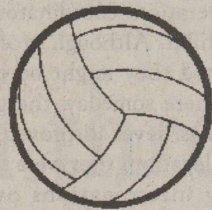


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Cockfight leads to death

NEEDVILLE (AP) — One man was killed and another was injured after a shooting stemming from a dispute at a cockfight, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department said Sunday.

Jose Alfredo Morales, 32, of Los Fresnos, died after being shot in the back Saturday night. Jose Ramon Jauregue, 23, of Corpus Christi, was hospitalized with gunshot wounds to the leg and abdomen. He was reported in stable condition Sunday.

Authorities said an unidentified suspect shot the men over an argument about the winner of a cockfight which was attended by about 100 spectators. The suspect remained at large, sheriff's officials said.

NATION

Protestors proclaim new voting rights

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Immigration protests that drew hundreds of thousands of flag-waving demonstrators to the nation's streets last spring promised a potent political legacy — a surge of new Hispanic voters.

"Today We March, Tomorrow We Vote," they proclaimed.

But an Associated Press review of voter registration figures from Chicago, Denver, Houston, Atlanta and other major urban areas that had large rallies found no sign of a new voter boom that could sway elections. There was a rise in Los Angeles, where 500,000 protested in March, but it was more of a trickle than a torrent.

WORLD

308-ton jet takes to air

PARIS (AP) — The Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger jet, took to the sky with a full load of passengers for the first time Monday, and the European aircraft maker announced further management changes in the wake of costly delays to the \$13 billion jet program.

The 308-ton jet touched down Monday evening after flying a seven-hour round-trip from Toulouse, southern France, with 474 Airbus employees on board, on the first of four test flights scheduled this week to try out the plane's cabin environment and systems.

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Bus routes cause mixed reaction

By ANDREW GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association has established a program with apartment complexes to provide funding to subsidize off-campus bus routes.

External Vice President Chris Huff said the transportation budget

is running out of funds for off-campus bus service, and the SGA wants to keep costs for education as low as possible.

Huff said the SGA created a program where the apartment complex pays a \$5,000 premium which could be paid in monthly installments or up front, however the complex wants to pay it, to keep off-campus bus service

coming to the complex.

He said 11 out of 18 complexes have joined the program.

"We are appreciative and excited to work with the apartment complexes," Huff said. "The apartment complexes that haven't joined, we are continuing to push for them to join our program."

Huff said students in apartment

complexes that have not joined the program should encourage their apartment management to join.

"Tell them they want to join the SGA's program so they can keep running transportation," Huff said.

Lauren Stever, property manager at Savoy Apartments, said the SGA's contract was outrageous.

"We only have 64 units, and

paying \$5,000 a year is outrageous," Stever said. "Also, we would have to pay a \$2.20 fuel cost that could go up or down. There is no guarantee that the complex would only be paying \$5,000 a year."

Afrain Molina, a graduate law school student from McAllen, said

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WIDE RECEIVER ROBERT Johnson leans into the end zone over SMU linebacker Reggie Carrington Saturday in Texas Tech's 35-3 win over the Mustangs at Jones AT&T Stadium. Find more game coverage inside on Pages 10 and 12.

Local businesses thrive during weekend rain

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

September rain showers might have come at a bad time for football spectators, but local business owners said this weekend's weather was generally good for sales.

According to the National Weather Service Web site, parts of Lubbock county got up to five inches of rain in the past week. According to the site, Lubbock County and West Texas normally get up to one inch of rain this time of year.

Dee Sanders, assistant manager of Lowe's on the corner of 26th and Boston in Tech Terrace, said business Saturday and Sunday was better than usual because of the rain and Labor Day.

"For grocery stores, rain is always great," Sanders said. "Especially on holidays when people can't cook out."

Sanders said in addition to the added business because of rain and Labor Day, the only change has been the products people purchase.

"People have smaller grocery bills today," she said. "They just want to buy snacks."

McAlister's Deli Assistant Manager Bryan Liverman said the restaurant sales over the

weekend dropped a little, but no dramatic change was evident.

"We've had the same flow of business," he said. "No one had problems getting into our driveway. No employees had problems getting to work because of the weather, transportation-wise. Rain brings sickness sometimes, but that's it."

Matt Phelps, a sophomore electrical engineering and computer science major from Houston and cashier at Spanky's at 9th and University, said business seemed to be as busy as usual.

"During the game, business wasn't affected," he said. "It was just as busy this weekend as it is when it's dry. We're Spanky's, we're always busy."

General manager of Moe's Southwest Grill on University Avenue Stacy Arnett said business was not as busy on Saturday as was expected.

"There was a small damper on business," she said. "But this is our first football season. We're not sure what to expect."

Arnett said Moe's, which opened its doors in March, was used as an escape for unprepared patrons this weekend.

"People around here seem to like to go out in the rain -- well, if they're from here,"



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WATER FLOODS THE parking lot of an apartment complex after a rain storm Monday.

she said. "People this weekend came in here to get warm."

This weekend's weather was good for indoor businesses as well, said Wade Whatley, general manager of the Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Slide Road.

"Our business was affected positively," Whatley said. "We are very busy right now."

Whatley said he thinks rain is good for business because people look for things to do inside.

"So many activities are limited by the weather. And then there's the old adage saying to curl up with a good book on a rainy day,"

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Lubbock police blotter

Aug. 25
Lubbock police filed a report of a burglary at the 6500 block of Avenue P. Police said a victim claimed unknown suspects broke into her house and vandalized the home by writing on several walls and destroying the carpet. Damage to bedroom and bathroom walls totaled \$250. The damage to the carpet totaled \$1,000. The victim said her child's bed also was vandalized.

Aug. 26
Lubbock police filed a report of aggravated assault at the 300 block of Avenue U. A Lubbock man said he was at his home when several unknown males knocked on his door. When the victim stepped outside he was struck with an unknown object causing injuries. The victim was transported to the University Medical Center. The unknown suspects fled the scene.
Lubbock police filed a report of damage to a building and a victim's vehicle at 1900 block of 14th

Street. Police said an unknown suspect was driving his vehicle when he collided with a building and a victim's white 1988 Mercury pickup truck. Damage to the building totaled \$1,000. The unknown suspect fled the scene on foot.

Aug. 30
Lubbock police arrested a man for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia at the 2100 block of Cornell Street. Police said they saw a suspicious vehicle parked in an alley. When the police approached, they found marijuana and a pipe in the man's 2003 Toyota Celica.

Lubbock police filed a report of a stolen vehicle at the 2800 block of Clovis Road. The victim said an unknown man test-drove his 2001 Suzuki motorcycle and never returned.

Lubbock police arrested a man for aggravated assault and possession of paraphernalia at the 3200 block of First Street. Police said they were called to the scene by

a female victim. The woman said she went to the suspect's house after work to pick up some clothes she had left there. When she arrived, the suspect became angry and began to hit the female. Police said the suspect pulled a handgun and put it into the victim's face. Police said when they arrived, they found the handgun and a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine.

Lubbock police arrested a man for several federal warrants after finding the man in a Lubbock alley at the 1900 block of 39th Street. Police said they were interviewing a female about the whereabouts of the suspect. She claimed she did not know his whereabouts. Police eventually found the suspect in the alley and transported him the Lubbock County jail. The female suspect was released after the filing of charges of hindering apprehension or prosecution.

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Study: Only 14 U.S. terror prosecutions have led to lengthy prison sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a sharp increase in the prosecution of terrorism cases just after Sept. 11, 2001, only 14 of the defendants have been sentenced to 20 years or more in prison, according to a study based on Justice Department data.

Of the 1,329 convicted defendants, only 625 received any prison sentence, said the study, released Sunday by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, a data research group at Syracuse University. More than half of those convicted got no prison time or no more than they had already served awaiting their verdict.

The analysis of data from Justice's Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys also found that in the eight months ending last May, Justice attorneys declined to prosecute more than nine out of every 10 terrorism cases sent to them by the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal agencies. Nearly 4 in 10 of the rejected cases were scrapped because prosecutors found weak or insufficient evidence, no evidence of criminal intent or no evident federal crime.

The report comes at a difficult time for the Bush administration: It is sagging in public opinion polls just before congressional midterm elections. Democrats hope to regain control of at least one house of Congress, and President Bush has urged Republicans to run in part on his record in the war on terror.

"There are many flaws in the report," said Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra. "It is irresponsible to attempt to measure success in the war on terror without the necessary details about the government's strategy and tactics."

For instance, Sierra said, prison sentences are "not the proper measure of the success of the department's overall counterterrorism efforts. The primary goal ... is to detect, disrupt and deter terrorist activities."

Because prosecutors try to charge potential terrorists before they act, they often allege fraud,

false statements or immigration violations that carry lesser penalties than the offenses that could be charged after an attack, Sierra said. This "allows us to engage the enemy earlier than if we waited for them to act first."

TRAC totaled the cases that prosecutors labeled as terrorism or antiterrorism no matter what charge was brought. It found only 14 prosecutions in fiscal 2000. That rose to 57 in fiscal 2001, which ended three weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks. The figure then soared to 355 in fiscal 2002. But by fiscal 2005 it dropped to 46. And in the first eight months of fiscal 2006, through last May, there were only 19 such prosecutions.

Past critics of administration tactics found both favorable and unfavorable possible explanations.

The sharp decline in prosecutions may show that prosecutors have moved away from "all kinds of secondary infractions" they pursued early on, said Steven Aftergood, director of the Federation of American Scientists' government secrecy project. Those early cases drew criticism that Arab-Americans were rounded up based on mere racial profiling.

The small number of long prison sentences shouldn't be a surprise because "terrorism is actually very rare — far more people are killed in ordinary street crime," said James Dempsey, policy director of the Center for Democracy and Technology.

Nevertheless, terrorism poses a risk of catastrophic loss of life, "so agencies must pursue a lot of leads that do not pan out," Dempsey added. "We can't blame the FBI for pursuing those leads, but we can blame them and the Justice Department for arresting people and making a big media splash when things don't pan out."

Meredith Fuchs, general counsel at the National Security Archive at George Washington University, said the light sentences could mean "we are catching people at the margins, not at the center of the

plots."
"The surge right after 9/11 make sense," Fuchs added, "but the drop-off so quickly means either a lot of that post-9/11 activity was not necessary or that they haven't identified key people or that key people in custody aren't being prosecuted."

