, published in 2004.

The list includes one in three amphibians, a quarter of the world's mammals and coniferous trees, and one in eight birds, according to a preview of the 2006 Red List. The full report is published later this week.

"Biodiversity loss is increasing, not slowing down," said Achim Steiner, the conservation group's director general. "The implications of this trend for the productivity and resilience of ecosystems and the lives and livelihoods of

billions of people who depend on them are far-reaching."

The Red List classifies about 40,000 species according to their risk of extinction and provides a searchable online database of the results. The total number of species on the planet is unknown, with 15 million being the most widely accepted estimate. Up to 1.8 million are known today.

People are the main reason for most species' decline, mainly through habitat destruction, according to IUCN.

Polar bears are threatened by global warming and melting ice caps, because they are conditioned for the icy environment and depend on Arctic ice floes for hunting seals. They are predicted to suffer a 30 percent population decline in the next 45 years.

The hippopotamus population in war-ravaged Congo, meanwhile, has plummeted by 95 percent, mainly because of unregulated hunting for meat and ivory in their teeth.

"Regional conflicts and political instability in some

African countries have created hardship for many of the region's inhabitants, and the impact on wildlife has been equally devastating," said Jeffrey McNeely, chief scientist at IUCN.

Freshwater fish have suffered some of the most dramatic population declines because of human activities that damage their habitat, like forest clearance, pollution and water extraction. In the Mediterranean, more than half of the 252 endemic species are threatened with extinction. Seven species, including two relatives of carp, are already extinct, IUCN said.

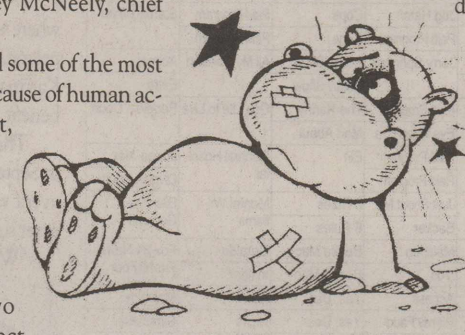
The conservation union warned that the decline in wetlands and freshwater ecosystems will also damage supplies

for humans of food, clean drinking water and sanitation.

Other species threatened with extinction include desert gazelles, ocean sharks and Mediterranean flowers, IUCN said.

Some 784 are listed as extinct — only a small increase from 2004 — while 65 are found only in captivity. But the situation looks a little brighter for some others, such as the white-tailed eagle and Indian vultures.

"Reversing this trend is possible, as numerous conservation success stories have proven," Steiner said. "Biodiversity cannot be saved by environmentalists alone — it must become the responsibility of everyone with the power and resources to act."



## Thornton

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gained enough evidence to arrest him for the murder of his mother.

"Our investigators have gained probable cause to arrest Thornton for the murder of his mother," Bassett said.

The investigation continues to look for additional factors of the incident. Police now are looking for possible motives or to see if drugs or alcohol were a factor, Bassett said.

He said any more details of the investigation will not be disclosed until the investigation is complete.

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HORTICULTURE PROFESSOR ELLEN Peffley works with onions in the Texas Tech research field off of Quaker Avenue.

By RACHEL MEADOR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ellen Peffley said she tries to live her life without worrying about the past, but a single high school decision still bothers her today — the very decision that led her to Texas Tech instead of to missionary work in a third-world country.

After a Billy Graham movie, an announcement was made for anyone in the audience who

was interested in doing mission work to come forward, Peffley said.

"I felt the tug and didn't act on it," she said.

She tried to get involved with Lutheran World Relief in college, Peffley said, but she was a single mother with two children, and it was not feasible.

Instead, Peffley said she received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in agronomy from New Mexico State University.

# Dry your eyes

## Tech horticulture professor unexpectedly finds career with onions

She has been with Tech for 21 years teaching, doing research and involving herself in the community.

Sitting in her office with her hands folded in her lap, Peffley smiled and said she always has a lot to do, but she enjoys it every day.

Peffley recently participated in planting 20,000 onion transplants in Tech's horticulture greenhouse and checks on their progress daily.

"I began my horticulture career researching onions, and it just stuck with me," Peffley said. "Onions are the No. 1 horticulture crop in Texas."

Besides teaching various graduate and undergraduate classes, Peffley said she has several hobbies she loves that help her relax.

"I like to garden; I have a vegetable and a rose garden at home," Peffley said. "I also really enjoy traveling, and I have studied in the Netherlands, England and Italy."