At the penalty trial of al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, the government acknowledged that it has captured most of the Sept. 11 ringleaders including mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and operations coordinator Ramzi Binalshibh. Although prosecutors suggested they might be charged somewhere someday, the government has never disproved persistent allegations they were tortured during interrogations overseas and thus cannot be tried in U.S. courts.

If prosecutions "have been compromised by unlawful interrogation or surveillance, that would be worse than ironic," Aftergood said. "It would mean the government has performed in a self-defeating manner."

Justice reported in June that 441 defendants were charged and 261 convicted or pleaded guilty in terrorism or terrorism-related cases from investigations conducted primarily after Sept. 11. Citing those figures, Sierra said the department's strategy "has helped protect this country from terrorists since the attacks of September 11th."

Unlike the data from the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, the June figures did not contain definitions of which cases were looked at. Former New York Times reporter David Burnham, TRAC's co-director, said Justice officials refused to give TRAC the definitions used in compiling the June figures on grounds that might undermine anti-terrorism enforcement.

"An empirical study like TRAC's cuts through the rhetoric, lets us see just how many terrorists are being brought to justice," Aftergood said. "The data suggest that some of the official rhetoric is misleading."

Candle in Chicago apartment without electricity may have caused fire that killed six children

CHICAGO (AP) — From her window, Kizzie Edwards often would see the Ramirez children playing on their back porch, some of them tapping out tunes on a miniature xylophone.

"I used to wave to one of the little girls every morning," Edwards said. "I can't believe I can't do that anymore."

A fire swept through the Ramirez family's third-floor apartment on the city's North Side early Sunday, killing six children — five from the same family — and injuring three others and the family's mother.

The fire, Chicago's deadliest in years, may have been caused by a candle used for light in an apartment without electricity, officials said.

"This is the largest multiple fire fatality we've had from a single fire in quite a few years. I mean it's

children. It's difficult for everyone involved," said a visibly shaken Fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco.

The three-bedroom apartment in the Rogers Park neighborhood had no smoke detectors, he said. The apartment hadn't had electricity since May, said John Dewey, a spokesman for utility Commonwealth Edison. He wouldn't say why it was turned off, citing confidentiality rules.

The fire broke out just after midnight, authorities said.

"The mother came running out with one child in her arms, screaming to the neighbors that there were other children inside," said Cmdr. Will Knight. "They asked her how many and she said 'eight.'"

Neighbor Derrell Dixon said two children appeared at a window and he and several other people held up a blanket, trying unsuccessfully to

get them to jump to safety.

"The kids were screaming and screaming 'Help! Help! We're burning, we're burning!'" said Dixon, 22. He said he saw firefighters rescue one of the children with a ladder.

Another neighbor, Al Tillman, raced up the stairs, crawled inside the smoke-filled home and pulled a small, crying boy to safety. Afterward, thoughts of the boy's dead siblings haunted him.

"I'm shaken up because the other children didn't make it," the 32-year-old Tillman said. "I only heard one child. I wish I could have saved the others."

Firefighters found most of the children huddled in the apartment's front room, not far from the spot where the fire probably started, said fire department spokesman Larry Langford.

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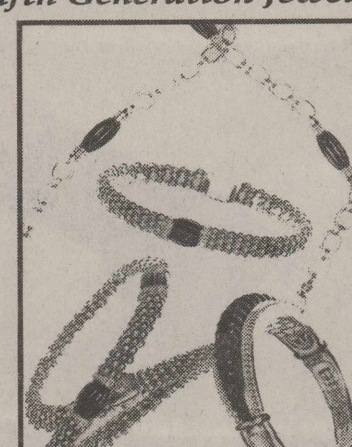
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Huge wildfires prompt emergency hunt of wildlife in Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A string of wildfires that scorched hundreds of square miles of prime habitat has prompted an emergency antelope hunt and relocation of unprecedented scope in Nevada, state officials said.

Nevada Department of Wildlife officials authorized a special hunt of 200 antelope and the relocation of up to 350 others after determining the blackened rangeland is unable to support the herd of more than 1,000 animals northwest of Elko, about 290 miles east of Reno.

The department has never before been forced to conduct an emergency hunt and relocation of such magnitude, spokesman Chris Healy said.

Biologists fear there would be a major die-off this winter if the antelope herd is not thinned.

"The fires have been a disaster for wildlife. It's an absolute crisis," Healy said Sunday. "We've burned so much of the landscape that these animals just don't have a chance."

Antelope and mule deer, which are also under consideration for a hunt, depend on brush and grasses as a food source. Deer also rely on sagebrush for shelter.

The recent wildfires have destroyed more than half of the area's critical antelope winter range, biologists said.

Nevada ranks second nationwide behind only Texas in the amount of land charred by wildfires this year — 1.13 million acres, or 1,777 square miles, according to the National Interagency Fire Council.

Plans call for a two-week hunt beginning Sept. 18. Wildlife officials said they then plan to capture from 100 to 350 antelope in the area and release them in unburned parts of the state.

Plans also call for an aggressive reseed effort in the area.

Meanwhile, in Montana, the western edge of a 167,000-acre blaze that has burned 26 homes was growing. Wind pushed the fire to higher elevations Saturday and in some cases it leaped up to 100 yards, creating smaller fires.



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Outdoor Pursuits Center offers students trips, training, equipment

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

With the beginning of the 2006 fall semester, Texas Tech students have an opportunity for new outdoor adventures, including a trip to the Grand Canyon.

The Tech Outdoor Pursuits Center offers students an affordable outlet to outdoor adventures, trip leader Clint Peters said.

Peters, a senior natural history and humanities major from Lubbock, said the center is a great place for students and faculty to explore the outdoors.

"Despite appearances," Peters

said, "there are some really beautiful and fun places to visit around Lubbock, and the OPC is your gateway to those areas."

Peters said the center is student-led, but anyone can utilize what the center has to offer.

According to <http://www.recsports.ttu.edu>, the center offers over 15 trips during the fall semester, including kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and even a trip to the Grand Canyon.

The Web site also gives information about equipment rentals and student-led workshops.

Peters said one of the newer programs for the center is called

Bike Tech and allows students to rent "campus cruisers" for free.

"We love bike people," Peters said.

The center welcomes anyone to come in and ask questions, look around or just talk about upcoming events, Peters said.

Collin Holt, a senior marketing major from Dallas and an employee at the Outdoor Pursuits Center, said the center also offers programs for beginners.

"We offer things that anyone can do," Holt said. "From beginners to the advanced, the OPC has something for everyone."

Holt said more than anything,

he just wants students to know the Outdoor Pursuits Center exists.

The center usually has around 10 to 15 people on each trip. Holt said more trips can be added if the trips continue to fill up.

Peters said the center offers a SCUBA class in November that includes certification and an open dive.

Another trip Peters said he is excited about is the Grand Canyon service trip.

Peters said the trip is geared toward not only seeing the beauty of the Grand Canyon but also preserving it.

On the Grand Canyon trip,

participants remove salt cedars, trees that suck surrounding water up and cause other plants to die, Peters said.

Peters said removing the cedars is really rewarding because the students feel like they are making a difference and having a good time.

Along with trips, the center offers an array of workshops to educate students, Peters said.

Peters said the bike maintenance workshop is particularly helpful to students.

The workshop focuses on bike repair and students also learn how to make minor brake adjustments,

Peters said.

Peters said students may also rent skis from the center for a very reasonable price.

"This is the cheapest place I know of in town to rent skis," Peters said.

Ski rentals start in November, Peters said.

The center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Fridays, and from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Peters said he welcomes all Tech students to come by and check out the Outdoor Pursuits Center.

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In three years, CEO led El Paso Corp. turnaround

HOUSTON (AP) — When Douglas Foshee became El Paso Corp.'s CEO three years ago, he had a mess on his hands. Now he's running a much slimmer company out of crisis mode.

Gone are more than \$7 billion in assets, including two refineries, its natural gas processing business and a slew of power plants. Gone with much of those assets are nearly two-thirds of its former work force of 15,000. And gone is the spectre of failure as Foshee looks toward growth rather than restructuring.

"We're not yet to the promised land, but we've made great progress," said Foshee, 47.

El Paso, the nation's largest natural gas pipeline company, still has problems. Its credit ratings remain junk. Its stock, while in the teens when it once languished below \$4, is a far cry from its heyday of \$70. Its troubled exploration and production unit is improving, but not to the point where analysts sing its praises.

"They had a near-death experience," said Standard and Poor's analyst Ben Tsocanos. "They've made a lot of right moves, I think, from a credit standpoint, and they certainly have upward momentum."

That picture is starkly different than the one Foshee faced when he left his post as Halliburton Co.'s chief operating officer in September 2003 to run El Paso.

The company had a crushing \$25 billion in debt, a hodgepodge of assets and cultures from years of acquisitions, a board having barely won a vitriolic proxy fight that summer and stock badly bruised by investors who fled the energy sector in the wake of Enron Corp.'s 2001 flameout.

El Paso had agreed to pay \$1.7 billion to settle lawsuits as well as state and federal investigations in California stemming from allegations of manipulating California's natural gas market in 2000 when the state was plagued by skyrocketing power prices.

Production fell by a third in the same quarter Foshee signed on. A few months later, shortly after unveiling a detailed plan to cut debt and sell assets, El Paso announced a 41 percent cut in proven oil and gas reserves, which analysts watch to gauge an energy company's future earnings power.

Then came revisions of accounting for natural gas hedges, which combined with the reserves reduction led to restated financial results to reflect billions in losses.

And a string of ex-El Paso traders were slapped with criminal charges regarding trading irregularities in the early part of the decade.

"Underneath all that was that," said Foshee, gesturing toward a framed U.S. map of the company's 56,000-mile interstate pipeline network on the wall of a conference room at the company's downtown Houston headquarters.

So Foshee built a new management team that narrowed El Paso's businesses to running its pipeline network and turning around its exploration and production unit.

"We just started a very disciplined process of getting rid of everything that was a distraction from that purpose as quickly as possible," Foshee said.

In addition to shedding refining, natural gas processing and power plants, the company retreated from most international operations except for Brazil, dumped telecommunications and wound down trading.

El Paso's current debt is \$14.5 billion, with a head count of 5,500 employees.

Analysts have noticed.