She said she enjoyed Italy so much that she is going to Florence and Rome with a group of Tech students in May.

Peffley said she is doing her best to prepare for her upcoming trip.

"I also take private Italian lessons at my home," she said.

Peffley said she never had the opportunity to travel to other countries when she was one of four girls growing up in Albuquerque, N.M.

She said she and her sisters were all tomboys who would run around, play tennis and try their best to keep themselves busy without getting into fights.

"I was always the quiet one," Peffley said. "There is always a bossy sister, a spoiled sister, a peacekeeper and the quiet one — and that was me."

Braden Burkett, a 2005 Tech plant and soil science graduate, said he remembers Peffley be-

ing soft spoken, professional and difficult.

"Dr. Peffley was an extremely intense teacher," Burkett said. "In other words, she was hard as hell."

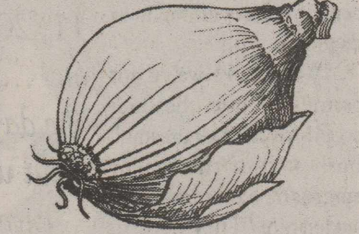
However, he said she is the professor he most respects on Tech's campus. He said Peffley knew all the students' names by the second week in a class of 180 students.

"If that doesn't show dedication to her students," Burkett said, "I don't know what does."

Peffley said she knows her classes can be challenging, but she wants her students to learn, and she wants to have an impact on them.

"I have recently been reflecting on how I want people to remember me," she said. "I have come to the conclusion that I want to have made a positive difference in someone's life."

Kara Howard, a horticulture graduate student from Flagstaff, Ariz., said Peffley has



made a difference in her life.

"When I was brand new at Tech, Dr. Peffley was the first person that I met," Howard said. "She made me feel comfortable and was genuinely interested to help in any way that she could."

According to the Web site pssc.ttu.edu, Peffley has received more than 15 awards since 1977, including Outstanding Young Woman of America and Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges awards.

During a recent interview, the award winner took a deep sigh and looked at the poster in her office: "Do not pray for an easy life, pray to be a strong person."

She then seemed to reflect the suggestion.

"I stay busy, count my blessings and take one day at a time," Peffley said. [meghann.a.lora@ttu.edu](mailto:meghann.a.lora@ttu.edu)

Table with 8 columns: STATION, CHANNEL, AFFILIATION, CITY, and program listings for Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Includes stations like KTXB, KCBF, KLBK, KUPT, KWBZ, KAMC, and KJTV.

By RUTH BRADLEY FEATURES WRITER

When Hurricane Katrina obliterated the coast of the southern United States in August, entire cities were devastated by the destruction of the costliest hurricane on record. Though buildings can be repaired, for many, the lives they had built during many years were wiped away in a single day.

"A lot of those folks won't be back to where they were a year ago," said Brett Copeland, director of Break in the Storm: From Katrina to Tomorrow, a benefit concert to benefit Katrina survivors in Lubbock.

The concert is slated to be held sometime in September, and Copeland said he hopes the event will raise as much as \$250,000 to help meet survivor's continuing needs.

"We're working toward something to not

only thank the community of Lubbock for what they've done so far," he said, "but also to renew the interest and highlight the need that is still there."

Nicole Shields, a member of the Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Katrina recovery team, said there are about 200 survivors from Katrina still living in Lubbock.

"They don't have anything to go back to," Shields said. "Most people don't have anything livable, or anything at all."

Though Lubbock citizens actively aided survivors at first, Shields said she believes many may no longer be aware of the survivors.

"I think we just need to kind of refresh that there are people here, and they still do have some needs," Shields said.

The continued media focus on events in

New Orleans and other coastal towns that may be part of the reason awareness is down, Copeland said. Because national attention is focused elsewhere, it's easy for citizens to forget there still are needs locally.

"They might forget about the people in their community trying to build a new life in a different place," Copeland said.

Some survivors still are working to find the vestiges of the ones they had. Many survivors still are searching for their loved ones, or have yet to be reunited with them, said Suzanne Arkle Wilson, co-vice chair for Lubbock Hope and Help, a non-profit faith-based coalition that is working to aid Lubbock's Katrina survivors.

"People are still having to deal with serious traumatic issues," Wilson said.

And many still are struggling to re-adapt in the Lubbock community. One of the big-

gest challenges for survivors has been to find jobs, Copeland said.

This problem is compounded by a lack of transportation, Wilson said.