"My hat is off to them," said John Olson of Sanders Morris Harris. "They inherited a situation which was probably worse than anticipated, and have been able to resurrect an otherwise very overleveraged, over-extended asset base. It was a real mess operationally and a worse mess financially."

"This is a company which needed constant attention to every detail, given the fact that it had a balance sheet leveraged up to 87 percent," Olson continued. "El Paso right now is 73 percent leveraged. It still has too much leverage, but I think they continue to make that one of their highest priorities."

Mike Heim, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons, called restructuring efforts by Foshee's team "a clear success," but noted continued struggles in exploration and production.

"In the end, it's certainly mixed results. They've done a great job on financial restructuring, but there are still questions on operational restructuring. On production levels, I think they've been missing the targets — they've been coming in at the lower end of targets they set and of what people were expecting."

For example, in the second quarter this year, El Paso's exploration and production unit earned 8 percent less than in the year-ago period, and consolidated production volumes fell to 719 from 784 million cubic feet equivalent per day. In January, upon announcing that its turnaround was complete, El Paso projected production of 825 to 850 million cubic feet equivalent per day.

Heim noted some of that decrease is out of El Paso's control. In the second quarter, 15 million cubic feet equivalent per day in production volumes remained shut in because of longer-than-expected delays in restoring production in the aftermath of last year's Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"That hurricanes shut down some production certainly did not help their cause," Heim said.

However, Tsocanos noted El Paso's \$834 million acquisition last year of Denver-based Medicine Bow Energy Corp. illustrates the company's effort to replace reserves and increase operations in lower-risk areas, such as the Rocky Mountains, and reduce dependence on higher-risk efforts in

the Gulf of Mexico.

"They have stabilized the business at this point after a period where they were having really large reserve writedowns and very steeply declining production," Tsocanos said. "I think there's still a fair amount of skepticism in the investment community that they can really build that production to the extent that they've laid out."

In hindsight, Foshee said he would have liked to stay in the refining business for another year or two, given recent hikes in refining margins. But the company now aims to grow earnings from pipelines by 4 percent to 6 percent a year and grow exploration and production both through the drill bit and acquisitions.

"It's only in the last six to nine months that we've really begun to be able to contemplate our longer-term future using the word 'growth,'" Foshee said. "That's a much more fun place to be than where we have spent most of the last three years."

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NY trooper dies after being shot in leg during search for escaped convict

FREDONIA, N.Y. (AP) — One of two troopers ambushed while searching for an escaped convict died Sunday of his injuries, and state police vowed to capture the man they believe killed him.

Joseph Longobardo, shot in the leg while on a stakeout for Ralph "Bucky" Phillips, died at a Buffalo hospital with his wife and parents at his side, State Police Superintendent Wayne Bennett said. The other wounded officer, Donald Baker Jr., remained in critical condition Saturday in a medically induced coma, police said.

Investigators believe Phillips has had help avoiding capture for the last five months, even after he was suspected of wounding a trooper in June. Some in rural western New York had viewed the man-hunt with amusement, but that changed after Thursday's shootings.

"There has been a marked difference in the cooperation

that we are receiving," Bennett said. "I think those people for coming forward, because they have finally realized, if they were on the fence, there is no more fence-sitting now. That day is gone."

Phillips, 44, has been on the run since April, when he used a can opener to cut an opening in the kitchen ceiling of an Erie County jail and escaped through the roof.

Since then, he has been suspected in the June shooting of Trooper Sean Brown near Elmira

in southern New York, and police said he has survived on the run by stealing about 15 vehicles and breaking into hunting camps and a gun shop.

Longobardo, 32, and Baker, 38, were ambushed by a sniper hiding in the woods outside the home of Phillips' former girlfriend. Baker was shot in the back.

One trooper managed to return fire, but police did not say whether the sniper, who fired from less than 100 yards away in the woods, was hit.

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Take pride in America

In this day and time, because of events like the war in Iraq and America's involvement in Lebanon, the disease of anti-Americanism is spreading across the globe at alarming rates. This hatred no longer is found only in Islamic militants or French intellectuals, but more disturbingly, it's becoming commonplace to hear anti-American sentiments coming from Americans themselves.

As sad as I am to say it, I've even had to sit in classes here at Texas Tech and listen to professors preach anti-American propaganda. As my classmates can attest, I do not take kindly to being told that the country I love is evil. I especially despise when it comes from those hypocritical individuals that are reaping all the rewards and privileges of American life, but insist on demeaning the very country that provides them the freedom to do so.

Recently, Michael Medved had John Tirman, director of the MIT Center for International Studies, on his radio show. Tirman recently wrote a book titled, "100 Ways America is Screwing up the World." According to Medved's Web site, Tirman "refused to dismiss the notion that humanity might have been better off if Europeans had never settled North America — in other words, if the U.S. as we know it had never come into existence."

It is incredibly disturbing to me. What has caused this hatred to spread to the point that Americans themselves wish that America had never existed? I understand during America's 230-year history, many mistakes have been made, but at what point does this warrant the belief that the world would be better off if America never existed?

I don't believe anti-American supporters have truly contemplated America's influence on the world. Indulge me for a minute while I use an American cinema classic to counter the disgrace that is American self-hatred. In Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," Jimmy Stewart's character, George Bailey, learned to accept and appreciate his own life's worth after getting a glimpse of how the world would have been had he been granted his wish of never existing. Let's take a look at a world in which the U.S. never existed and see what it might have looked like — it might be eye-opening.

The first historical event that comes to mind in which American intervention played a significant role is World War II. At the time the U.S. entered the war, the Nazis had the British on the ropes and the French were doing what they do best — surrendering.

Could some other major world power have been able to prevent

Chad Greenfield

German from being the official language of France, England and most likely the rest of Western Europe? Maybe, but I doubt it. Belgium and Canada might have been able to pool together their mighty military machines and succeed in rescuing humanity from Nazism — and later on, maybe even communism. But again, I doubt it. If I were a betting man, I would put a semester's tuition on the fact that communists worldwide would salivate at this thought of "if only."

If not for the U.S., which nation might have led the world in the pursuit of self-government and human rights? I'm sure China, with its rich history of exemplary marks on the human rights report card, would have jumped at the chance to become a world leader in this aspect. Just think, without America's presence, Saddam would still be torturing his people in Iraq, no one would have stuck their nose in the business of Sudan and Kosovo business. And heck, the Nazis might have just gone ahead and given the Palestinians back "their homeland." I mean, the world's better off letting countries handle their own problems, right?

I understand that America has its problems and is not always right, but I also understand that America has played a dynamic role in making the world what it is today. You can disagree with me, and I'm sure I'll hear about it if you do. You can think the war in Iraq is a travesty or President Bush is the worst president in our country's history; you have that freedom. But please remember that we are only able to have this discussion because we live in a country that grants us the freedom to do so without fear of persecution.

So before you jump on the "I Hate America" bandwagon, take a second to look around at all of the freedoms you enjoy because of centuries of American sacrifice. If you don't like the path your country is taking, stop complaining and take an active roll in trying to change it. You have that freedom because you live in the greatest country in the world. You have that freedom because you are an American.

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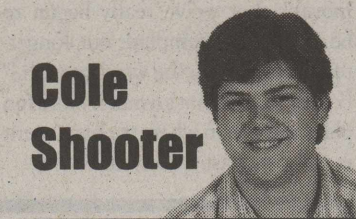
Blame on video game violence irresponsible

Video games have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. When I got my Sega Genesis, games like "Street Fighter," "Road Rash" and "WWF Royal Rumble" began occupying a great deal of my after-school time every day. Since I kept my grades up and didn't have any odd behavioral effects from these games, my collection grew. I then added a Nintendo 64 and "Star Fox." From there, I acquired "GoldenEye" and "Perfect Dark." Having moved on with a PC, a GameCube and Xbox, I've bought a whole slew of new games such as "Mafia," "Fable" and all of the notorious "Grand Theft Auto" games. What do these all have in common? They're all violent.

Despite my long history of violent games, I've never killed anyone. I've never shot up a school, and I haven't driven my truck into a police blockade. While I still may be young, I don't foresee doing any of those. Jack Thompson, a notable Florida attorney, seems to think differently. Thompson has made headlines recently due to his crusades to keep violent video games off the shelves and has never relented in his bashing of those of us that play games in general.

Thompson issued his "challenge" to the gaming industry, entitled, "A Modest Video Game Proposal," for someone to make a game in which

Cole Shooter



the CEO of Take-Two Interactive, the parent company of the creators of the Grand Theft Auto series, is to be killed in a "disturbingly violent manner." If this were to occur, Thompson said he would donate \$10,000 to the charity of Take-Two CEO Paul Eibeler's favorite charity. The game was created, and not surprisingly, Thompson declined to make the donation, claiming his proposal was satirical.

Soon thereafter, the creators of the popular Web-comic Penny Arcade made the donation to the Entertainment Software Association Foundation in Thompson's name. Thompson then called the Seattle police department, claiming that the two artists were leading a "campaign of harassment" against him. The charges were ignored. These are fairly normal actions from the man who is leading the crusade against games. Instead of having a real argument against games, Thompson must resort to threats to seem credible due to the lack of information defending his cases.

On the political front, Senators

Hillary Clinton, Joe Lieberman and Evan Bayh have introduced the Family Entertainment Protection Act, which would pass the regulation of video games to the U.S. government instead of the separate and definitely sufficient Entertainment Software Ratings Board, an independent entity. Amazingly enough, the Family Entertainment Protection Act offers no regulation for other forms of entertainment such as movies, television, and the like.

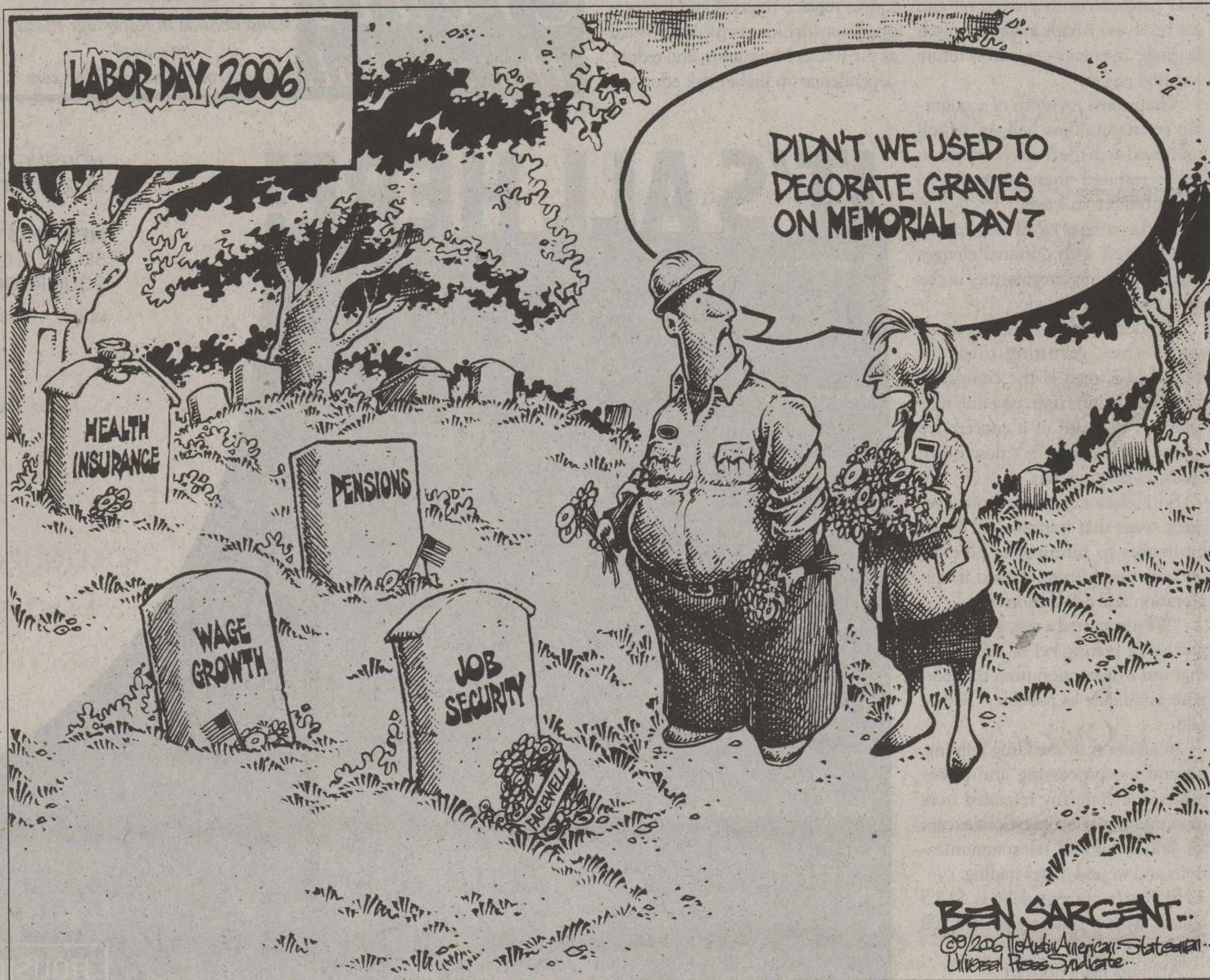
According to the Video Game Voters Network Web site at <http://www.videogamevoters.org>, the ESRB would continue to rate games as they have in the past, but the U.S. government will have federally mandated reviews of their ratings at taxpayer expense, of course. States like Illinois, California and Michigan have been working to legislate even harsher restrictions against games.

I don't have a problem with people being required to show identification to buy these games because it's not really that big of a deal. An elementary school kid probably shouldn't be playing "San Andreas," but being an advocate of smaller government, we don't need to blow more federal dollars on this issue to make sure that little Timmy won't try to run over his school chums with a tank.

The burden of monitoring what their kids do should fall on the parents and not the government. People like Jack Thompson and Hillary Clinton are trying to pull all aspects of personal responsibility out of our lives by throwing more money at these problems. Kids who go into their schools to kill their classmates have many more issues than a mere video game can bring, and terrorists don't decide to bomb places because a game built up their rage.

Contrary to popular belief, there are plenty of gamers who can hold an argument without "UR RONG K THX OMG ROFL." We need to make sure that people like Jack Thompson and Hillary Clinton don't become the end of our entertainment as we know it. If you're a parent, take responsibility for your kids, watch what they are doing, and make sure they know it's only fantasy. Many people our age love to sit back and enjoy a game, be it sports, an RPG or anything else. Thompson and Clinton's generation didn't have games like we do, and it's important that they be led to understand that our generation votes, and we deserve our freedoms.

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Bush touts emerging energy technologies

PINEY POINT, Md. (AP) — President Bush said Monday the economy is growing steadily and jobs are plentiful, but America must work harder to break its dependency on foreign oil.

Making a Labor Day appearance at Maryland's Paul Hall Center for Training and Education, which offers vocational training to Seafarer's International Union members, Bush said "dependence on foreign oil jeopardizes our ability to grow."

"Problem is, we get oil from some parts of the world and they simply don't like us," he said. "The more dependent we are on that type of energy, the less likely it will be that we are able to compete and so people can have good paying jobs."

Bush also said he is interested in new technology that advances that produce battery-operated cars and allows people to fuel their vehicles with ethanol, particularly in Farm Belt states. And he made a fresh push for greater development of nuclear energy.

"Nuclear power is safe and nuclear power is clean and nuclear power is renewable," the president said.

On trade, he said the United States must "continue opening markets to U.S. products."

"... My message to the world is this: just treat us as we treat you," Bush said. "I believe we can compete with anybody, anytime, as long as the rules are fair."

Bush again called on Congress to make permanent a host of tax cuts, saying "I like it when people working for a living have more after-tax money in their pocket."

He said people in all walks of life should work hard to ensure that "our workers have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century."

Bush made a brief mention on the war and terrorism issue, thanking America's fighting men and women for their sacrifices and saying, "They may hear all the political discourse going on, but the people of this country — the people of the United States of America — stand squarely behind the men and women who wear our uniform."

Airport construction projects create unexpected dangers

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Dan Silverthorn had just touched down when his single-engine Beech C23 jolted violently and careened off the runway on its belly in a shower of sparks.

From the air, the veteran pilot couldn't tell that the runway at Higginville, Mo., had a fresh layer of pavement that ended abruptly, creating an 8-inch ledge that ripped the landing gear from his plane like the pull-tab from a sardine can.

"I never really had time to get scared," Silverthorn said. "It happened so fast."

The Missouri businessman's experience last October is not uncommon. The National Transportation Safety Board has documented at least 15 similar occurrences since 1992 at airports where runway or taxiway construction projects were under way or newly completed. Silverthorn and his daughter ended up safe in a grass field, but others weren't as fortunate.

The latest involved Comair Flight 5191 and its attempted takeoff early on

the morning of Aug. 27 at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport.

A repaving project had changed the taxiway route just one week earlier and is now one of several factors federal investigators are looking into as possible causes of the fiery crash that killed 49 of the 50 people aboard.

The pilots of the Atlanta-bound regional plane took a wrong turn onto a runway that was much too short for the twin-engine jet, even though conversations with the air traffic control tower indicated they thought they were heading for the airport's main runway — one almost twice as long. Data recordings from the plane show they continued to accelerate until the plane clipped trees and crashed in a nearby field.

The only survivor was the first officer, James Polehinke, who remained hospitalized Monday.

The deadliest crash recorded by the NTSB at an airport construction site was in Taiwan in October 2000, when the pilots of a Los Angeles-bound Boeing 747-400 turned onto the wrong

runway and plowed into construction debris, killing 83 passengers.

Jeffrey Roy, a retired Federal Aviation Administration investigator now working as an aviation safety consultant in Colorado, said that considering the large number of runway and taxiway construction projects each year, such crashes are relatively rare, especially those in which pilots end up on the wrong runway.

"I don't know of any crashes where construction has been considered the primary factor, because there are so many other procedures that should be followed by the crew to verify their position," Roy said.

Pilots can avoid construction zones if they take advantage of "notices to airmen" alerts distributed about airport conditions.

"Each FAA region probably has multiple construction projects going on at any time at small and large airports," Roy said. "It's a fairly common thing that pilots need to be aware of."



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Australia's Steve Irwin killed by stingray's barb

CAIRNS, Australia (AP) — Steve Irwin died doing what he loved best, getting too close to one of the dangerous animals he dedicated his life to protecting with an irrepressible, effervescent personality that propelled him to global fame as television's "Crocodile Hunter."

The 44-year-old Irwin's heart was pierced by the serrated, poisonous spine of a stingray as he swam with the creature Monday while shooting a new TV show on the Great Barrier Reef, his manager and producer John Stainton said.

News of Irwin's death reverberated around the world, where he won popularity with millions as the man who regularly leaped on the back of huge crocodiles and grabbed deadly snakes by the tail.

"Crikey!" was his catch phrase, repeated whenever there was a close call — or just about any other event — during his TV programs, delivered with a broad Australian twang, mile-a-minute delivery and big arm gestures.

"I am shocked and distressed at Steve Irwin's sudden, untimely and freakish death," Australian Prime Minister John Howard said. "It's a huge loss to Australia."

Conservationists said all the world would

feel the loss of Irwin, who turned a childhood love of snakes and lizards and knowledge learned at his parents' side into a message of wildlife preservation that reached a television audience that reportedly exceeded 200 million.

"He was probably one of the most knowledgeable reptile people in the entire world," Jack Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio, told ABC's "Good Morning America."

In high-energy programs from Africa, the Americas and Asia, but especially his beloved Australia, Irwin — dressed always in khaki shorts, shirt and heavy boots — crept up on lions, chased and was chased by komodo dragons, and went eye-to-eye with poisonous snakes.

Often, his trademark big finish was to hunt down one of the huge saltwater crocodiles that inhabit the rivers and beaches of the Outback in Australia's tropical north, leap onto its back, grabbing its jaws with his bare hands, then tying the animal's mouth with rope.

He was a committed conservationist, running a wildlife park for crocodiles and other Australian fauna, including kangaroos, koalas and possums, and using some of his

TV wealth to buy tracts of land for use as natural habitat.

Irwin was in the water at Batt Reef, off the Australian resort town of Port Douglas about 60 miles north of Cairns, shooting a series called "Ocean's Deadliest" when he swam too close the stingray, Stainton told reporters.

"He came on top of the stingray and the stingray's barb went up and into his chest and put a hole into his heart," said Stainton, who was on board Irwin's boat, Croc One, at the time.