"If they do have a job, then how can they get to those jobs?" she said.

Additionally, Wilson said many survivors are having difficulty adjusting to Lubbock's public transportation system.

"It's not as frequent as they are accustomed to," she said.

Lubbock Hope and Help tries to work directly with survivors to provide rides when necessary, Wilson said. The coalition also is looking for volunteers to help with this and to serve as mentors to young Katrina survivors.

Copeland said people can help by volunteering with organizations like MHMR

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American Idol Season Finale Part 1 advertisement for FOX 34, featuring the show's logo and broadcast information.

88.1 KTXT Presents: VOXTROT June 4th Jake's Back Room advertisement with a background image of a field of tall grasses.

TagHeuer advertisement featuring a woman wearing a watch, with the text 'TAGHeuer WHAT ARE YOU MADE OF?' and 'Anderson Bros' logo.

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Tivoli Audio iPal advertisement, promoting a portable audio player as the perfect companion to an iPod, available at the Student Union.



# A lack of condom sense

College students are having sex. It's a fact, and we need to stop denying it.

I had the opportunity to attend a roundtable of college journalists sponsored by Trojan brand condoms and led by Dr. Drew Pinsky, a certified physician and addiction specialist who is better known as Dr. Drew from the syndicated radio show "Loveline."

This was an eye-opening experience for me to see how Texas Tech compares to colleges around the nation including the University of Texas, University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, University of Oklahoma and University of Denver.

After a few minutes of discussion about the sexual atmosphere on our campus and the content of our campus newspapers, I realized along with the others in the room that Lubbock and Tech are a whole new breed of conservative. The representatives from Georgia and Tennessee thought they were from conservative campuses, but I showed them.

How many times do we discuss the issues of sex, sexually transmitted infections, relationships and sexual problems within the pages of the campus newspaper? Not often enough.

Tech students who attended high school in Lubbock are blessed with an abstinence-only sex educa-



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tion. This puts these people in a serious predicament when they get to college and begin to have adult relationships.

A girl I know was one of these lucky individuals who learned about sex from a Lubbock-area school and her father. The lesson she learned: Have sex and you die.

Well, now she's moved away from home and knows nothing about protecting herself. This is a serious problem for all of the uneducated Tech students and the rest of us. STIs are crawling around this city, and most students aren't doing enough to protect themselves.

At the roundtable, we discussed condom use on campus and whether students were using them.

We came to a consensus that yes, condoms are used sometimes, but it is very easy to pass on the protection. All it takes is one person to say, "We don't really need to use a condom, right?" and the other person caves in. And that's if someone brought a condom at all.

From my experience with students at Tech, it is the guy's responsibility to bring a condom. However, I know plenty of guys who were seriously uncomfortable going near the toy aisle to buy condoms when Wal-Mart was undergoing its construction. I can guarantee the uncomfortable feeling of buying prophylactics near a small child will be much less than the uncomfortable itch of scabies.

And why does buying condoms have to be the guy's responsibility? I never have seen any woman take that responsibility on her own. Why? Fear of being judged as a slut maybe? Too embarrassed to ask for the condoms behind the counter at United? These reasons are not good enough. We as women need to take responsibility for ourselves; being on birth control is not enough.

Sexual health is something not discussed enough on our campus. We are all pretending we are innocent beings from conservative West Texas. Well, we're not. I've seen you out at the club and at the frat parties. I know what you are doing, and it is time you admit it, too. We all need to be responsible and if that means visiting Thompson Hall to see a nurse and get the talk you never had, then do it.

Next time the newspaper prints a photo of a poster with a scantily clad woman, don't get all up in arms. Next time there is a Victoria's Secret insert in the newspaper, don't act like it's porn. Next time you see an article about condoms and STIs, don't laugh — read it. You might learn something, and our entire campus will benefit from your education.

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## Secrets

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Last year, he took all the postcards he received and began the process of finding the best and dirtiest secrets of the bunch. He then took those intimate details and made a book, PostSecret, which hit shelves in November.

Even before the book graced the shelves at bookstores across the country, Warren was a celebrity. He has appeared on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," CNN, MSNBC

and has been the center of feature stories from newspapers across the country; which he does not brag about, at least not too much.

"I learned there are two kinds of secrets: those we keep from other people and those we keep from ourselves," Warren said.

His postcards, or works of art as he calls them, have appeared in the music video "Dirty Little Secret" by The All-American Rejects.

Even after the book came out and after stopped mailing the self-addressed postcards, Warren's mailbox still is overflowing. In fact, he said he and the publishers already are looking forward to the next book of secrets, which deals with teenagers' secrets.

"The publisher thought it would be good idea," Warren said. "I get a lot of secrets from young people; the project seems to resonate strongly with high school and college students."

Getting more than 150 postcards a day, it is pretty natural to expect to see a trend developing in the secrets. The most popular intimate detail people share is they pee in the shower.

Warren didn't begin his little journey of finding out what makes people tick and what is lurking behind our public relations smile because he wants to invoke change. He has never had any artistic training, though one could not

tell with such images like a baby's picture with a brief sentence written over it saying how one girl did not tell her boyfriend (now husband) she was not taking birth control.

His images have been on display in museums around the country, but he insists he is not an artist.

"I think I was at a place in my life where I was looking for more meaning and more purpose and I opened myself up to that and this project found me," he said.

Between time spent gathering all the postcards for the second book and running a delivery service, Warren makes constant updates to his Web site, [www.postsecret.com](http://www.postsecret.com).

"Sometimes my wife tries to post something, but I usually catch her," he said. "The last time she posted 'I want to have sex with Richard Gere,' that was pretty obvious it was her."

Warren's second book will come out later this year, and interested people can always find information on the PostSecret Web site.

"We'll see about more books," he laughed. "I try not to plan too far in advance. I try to make the best decision for the project and see where it leads."

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## Katrina

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and the Salvation Army, or even by volunteering to help with Break in the Storm in September.

He said he believes Tech students have the opportunity to play a vital part in the lives of Katrina survivors.

"Lubbock and Tech are so intertwined that we can work together and inspire one another to do something great," he said.

For more information contact Copeland at [bcopeland@breakinthestorm.org](mailto:bcopeland@breakinthestorm.org), or Lubbock Help and Hope at (806) 687-4675. More information also is available online, at the Break in the Storm Web site, [www.breakinthestorm.org](http://www.breakinthestorm.org), or at the Lubbock Hope and Help Web site, [www.lubbockhopeandhelp.com](http://www.lubbockhopeandhelp.com).

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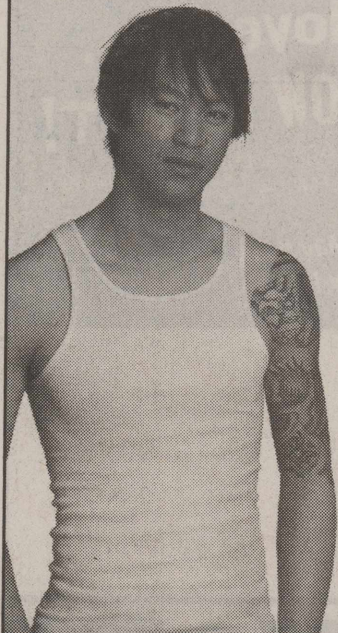
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## Keeping up with the Jones'

A sneak-peek at the face-lift for Jones AT&T Stadium

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With the continued improvement of the Red Raider football program, Jones AT&T Stadium also is undergoing improvements in an effort by the Texas Tech Athletic Department to build a nationally recognized sports facility.

Deputy Athletic Director Bobby Gleason said because of the success of the football program, it was time to look at the expansion of the stadium to contribute to this success.

"I think overall, the stadium renovations help us be competitive in the Big 12 Conference with our football team," he said. "A successful football team is good exposure for the university as far as attracting students. Students generally like to be associated with schools that have winning athletic programs."

Along with the new renovations and improvements, the stadium underwent a name change from Jones SBC Stadium to Jones AT&T Stadium, and Tech announced a partnership with Under Armour to be the new official outfitter of the football team.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for Facilities, Planning & Construction, said the improvements are modernizing the stadium, allowing Tech to keep up with other Big 12 and Division I colleges and universities.

"In order to compete at the Division-I sports level," he said. "Tech needs to have the facilities to attract the very best athletes."

One of the improvements that will be completed in time for the start of the 2006 football season is the replacement of the current AstroTurf-brand artificial playing surface with FieldTurf-brand artificial surface, which is designed to emulate the look and feel of natural grass.

Junior receiver Joel Filani said he is looking forward to playing on the new field in the upcoming season.

"I'm happy that we're getting the FieldTurf. I am too excited for that," he said. "The

old turf was murder — it was like concrete. People didn't know how hard it was."

Sophomore receiver Danny Amendola shared the same displeasure as his teammate concerning the previous artificial playing surface.