Crew members administered CPR and rushed to rendezvous with a rescue helicopter that flew to nearby Low Isle, but Irwin was pronounced dead when the paramedics arrived, Stainton said.

"The world has lost a great wildlife icon, a passionate conservationist and one of the proudest dads on the planet," Stainton said. "He died doing what he loved best and left this world in a happy and peaceful state of mind. He would have said, 'Croc Rule!'"

Marine experts called the death a freak accident. They said rays reflexively deploy a sharp spine in their tails when frightened, but the venom coating the barb usually just causes a very painful sting for humans.

"It was extraordinarily bad luck," said Shaun Collin, a University of Queensland marine neuroscientist. "It's not easy to get spined by a stingray, and to be killed by one is very rare."

Irwin's image was dented a bit in 2004 when he held his month-old son in one arm while feeding large crocodiles inside a zoo pen, touching off a public outcry. He argued there was no danger to his son, and authorities declined to charge him with violating safety regulations.

Later that year, he was accused of getting too close to penguins, a seal and humpback whales in Antarctica while making a documentary. An Australian Environment Department investigation recommended no action be taken against him.

Irwin was born Feb. 22, 1962, in the southern city of Melbourne to a plumber father and a nurse mother, who decided a few years later to chase a shared dream of becoming involved in animal preservation.

They moved to the Sunshine Coast in tropical Queensland state and opened a reptile and wildlife preserve at Beerwah in 1970. Irwin said in a recent interview that he was in his element.

He was given a 12-foot scrub python for

his sixth birthday and regularly went on capturing excursions with his father in the bushland around the park. He was catching crocodiles by age 9, and in his 20s worked for the Queensland state government as a trapper who removed crocodiles from populated areas.

Irwin's father, Bob, said his son had an innate affinity with animals from an early age, a sense Irwin later described as "a gift." Irwin said he learned about wildlife working with his parents rather than in school.

In 1991, Irwin took over the park, Australia Zoo, when his parents retired and began building a reputation as a showman during daily crocodile feeding shows.

He met and married Terri Raines, of Eugene, Ore., who came to the park as a tourist, that year. They invited a television crew to join them on their camping honeymoon on Australia's far northern tip.

The resulting show became the first "Crocodile Hunter," was picked up by the Discovery Channel the following year, and the resulting series became an international hit.

Irwin is survived by his wife Terri, daughter Bindi Sue, 8, and son Bob, who will turn 3 in December.

Iraqi soccer star kidnapped and 35 bullet-riddled bodies found in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A popular Iraqi soccer star was kidnapped and 35 bullet-riddled bodies were found in Iraq on Monday, a day after Iraqi officials touted the capture of al-Qaida in Iraq's No. 2 leader as a move to reduce violence in the country.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, including a soldier who was killed by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad on Monday.

A roadside bomb also killed two British soldiers and seriously wounded a third in Ad Dayr, north of the southern city of Basra, British military spokesman Maj. Charlie Burbridge said.

Authorities found 33 bodies of people who had been shot to death, all showing signs of torture, dumped around several neighborhoods in Baghdad, police said. The bodies, all of men, were blindfolded and their feet and hands were tied.

In Kut, 100 miles southeast of Baghdad, police found another two bodies dumped on a highway. Both

had been shot in the head and chest, said Maamoun Ajil al-Robaiee from the morgue at Kut hospital.

Elsewhere in the capital, Ghanim Ghudayer, 22, considered one of the best players in Baghdad's Air Force Club, was abducted Sunday evening by unknown assailants, some who were wearing military uniforms, police said.

The head of the Air Force Club, Samir Kadhim, said the player, who also was on Iraq's Olympic team, had planned to leave for Syria in two or three days to join a new team there. Iraqi sports officials and athletes have frequently faced threats, kidnappings and killings.

At least two people also were killed and six were wounded in and around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, in shootings and bomb attacks.

The violence came a day after Iraq's national security adviser announced the capture of al-Qaida in Iraq deputy Hamed Jumaa Farid al-Saedi, also known as Abu Humam or Abu Rana, saying the arrest has

left the terror group facing a "serious leadership crisis."

"Our troops have dealt fatal and painful blows to this organization," Mouwafak al-Rubaiee said Sunday.

The Iraqi Defense Ministry also announced on Monday that 15 people believed to have been involved in insurgent activities were killed over the last 24 hours by Iraqi army units.

Al-Rubaiee accused al-Saedi, who he said was arrested a few days ago, of supervising the creation of death squads and ordering assassinations, bombings, kidnappings and attacks on Iraqi police and army checkpoints.

While it may be too soon to say what the effect will be of al-Saedi's capture, sectarian violence and other attacks have continued after the arrests or killing of other high-ranking figures, including ousted leader Saddam Hussein.

Not much is known about al-Saedi, but al-Rubaiee said he was the second most important al-Qaida in

Iraq leader after Abu Ayyub al-Masri. Al-Masri is believed to have taken over the group after a U.S. air strike killed al-Zarqawi in June.

Al-Rubaiee said al-Saedi was "directly responsible" for the man whom authorities have accused of leading the Feb. 22 bombing against the Shiite shrine in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. The attack inflamed tensions between Shiite and Sunni Muslims and triggered reprisal attacks that have killed hundreds of Iraqis.

A senior coalition official told The Associated Press that coalition forces were involved in al-Saedi's arrest, but would not give details on what role they played.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because announcements were being made by Iraqi authorities, said al-Saedi had been arrested near Baqouba. The official said al-Saedi has been involved in the insurgency almost from its infancy three years ago.

Al-Rubaiee said al-Saedi gave information that led to the capture

or death of 11 other top al-Qaida in Iraq figures and nine lower-level members.

The national security adviser also said the operation to arrest al-Saedi "is a great military lesson that shows that our security forces have become very competent."

Disagreements continued in the handover of the country's armed forces command from the U.S.-led coalition to Iraq, with the Defense Ministry saying a ceremony to mark the transition had been postponed indefinitely.

The highly anticipated ceremony, which was to have marked the formal transfer of control of Iraq's armed forces to the government, had been scheduled for Saturday but was called off at the last minute.

The two sides still need "to complete some legal and protocol procedures that will lead to a complete understanding between the Iraqi government and the multinational troops," the Defense Ministry said.

Handing over control from the

coalition to Iraqi authorities is a key part of any eventual drawdown of U.S. troops in the country.

An American soldier was killed Monday by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad, while a second soldier died of non-combat related injuries, the military said.

It also said a roadside bomb killed a soldier near Mosul, and two American Marines were killed in the volatile Anbar province on Sunday.

In other violence, according to police:

—Two suicide bombers slammed into a checkpoint on the outskirts of Baghdad, killing an Iraqi soldier and wounding eight.

—Gunmen killed Maj. Gen. Mohammad Thumeil, who served in former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's military, in Ramadi, 70 miles northwest of the capital.

—Gunmen clashed with Iraqi forces for about seven hours in Maysayib, 40 miles south of Baghdad, leaving one Iraqi soldier dead and about 100 gunmen arrested.

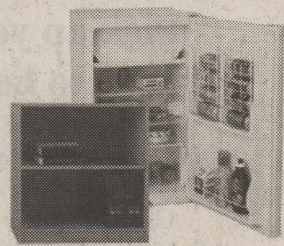
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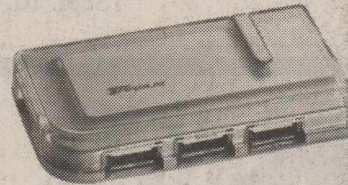
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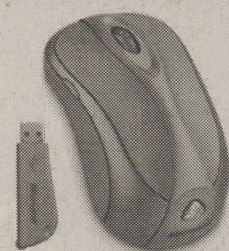
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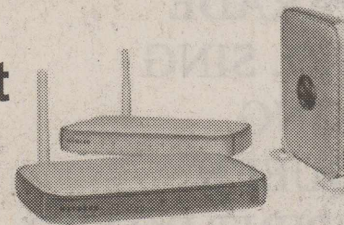
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Wicked boring

Somewhere between Nicolas Cage running through the woods in a mama bear costume and Ellen Burstyn slapping on the "Braveheart" war paint, I decided "The Wicker Man" is a movie better seen after happy hour.

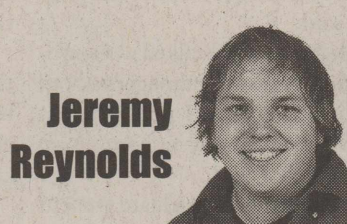
There are so many better movies out there that deserve remakes more than this cult/British/horror/musical reject from the '70s. Give me my damn "Bullitt" remake already.

"The Wicker Man" remake of the cult classic is better than the original, but I'm only saying that because I was not fan of the 1973 horror musical.

Thankfully, in Neil LaBute's new version, Cage does not wow us with any of his singing talents. After seeing the movie I question Cage's financial status. Maybe he lost big at the races and he needed a good payday, because only then can I understand why he would agree to be in this film.

The movie centers around Cage, a California police officer who travels to a private island off the coast of Washington, where he still pretends his highway patrolman's badge gives him the right to go through every house and attic without a warrant.

He travels to the island to find a lost girl, or, should I say, an "allegedly lost child." The youngster belongs to a



Jeremy Reynolds

former fiancé of Cage, hence the reason why he made the trip up to the middle of nowhere.

As with most modern remakes, LaBute decided to David-Fincher the movie up, i.e., darken the mood of the original. The atmosphere is bleak, and there's fog rolling over the foothills of the town, which looks like it was taken straight from the pages of M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

I understand what LaBute was trying to do. He took an interesting idea and then gave it a solid actor, a better cinematographer and a brilliant composer. However, where he went wrong was hiring himself as the writer/director.

Cage brings so much more to this film than Edward Woodward did in the original. Cage is clever, witty and has more stage presence than his predecessor. I think this movie goes to show how strong an actor Cage actually is because he's able to overcome a dyslexic director.

That being said, I think Burstyn

failed miserably when compared to the original actress. There are so many differences that separate her from the original cult leader, Christopher Lee. One has talent. One doesn't. One is a commanding actor. One is a whining actress.

I'm not saying that Lee should have revived his role as the leader of this island; however, the producers of the remake should have looked within the male Hollywood community to find their lead villain.

The real problem with the movie is the pacing. It felt as if LaBute knew the story he wanted to tell, but instead of taking his time and explaining it to the audience, he simply hit all the highlights. The movie felt like a Cliffs-noted version of a potentially great film. It was as if LaBute got so excited to tell us the twist ending that he rushed through the entire plot.

Cage has an impressive career under his belt, so I'm going to let him slide on this film because it is obvious he wanted the money; people should keep that in mind when they go see the movie.

2 out of 6 - POOR

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The reigning Miss Universe made a triumphant return to her native Puerto Rico on Monday, kneeling to kiss a red carpet rolled out at the airport for her first visit to the island since she was crowned in July.

Zuleyka Rivera Mendoza, wearing a short green dress and waving a Puerto Rican flag, was greeted by the governor of the U.S. territory as she stepped off the flight from New York. Since the contest, she has been touring countries including Japan and Indonesia.

"I'm proud to be Puerto Rican, to represent Puerto Rican women and to represent the Puerto Rican people," the 18-year-old aspiring actress said.

Events set for her homecoming included a parade and performances by Puerto Rican artists including Gilberto Santa Rosa and Black Guayaba.

"Your triumph is the triumph of Puerto Rico because you represent the best of Puerto Rico," said Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila, who invited the beauty queen to dine with his family.

Rivera, whose parents and two younger brothers also greeted her at the airport, planned to return Tuesday to her hometown of Salinas on the southern coast.

She was the fifth Puerto Rican winner

in the pageant's 55-year history.

LONDON (AP) — Babysmables frontman Pete Doherty skirted a jail sentence on drug charges Monday when a judge ordered him to continue rehabilitation — while complimenting him on one of his songs.

The 27-year-old singer, nattily dressed in a black suit, white shirt and striped tie, appeared for sentencing on charges of possessing heroin, cocaine and cannabis.

Fans overflowed the public gallery at Thames Magistrates Court, and were reprimanded by the judge for being noisy.

Doherty pleaded guilty Aug. 18 to five charges stemming from arrests in April and August in which drugs were found in his vehicle and home and he was found with a crack pipe and a small amount of crack.

District Judge Jane McIvor on Monday deferred sentencing until Dec. 4, and told Doherty he would not go to jail if he adheres to his rehabilitation program, continues to be employed and commits no other offenses. She noted that he had recently passed drug tests for heroin and cocaine.

She also said Doherty's song "The Blinding" is a "good tune."

Before being whisked away by security, Doherty said he had "mixed feelings" about

the judge's decision because he "wants to be trusted" and the clinic where he has been in rehabilitation is too expensive.

The singer gained fame with his previous band, the Libertines, and as the on-off boyfriend of supermodel Kate Moss. His drug habit gained international attention after a British tabloid printed pictures of Moss apparently using cocaine at a music studio where Doherty and his band were recording. Moss was not charged.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Oscar-winning rap group Three 6 Mafia has asked a judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by man who claims he was severely beaten at a concert when fans followed lyrics of the song "Let's Start A Riot."

An attorney for the group filed a motion last week in Allegheny County Court saying there is no "genuine issue of material fact" to the complaint. The lyrics are protected under the First Amendment, the motion said.

Ramone Williams claimed in his lawsuit that he was beaten during a concert at a now-defunct Pittsburgh nightclub on Aug. 26, 2003. Before the song was over, Williams alleges, he was thrown to the floor, hit with a chair, stomped on and kicked in the face. His injuries included a fractured jaw.

'Invincible' repeats as No. 1 movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Wahlberg remained invincible at the box office over the long Labor Day weekend.

Disney's "Invincible," with Wahlberg as a pro football rookie who makes the team in open tryouts, was the No. 1 movie for the second straight weekend, taking in \$15.2 million from Friday through Monday, according to studio estimates. The movie lifted its 11-day total to \$37.8 million.

Lionsgate's action tale "Crank," with Jason Statham as a hitman out for revenge while racing to find an antidote after he's poisoned, opened at No. 2 with \$13 million.

Nicolas Cage's "The Wicker Man," a Warner Bros. remake of a 1973 thriller about a cop tracking a missing child on an eerie island, took in \$11.7 million to debut in third place.

The weekend's other new wide release, Sony's basketball tale "Crossover," opened outside the top 10 with \$4.5 million.

Two acclaimed films continued to expand to more theaters and scored again with audiences. Fox Searchlight's road-trip comedy "Little Miss Sunshine," starring Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette and Steve Carell, was No. 4 with \$9.7 million.

Yari Film Group's "The Illusionist," starring Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti in a drama about a mysterious magician in early 1900s Vienna, expanded into wide release and broke into the top 10 with \$8 million.

After gradually rolling out following debuts in a handful of theaters, the two films maintained the best per-theater averages among the top 10 movies. Playing in 1,602 locations, "Little Miss Sunshine" averaged \$6,071 per cinema, while "The Illusionist" averaged \$8,261 in 971 theaters.

In limited release, IFC Films' documentary "This Film Is Not Yet Rated" opened strongly with \$41,664 in two theaters for a \$20,832 average. The film, a harsh critique of Hollywood's movie ratings system, expands to more theaters through September.

Hollywood closed the summer with a solid Labor Day weekend, typically a slow time at movie theaters as students prepare to head back to school and families squeeze in last-minute barbecues and other outdoor activities. The top 12 movies took in \$98.7 million, up slightly from the same weekend last year.

After domestic revenues went into a tailspin in 2005, Hollywood has rebounded with a sturdy year, with movie attendance rising about 3 percent compared to last summer.

"This was a summer that I think reflected the fact that people still want to go to the movies," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "We didn't break any records, but the box office is alive and well."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

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5. "The Illusionist," \$8 million.
6. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," \$7.7 million.
7. "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals," \$6.4 million.
8. "Accepted," \$5.9 million.
9. "World Trade Center," \$5.8 million.
10. "Step Up," \$5.5 million.

Oprah returns home to dedicate center

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Talk show host Oprah Winfrey plans to be in her birthplace of Kosciusko to dedicate a state-of-the-art Boys & Girls Club she helped sponsor.

The estimated \$5 million facility houses a gymnasium, computer lab and garden.

"We know how valuable her time is and happy that she is giving us a little of it to come down here," said Jimmy Cockroft, mayor of the city of 7,334.

Paul Powers, vice president of special projects for The Oprah Winfrey Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko and

Attala County, said the facility will be used mainly for after-school activities for boys and girls 5-18 years old. After homework is finished, children can participate in arts programs or take advantage of the building's gymnasium.

The facility should open in a few weeks.

Construction began in October 2004 on the 32,000-square-foot facility that was funded by The Oprah Winfrey Foundation, said Powers. The facility's garden will be used to teach children to grow their own food.

Children can prepare some of the food in a kitchen area, designed by

Winfrey's personal chef, Art Smith, who also will be on hand for the dedication Monday. Powers said children will have access to audio and visual equipment to film themselves and other chefs preparing food. The footage could be made into DVDs and sold as a fundraiser, Powers said.

The project began in 1998, after the talk-show host visited Kosciusko to dedicate a Habitat for Humanity home she funded, Cockroft said. After meeting with the community, Winfrey decided that a Boys & Girls Club would be the most beneficial thing she could do for young people.

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Annual Burning Man festival in Nevada ends without major incidents

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Thousands of celebrants danced, hugged and cheered as the annual Burning Man counterculture festival climaxed with the traditional torching of its namesake object on the northern Nevada desert.

Accompanied by a spectacular fireworks show, the 40-foot-tall wooden figure known as "The Man" went up in flames Saturday night

and tumbled to the Black Rock Desert, 110 miles north of Reno.

The eclectic art festival was to end its weeklong run Monday after the burning of more artwork Sunday night, including the "Belgian Waffle," the "Temple of Lights" and the "Temple of Hope."

Organizers bill the festival as "an annual experiment in temporary community dedicated to radical

self-expression and radical self-reliance."

"I like the idea of temporary art," Marissa Long-Peak, 23, of Portland, Ore., told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "There is something a lot more unique about destroying something you create."

No major problems were reported by authorities.

Buses

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the transit system is violating policy by suddenly removing bus routes.

"What happens in the transit field is a normal thing for the university to charge a fee for services," Molina said. "However, if they are already providing a service with no fee and suddenly stop providing service, they are violating Federal Transit Administration policies. If transit wants to stop providing service they can do it in a 90 day period, to let the public comment on it."

Huff said there are several complexes on Fourth Street that are not receiving bus service because of construction. The SGA will create a bus stop for students who live at Heritage, Savoy and Sierra Crossing at Third Street and Detroit Avenue on Wednesday, Huff said.

"We want to make sure that students are safe, and although they haven't joined our program we want

to make sure we give them the best service we can," Huff said.

Don Higgins, manager of Heritage Apartments, said not having a bus stop has been an inconvenience for Tech students.

"They're having to find alternate ways to get to school," Higgins said.

Higgins said he talked with owners and regional managers about joining the SGA's program but hasn't received any response from the owners.

Vikas Doon, a graduate student in mechanical engineering from India, said not having bus service is troublesome.

"We have to walk a mile to get to the university," Doon said. "The weather is also an inconvenience."

Keisha McKenzie, a Tech graduate from London with a degree in technical communication, said not having bus service has caused her a huge inconvenience because she doesn't drive. She said the bus route is for students on the east part of the

Heritage Apartments.

"It's not for us on the west," McKenzie said. "We can walk five to six minutes to the east, but you don't know if you are going to get onto the bus because students from Sierra Crossing, Raider Pass and East Heritage apartments are trying to get on to the same bus."

McKenzie said she could take the Red Raider or Masked Rider buses and it would take her 45 minutes. She said she could walk to campus in 10 to 15 minutes.

Huff said the SGA is establishing the program to ensure Tech can keep off-campus buses running.

"We want to produce the best service we can for our students, and we want to continue to do that for the future," Huff said.

The SGA has worked on the program for two years, he said. The SGA informed Lubbock apartment complexes about the program in April, at which time each complex decided whether or not to join the program.

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Couric takes over 'CBS Evening News'

NEW YORK (AP) — With a rebuilt newsroom behind her and new theme music from an Academy Award-winning composer, Katie Couric is set to make the most talked-about debut of the fall television season Tuesday on the "CBS Evening News."