"The old turf was like playing on concrete in the street. It would cut you all up and it hurt," he said. "It was just terrible."

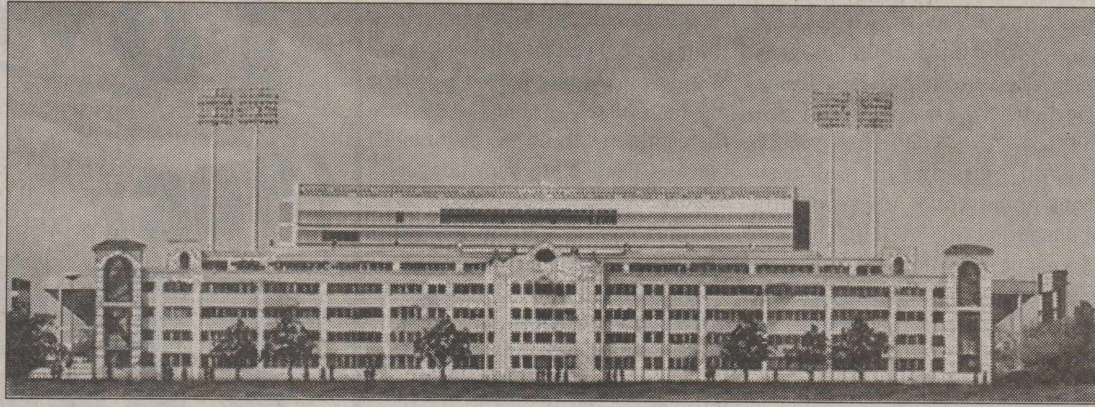
Amendola said the general consensus of the rest of his teammates is they will be glad when the new FieldTurf is in place.

Another improvement that will be completed before the 2006 opening kickoff is the construction of a decorative brick and stone field wall that will go around the inside perimeter of the stadium floor.

"I think (the improvements) are definitely a good thing for Tech," Filani said. "It's good to see we're finally getting new turf and a new field, and the wall will be pretty sweet around there."

Both Gleason and Ellicott said an anonymous donation was made to cover most of the costs associated with constructing the field wall.

Fans not only will see changes with the stadium in the fall, but into the next two years as well.



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THE GRAPHICS ARE computer-generated renditions of the expected appearance of the east side of Jones AT&T Stadium.

Construction is set to start in mid-November on an estimated \$45-million series of improvements, including a new parking garage, a stadium club, an upper seating deck and additional concourse-level seating and suites for Jones AT&T Stadium.

Gleason said these improvements will add approximately 20 new suites and between 6,000 and 10,000 new seats to the east side of the stadium, and possibly to the north and south ends as well, increasing the seating capacity to around 60,000 to 63,000.

"Texas A&M and the University of Texas both seat over 80,000, and they both have plans to expand their stadiums," he said. "So for us to stay competitive in this

conference, we are challenged to do that and look at ways to generate revenue."

He said the Tech board of regents has approved of the project conceptually, but an adequate financial plan still is being worked out.

These stadium improvements are scheduled to be completed before the 2008 football season.

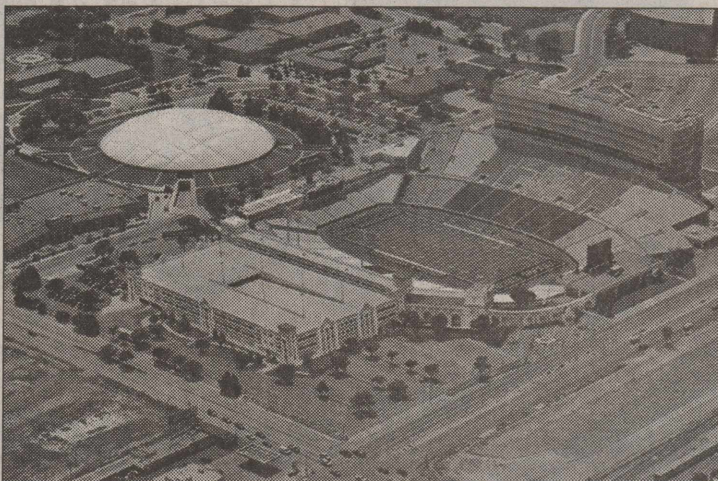
Previous stadium renovations included increasing the size of the restrooms and the number of concession stands, and reconfiguring seats in the bowl to increase seating capacity, according to the Facilities, Planning & Construction Web site.

The West Stadium Building, a renovation that took almost four years and \$55 million to complete, replaced the previous press box and added more than 50 luxury suites, 1,070 interior and exterior club seats, and expanded media broadcast facilities, according to www.fpc.ttu.edu.

"I know from just living in Lubbock and talking with fans at various events that the West Stadium Building has been very well-received," Ellicott said.

Ellicott said because the completion of the West Stadium Building, ticket sales have gone up, and he believes the new renovations that will be seen in the near future will be equally well-received by the community.

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### ASTROS REQUEST MEETING WITH ROCKET'S AGENT

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have asked Roger Clemens' agent to meet this week and discuss a new contract that would bring the seven-time Cy Young winner back for a third season.

The Astros did not offer Clemens salary arbitration in December, leaving the 43-year-old free agent open to talk with other teams. Boston, the New York Yankees and Texas are also interested in signing Clemens this season. May 1 was the first day the Astros were eligible to re-sign him.

Clemens is also considering retirement.

Astros general manager Tim Lincecum said he e-mailed Randy Hendricks, Clemens' agent, on Monday to set up a meeting. Purpura said late Monday afternoon that Hendricks was traveling and did not e-mail a response.

Randy Hendricks did not return a phone message from *The Associated Press* left at his office on Monday morning.

Purpura said the Astros are ready to make Clemens an enticing offer.

"You have to have parameters you're comfortable working with," Purpura said. "We have those parameters. We know where we feel we can take our budget, beyond what it is already and do what we need to do to still sustain the club and not put ourselves too much into a financial hole."

Clemens earned just over \$18 million last season and Purpura hinted the Astros are prepared to offer him more this season, even if he didn't join the team until June or July.

"It is very difficult for a pitcher, or for any player, who accomplished what he did to look at any kind of a pay cut," Purpura said. "That just doesn't happen."

Clemens won the 2004 NL Cy Young Award and led the majors with a career-best 1.87 ERA last season. Clemens is tied for eighth on the wins list with 341 and second in strikeouts with 4,502.

Heading into Monday's game in Milwaukee, the Astros were 16-8, among the best starts in franchise history. The starting rotation has won 12 games and Purpura think that helps the Astros' chances of luring Clemens.

"What he has that most of our starters don't have is experience," Purpura said. "That's something, as we head into the stretch, we're going to need. The experience factor is big for us."

The Astros also would seem to have an edge in incentives no other team can offer.

Clemens lives in Houston and Purpura said he would not be required to travel with the team when he's not scheduled to pitch, a so-called "freedom clause."

"That's something other clubs aren't offering and we are," Purpura said. "That's very compelling."

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# Whitley joined by former teammates in NFL

By TRAVIS CRAM  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

E.J. Whitley could become the newest addition to the Dallas Cowboys' offensive line this season after the team selected the Texas Tech senior in the seventh round of the 2006 NFL Draft.

Whitley was the 224th overall pick in the draft and the only Red Raider taken by an NFL team.

According to a Tech media relations news release, Whitley said he believes he will fit the mold of a hard-working, coach Bill Parcells type of player.

"They seemed very excited," Whitley said. "I am right up the alley of a Parcells guy. I work hard and feel like I am prepared to play in his type of offense. I should fit in well."

Since redshirting at Tech in 2001, coach Mike Leach said the 6-foot-5-inch senior mastered every position on the O-line, starting 39 games and becoming

one of the most versatile linemen in college football.

"He's got great feet," Leach said after a practice last season. "It's extremely difficult to find guys who can move around and be as versatile as he is."

Whitley has been a part of the nation-leading offensive machine known to many Raider fans as the "Air Raid."

While on that line, he helped protect four different quarterbacks who threw for 19,830 yards combined and 160 scores.

And that is just in the air.

A steadily increasing ground game has found its way into the Leach game-plan more and more over the past three seasons, and in 2005, the Raider offense accounted for 25 scores on the ground, the most since 1996.

Senior lineman Glenn January said the success and skill the lineman gain while they are at Tech directly is attributed to Leach's philosophy and how he manages to use the big men at every

position. "It says a lot with what he has been able to do here," January said. "And it also says a lot about the type of guys he's been able to recruit."

Whitley becomes the third Raider lineman drafted in the last two years after center Dylan Gandy and tackle Daniel Loper were taken in last year's draft.

Following the conclusion of the draft on Sunday, six other Raiders were signed with teams as free agents, including quarterback Cody Hodges, who will be working out in Tennessee at the QB spot with Vince Young.