CBS hopes that many of the viewers who watched Couric in the morning during her 15 years at NBC's "Today" show will stay with her in the evening, lifting a broadcast that has spent several years in the ratings basement.

Tuesday caps a tumultuous two years for network evening newscasts. For more than two decades, the networks had been the TV homes of Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather. Now, Couric will compete against Brian Williams at the top-rated NBC "Nightly News" and Charles Gibson at ABC's "World News."

It's part of a season of changes for TV. Rosie O'Donnell makes her debut on the daytime talk show "The View" Tuesday, Meredith Vieira replaces Couric on "Today" next week, and a brand new network—the CW—will shortly put the WB and UPN out of business.

CBS cleared out the newsroom at its headquarters in Manhattan's West Side this summer and built a new one that will be used for Couric's set. James Horner, who composed the music for "Titanic," wrote new music for the evening news theme. Couric even went on a six-city "listening tour" to hear what viewers want on the news.

Legendary CBS newsmen Walter Cronkite recorded an introduction for Tuesday's show, but it still wasn't clear Monday whether it would be used, spokeswoman Sandra Genelius said.

Anticipating the debut of the first woman hired to solely anchor a network evening newscast, folks in the TV news industry have obsessed over everything from what Couric will wear to how serious a demeanor she will present coming from the often silly world of morning TV.

Expect a few new wrinkles in the

newscast, like a regular commentary segment featuring outsiders called "Free Speech."

Couric may also have hinted at a new style during a brief appearance Thursday on Bob Schieffer's final broadcast as anchor after a year and a half. Evening newscasts have infrequently featured one-on-one interviews, but Couric briefly chatted with Schieffer on camera while the two sat in director's chairs in front of the new set.

She appeared later that night at a cocktail party at a midtown Manhattan restaurant to honor Schieffer, who will contribute commentary to the newscast and continue as "Face the Nation" host.

"I can't imagine following in the footsteps of a kinder, more gracious person," Couric said.

Besides Tuesday's newscast, CBS is setting up a flashy launch for Couric. She's scheduled to interview President Bush at the White House on Wednesday for a prime-time special, and her first "60 Minutes" report about the toxic fallout from the World Trade Center collapse is set for Sunday.

Iran-EU tentatively agree to meet over nuclear impasse

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The EU's foreign policy chief and Iran's senior nuclear negotiator tentatively agreed late Monday to meet in two days in Vienna to try and bridge differences over Tehran's nuclear program, U.N. and European officials said.

The officials, who demanded anonymity for discussing confidential information with The Associated Press, stressed the date and venue still could change despite initial agreement to meet Wednesday in the Austrian capital.

While word leaked last week that the Iranians had agreed to meet with the EU's Javier Solana to explore potential chances of solving the impasse, the time and venue are officially being kept secret in an apparent attempt not to jeopardize any chance of their success.

Asked to confirm the reports, Solana's spokeswoman Cristina Gallach only would say "the lines

of communications are being kept open" between the two sides.

At issue is Tehran's refusal to consider freezing uranium enrichment, a potential pathway to nuclear weapons, despite a demand by the U.N. Security Council.

On Thursday, the last day of a council deadline for Iran to suspend enrichment, the International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed that Tehran had failed to do so, despite the threat of U.N. sanctions.

The talks between Solana and Iran's Ali Larijani are seen as the last chance to explore the possibility of a negotiated solution to the standoff before the council actively starts work on such sanctions.

Senior negotiators of the five permanent Security Council members plus Germany are expected to meet in Berlin on Thursday to discuss the results of Wednesday's meeting.

Death toll from Ernesto in Va. goes up to 6

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A woman died of carbon monoxide poisoning from a portable generator, bringing Virginia's death toll from the remnants of Tropical Storm Ernesto to six, officials said.

The woman hooked up the generator in her Newport News garage after losing electrical power during the storm, state Department of Emergency Management spokesman Marc LaFountain said. He said

an open garage window did not provide adequate ventilation.

"This, sadly is something we often see after tropical storms," LaFountain said. "These generators generate enormous amounts of carbon monoxide, and it's important they be run outside."

Three people died in unrelated car crashes attributed to the storm, and a Gloucester couple were killed after a massive tree crushed their modular home.

Rain

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Whatley said.

He said the combination of the rainy weekend, the holiday weekend and back-to-school time is great for business.

"It's great not having to compete with outdoor activity for the dollar," he said.

Whatley said he hopes the rain will continue next weekend.

"If we can get some sun during the week, we can prepare for next weekend's rain," he said.

Whatley said he believes rain is always welcome in Lubbock and good for business. Other inclement weather, such as snow and sleet, have an adverse effect on business, he said.

"Anytime we can get rain in the area it's good," he said. "We'll never turn down rain in West Texas."

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UNDER PRESSURE

Receivers shine in opener against SMU

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When Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell stepped into the fourth quarter of the 2006 AT&T Cotton Bowl, it was a situation that many players would find unnerving.

Saturday, in front of 50,362 fans at Jones AT&T Stadium in his first start for the Red Raiders, Harrell said he was ready.

The sophomore quarterback threw for 342 yards and five scores to lead No. 25 Tech to a 35-3 win against Southern Methodist.

Tech (1-0) found itself against the wall early, being forced to punt after its first drive and giving up a 38-yard field goal to SMU (0-1), but never relinquished a point again on the Raiders' way to 35 straight scores.

Senior wide receiver Robert Johnson set a new school record for receptions in a game with 15 for 139 yards and two touchdowns.

Johnson surpassed Wes Welker, who previously held the record of 14 catches against Texas in 2002.

After the game, Johnson said it felt good getting all the receptions and the pace of the game was what mattered most.

"I'm going out, making plays and helping the team out," he said. "Tonight I thought we had a really good tempo."

After the early stall in the offense, Harrell and the offense settled down and found that tempo.

Johnson said Harrell's demeanor in the huddle was calm and brought about similarities to another composed quarterback.

"He's like Tom Brady," Johnson said. "He's a calm guy. He's cool."

Over the next two Raider possessions, the Ennis native completed nine of his 10 passes for 94 yards and

two straight touchdowns, the first to sophomore Todd Walker and the other to Johnson.

Harrell said any quarterback in his situation would be happy when they have this much talent surrounding them.

"It's a quarterback's dream to have great receivers like that," he said. "If we can keep getting the ball more spread out, we're going to be tough to beat."

The four- and five-wide sets during the game made it easy for Harrell to find the open man, spreading the SMU offense around the field in the secondary.

Overall, six Tech receivers grabbed three or more passes, and four of them were able to find the end zone.

All of the success with the wideouts came without senior receiver Jarrett Hicks' presence, after an NCAA ruling on academic eligibility kept the senior from being a part of Saturday's contest.

The Raiders did not have a problem spreading out the passes, even though the majority did go to Johnson.

The longest play of the game came at the end of the third quarter, as Harrell connected with junior receiver Danny Amendola across the middle for a 45-yard touchdown and a 28-3 lead.

The only thing maybe more impressive than the catch-and-run itself on the play, was redshirt-freshman Edward Britton's punishing block on SMU's Randall Goode, allowing Amendola to cut around to his final ten yards before leaping into the end zone.

Britton played a dual-threat role for the Raiders during the game, collecting 62 all-purpose yards.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he saw some good things from the offense, but it was the way the team handled the game that impressed him the most.

"We played smart for this early in



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RECEIVER JOEL FILANI runs down the sideline as an SMU defender chases him in Saturday's game against the Mustangs at Jones AT&T Stadium.

the year," he said. "I think it's a starting point. It's an average starting point, but I don't think it's a great starting point."

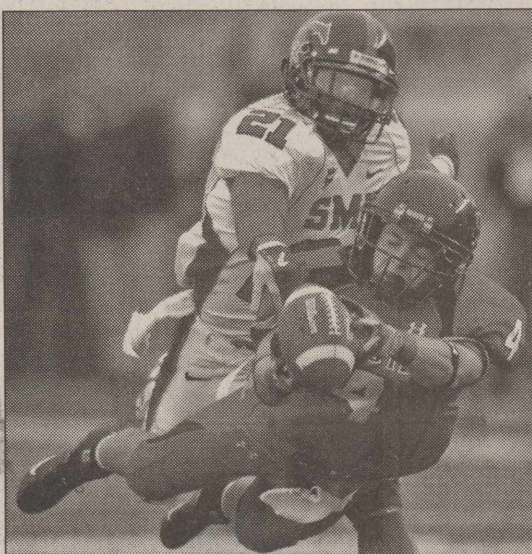
Harrell and other players said it was the Tech defense that helped keep the game in perspective for the Raider offense, as defensive coach Lyle Serenich's Swarm defense held the Mustangs to 189 yards of total offense.

Serenich said he was pleased with his defense's ability to cover the pass but that it was a fairly easy test.

"I felt decent about it," he said. "But I don't think they were really challenged a lot."

Although the SMU offense could not find the end zone this time around in Lubbock, Mustangs coach Phil Bennett said he saw some things out of his team.

"I wasn't disappointed in our effort at all," he said. "Believe it or not, I saw some bright spots."



RECEIVER TODD WALKER dives for a pass by quarterback Graham Harrell in Texas Tech's 35-3 victory against SMU at Jones AT&T Stadium Saturday.

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Offensively, Bennett said he was disappointed because of how mistakes and penalties plagued the team when they would get themselves into a rhythm.

Penalties found a way to the Raiders' side of the ball as well, as Tech collected

nine yellow flags for 70 yards.

Harrell attributed his success during the game to the players around him and said he found some good advice during the week from some guys who have been in his place before.

He talked to former Tech quarterbacks Kliff Kingsbury, Sonny Cumbie and Cody Hodges, all of which had a similar phrase for the new Air Raid general to keep in mind.

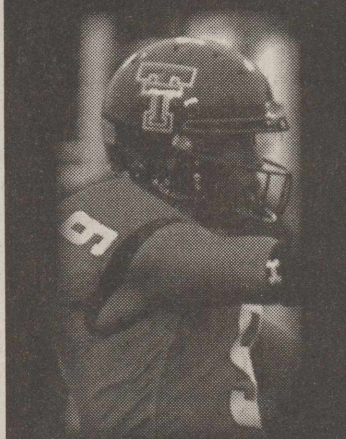
"All of them just kept telling me the same thing," he said. "Get it out of your hands."