Taurean Henderson enjoyed his most successful season at running back this year, leading the Big 12 in scoring with 132 points and breaking the all-time touchdown record at Tech.

Henderson signed with the Minnesota Vikings and has a good shot at making the preseason roster for a team who has been offensively deprived since losing wideout Randy Moss last year, and quarterback Dante Culpepper this off-season.

Many hopes surrounded safety Dwayne Slay before the draft and he was predicted to go as high as in the third round by some ESPN.com analysts, but a disap-

pointing combine workout, including a 4.82, 40-yard dash, caused *The AP* All-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year to slip out of the draft.

The Chicago Bears saw plenty of reasons to take a chance on the 214-pound safety, signing him to a free agent contract.

The Bears were the No. 2 defense in the NFL last season, allowing 282 yards per game while holding opponents to less than 13 points per game.

Linebacker John Saldi will join Whitley in Dallas after the Cowboys sent him an offer Sunday.

Saldi's father, Jay, played for the Cowboys from 1976-1982.

Other notables include safety Vincent Meeks inking a deal with the Washington Redskins, and tight end Bristol Olomua has agreed to terms with the Cincinnati Bengals.

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## DEFENDING CHAMPS MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE AS SERIES HEADS BACK TO TEXAS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were right to hate this playoff matchup from the moment they got it.

The defending champions' reward for earning the West's best record was a date with Sacramento, the most unpredictable club in the 16-team postseason field. The Kings had a new defense-first identity, a well-rested Ron Artest and a 25-11 late-season surge — and nobody knew how this volatile mix would work in the playoffs.

The first round isn't supposed to be interesting for the top seed, but if any No. 8 seed could cause problems for mighty San Antonio, the Kings seemed to be Candidate No. 1.

"Nobody said this would be easy," Tim Duncan said. "Everybody said the opposite."

After four games, everything the Spurs feared has been true. After struggling in the series opener, the Kings nearly won Game 2 before tying the series and claiming all the momentum with two home victories.

In Game 5 on Tuesday night, the Spurs plan to lean heavily on that homecourt advantage they chased for 82 games. They're also counting on their big-game experience — just about the only thing that the reconfigured, recharged Kings don't have.

The Kings are just the 12th No. 8 seed in league history to win even two games in a first-round series, although the NBA's first playoff round was best-of-five until 2003. Only three bottom seeds have knocked off a No. 1: Denver beat Seattle in 1994, and the New York Knicks upset Miami in 1999 — both in five-game series.

Manu Ginobili has also been a trouble area for the Spurs. The forward played the best basketball of his NBA career in last season's playoffs, averaging 20.8 points and barely finishing second to Duncan for the finals MVP award. This postseason has been a nightmare, with Ron Artest limiting him to 21 total points in the three games Artest has played.

"I think we need to call more stuff for him," said Parker, who leads San Antonio with 20.3 points and 5.3 assists per game. "Maybe we need to call his number some more, or maybe try and slow down a little bit and go with a half-court set. We need to get him going, because we definitely need him."

But Popovich, Duncan and the Spurs have faced playoff trouble many times over the previous seven seasons, still winning three championships in the process. The Kings realize the enormity of their task in the clubs' first postseason matchup — even if they've already gone halfway to a historic upset.

"In our eyes, we should be up 3-1 right now, but we're not," said Mike Bibby, who's averaging 18.3 points, 6 assists and 4.3 rebounds in the series. "We know we can play with them. We just have to go out there and do it."

TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Christian Rojmar returns a shot in a Red Raider match earlier this season. Rojmar and the Raiders will find out Wednesday whether they have accomplished enough to be invited to the 2006 NCAA Tournament.



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# Raider tennis teams play the waiting game as they await word on NCAA Tourney

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS  
SPORTS WRITER

Tom Petty may have said it best, "The waiting is the hardest part," but that doesn't make things any easier for the Red Raider tennis teams as they wait to learn their fates for postseason play.

Last weekend, both the men's and women's tennis teams went to Waco for the Big 12 Tournament. Both left with similar outcomes — ousted in the first round.

The No. 50 women's team, which went into the tournament as the No. 4 seed — the highest in Tech women's Big 12 tennis history, was blanked 4-0 by No. 41 Nebraska for their early exit from the tournament.

The No. 48 men's tennis team, who went into the tournament as the No. 6 seed, lost a marathon match to No. 25 Colorado 4-3. This came after another 4-3 loss to the Buffaloes just a week before.

Earlier in the season, members of the men's team said the NCAA Tournament would be the ultimate goal for the season — especially since the team lost all five of the Top 5 players from last season's team, which advanced to the Sweet 16 and

ended the season at No. 12.

Bojan Szumanski was one of the Top 5 players from last year, and was expected to be the No. 1 seed for the team this year, until an ankle injury forced him to medically redshirt, putting last year's No. 6 player Adrian Ppic in the team leader position.

"The guys — I'm so proud of the whole team. They stepped up," Szumanski said. "They exceeded everyone's expectations except for mine."

"I'd been telling everybody. People didn't expect much from us."

Though some could have counted this year as a rebuilding one for the team, that was not the mindset for the players.

"That was good for me. If there were high expectations, we would have had to win every match," said freshman Christian Rojmar. "We've played as underdogs, and played great tennis."

That's true, as the Raiders finished the regular season with a 13-11 overall ranking and 2-6 in the Big 12.

The women's team finished the season 14-8 and 7-5 in the Big 12.

Where do the teams go from here? Members are hoping for the NCAA Tournament. Both teams are sitting on the bubble, with the men's team at No.

48 and the women at No. 50.

Like the tournament in basketball, the Top 64 teams go, but it is not necessarily the Top 64 teams in the country.

Both Raider teams will learn their fate at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday during the selection show on ESPN News.

Despite the bubble status, team members say they know the outcome.

"I really believe we're going to qualify this year," Szumanski said. "They definitely deserve to go, and we have a big chance of going."

Tech's No. 2 player Dimitrio Martinez, who was named to the All Big 12 singles first team along with senior Tara Browning, agrees.

"Coach (Tim) Siegel (and assistant coach) Peter (Danolic) have done an extremely fine job to believe in ourselves and believing in each other," Martinez said. "That's been a crucial element for the success of this team."

Along with Martinez and Browning on the Big 12 first team, was the pairing of Browning and Lakann Wagley was named to the team for the second time.

To keep up with Red Raider tennis news, visit [www.texastech.com](http://www.texastech.com).

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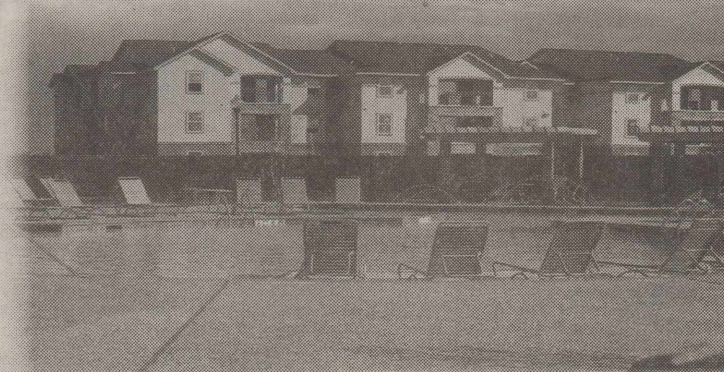
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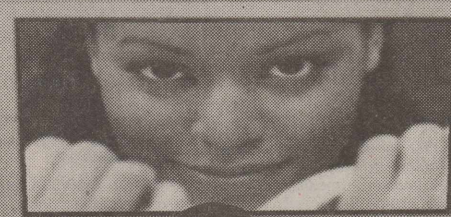
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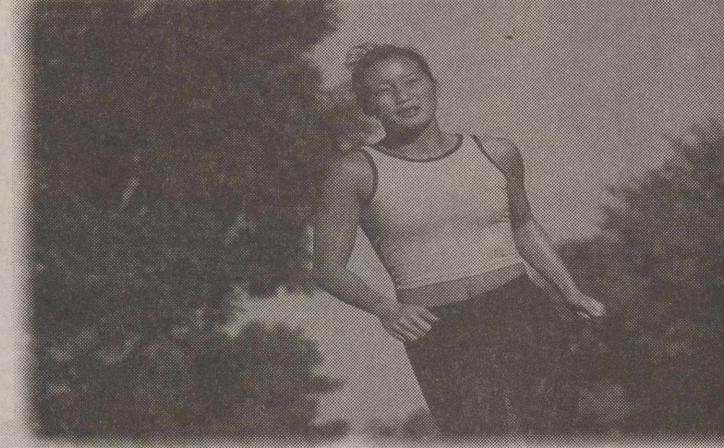
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