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ROBERT JOHNSON
SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER

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RECEIVERS

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DEFENSIVE LINE

A

Dek Bakel, Keyunta Dawson and Jake Ratliff consistently got into the backfield.

LINEBACKER

B-

Senior Fletcher Session led the Raiders' defense with 4.5 total tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

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Big Ten powerhouses challenge Tech

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team ended the Big 12 Big Ten challenge with two losses over the weekend after facing the two toughest teams so far for the Red Raiders this season, coach Neil McGuire said.

McGuire said No. 21 Purdue and Indiana were two of the most challenging teams his squad has faced.

The Red Raiders lost their first game of the season to No. 21 Purdue, 4-0, Friday.

"Up to this point, Purdue and Indiana were the hardest teams we faced," he said. "Both teams were very good tactically and technically."

McGuire said his young team was up against a difficult Purdue team, whose style of play simply outplayed

the Red Raiders.

"Their overall energy level was better than ours," he said. "Purdue was very well organized."

The Boilermakers got off to a quick start when junior defender Kira Bilecky scored with a header from a corner kick by forward Jill Sarbaugh at the 1:56 mark of the first half. Purdue followed with two more goals in the first half. At the 13:25 mark, defender Amber Henkle scored a goal from a corner kick assisted by Parrissa Eyorokon and Sylvia Forbes. At the 24:17 mark, the Boilermakers scored again when Sarbaugh found the net. In the second half, Purdue added to its lead when Rebecca Robinson scored in the 56th minute.

McGuire said Purdue's aggressiveness made it almost impossible

to create any offense to advance the ball.

"We definitely played more defense than we wanted to," he said. "They had the ball more often. If we don't have the ball, we can't create any offense. It's as simple as that."

Purdue recorded 26 total shots on goal, with 17 in the first half and nine in the second. Tech shot the ball 10 times on goal, three in the first half and seven in the second.

McGuire said their lack of shots on goal was because of a swarming Purdue defense.

"Anytime we had the ball, we gave it away," he said.

Tech goalie Tina Rincon recorded four saves in the match playing all 90 minutes of the game.

Rincon said the two road games were the toughest of the early sea-

son. She said Purdue and Indiana's style of play is similar to other teams in the Big 12.

"Both teams were more physical and quicker to the ball," she said. "Purdue played at a faster pace than we did, and Indiana was stronger than us."

The Red Raiders' second game of the weekend came on Saturday at Indiana. Tech was shut out for the second consecutive game, 4-0.

McGuire said the Indiana team was very similar to the Purdue team they faced just a day earlier.

Like Purdue, Indiana started the game with a goal early in the first half. At the 12:39 mark, junior forward Lindsay McCarthy scored by a cross as an assist from forward Carrie DeFreece.

Indiana struck three more times,

with two more goals in the first half. Lauren Lamping scored from a free kick 30 yards out in the 22nd minute, and Kristin Radcliffe scored from a short cross from Megan Pipkins at the 34:05 mark. Katy Stewart scored in the 47th minute from a corner kick by Lamping.

McGuire said his team faced a strong Indiana defense much like Purdue's.

"They were in possession of the ball much longer," he said. "They dominated most of the first half because they desired to win the ball."

McGuire said his team has a lot of work to do before they resume play at R.P. Fuller Stadium Friday.

He said they are going to work hard this week in practice and work on creating more offense.

"We need to increase our speed

of play," he said. "Then, we are more likely to have the ball."

Junior forward Priscilla Esquivel said the team needs to push their work effort to keep up with teams like Purdue and Indiana.

"We need to keep our formation and play by our system, not fall into the game of opponent," she said. "We have to win those 50-50 balls in order to give our offense a chance."

Rincon said the team needs to regroup and regain the energy they had for the first two games.

"We need to regain our hunger to score," she said. "And capitalize on every opportunity given to us."

The Red Raiders have six straight home games starting Friday when they play Prairie View A&M.

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Tech CC takes silver in Clovis

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's cross country team began the 2006 season with a second-place finish Saturday at the Mike Boit Invitational in Clovis, N.M.

Tech coach Murray said he utilized the Mike Boit Invitational to give the freshman runners their first chance to compete at a higher level. The Red Raiders finished the meet in second place, behind Wayland Baptist.

The team's second place finish was assisted by freshman Gladys Kipsang, who finished the eight-mile run in second place with a time of 18:05.

"Gladys is expected to be one of our top-six runners," Murray said. "This was great preparation for her."

Freshmen Michelle Edman and Michlene Daniels placed 11th and 12th, respectively, with times of 19:28 and 19:31.

Murray said the meet in Clovis served well for his new runners as they stepped up to the challenge and placed well.

"This was a great opportunity for the young runners to be exposed to cross country at the college level," he said.

Junior runner John Means said the entire team was impressed by the incoming freshmen's results at the first meet of the year. He said the women's team exceeded everyone's expectations.

"It was a great start for the beginning of the year," he said. "The freshmen did really well."

Rachel Kipsang of South Plains won the meet, with a time of 17:46. She beat out 69 other runners, but Murray said Tech runner Gladys Kipsang was right behind the first-place spot.

Wayland Baptist won the meet as a team with five runners finishing in the top 20, according to the Tech cross country Web site.

Murray said freshman Tori Epperson and sophomore Stephanie Lowe competed well placing 22nd and 35th, respectively. Epperson completed the race with a time of 20:11.

Lowe's finishing time was 20:52.

Murray said this meet was great preparation for meets in the Big 12. He said with great running teams like Texas and Colorado, the Big 12 will be tough.

"It's one of the best divisions in the nation when it comes to cross country," he said.

He said the meet in New Mexico allowed them to work on different techniques.

He said they have been working on setting each runner's pace and not starting a race with too fast of a pace.

Means said coach Murray has done an excellent job in preparing them for important meets, like the Chili Pepper Invitational in October.

"Basically, we have been training hard to increase our endurance of the long races," Means said.

Murray said his team needs to increase stamina and stay focused in order to continue the success they had in the first meet of the season.

"We just need to keep working hard," he said.

The men's cross country team was not scored.

Murray said an error was made by the race officials and the men only ran five miles instead of eight. The run was not scored because of the error.

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Tillman back in the red and black

After two season-ending knee injuries, Tech linebacker gets the starting nod

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Clad in the red and black for Texas Tech's opening game of the 2006 season, linebacker Kellen Tillman stepped into Jones AT&T Stadium as a starter for the first time since joining the Red Raiders as a true freshman in 2002.

Before Saturday's game, the linebacker from Plano had been eagerly awaiting his chance to step up for Tech's Swarm defense the previous three years.

In his redshirt freshman campaign, Tillman had earned his spot on the linebacking front as a member of the scout team in 2002.

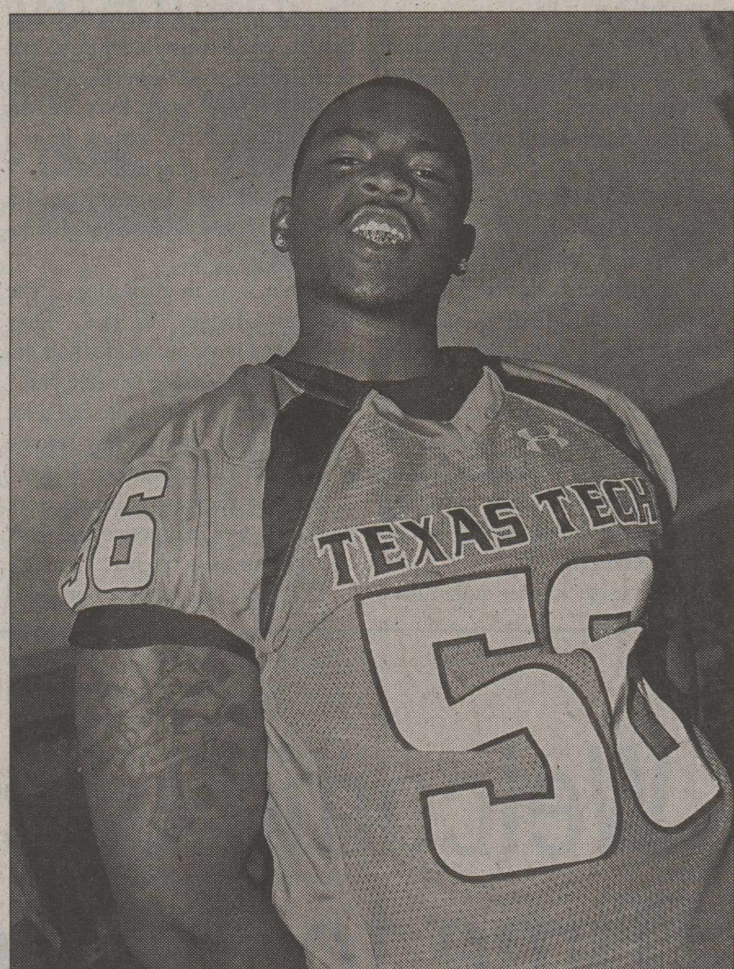
But before the 2003 season, Tillman suffered the first of two season-ending knee injuries in preseason workouts, sitting out the entire year.

With hopes of coming back for the '04 campaign, Tillman sustained his second knee injury and sat out to recover from yet another devastating blow to his career.

After enduring the two injuries, Tillman saw the likes of linebackers Mike Smith, John Saldi and Sylvester Brinkley chase, tackle and force turnovers against opposing ball carriers. He also observed some of his fellow teammates attempt to transition to the NFL level.

Because of his two injuries, Tillman said motivating and keeping himself focused to stay healthy and in football shape came from his father, former Red Raider and Miami Dolphin Andre Tillman.

"Just talking to him everyday is my motivation," Kellen Tillman said. "It just gives me joy to come out here and him see me play and how well I'm doing. I mean that's just it. I talk to my father every night. He gives me words of wisdom



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KELLEN TILLMAN, A Texas Tech linebacker plagued with season-ending knee injuries in 2003 and 2004, returned to the Texas Tech lineup as a starter for the first time in his collegiate career Saturday versus Southern Methodist.

and tells me to go out every day, and play hard and be safe."

Andre Tillman, who spent his NFL career with the Miami Dolphins from 1974-81, said his son's injuries were disappointing for his family, but told Kellen to remain focused so that he can play again in the future.

"He's got the time on his side," Andre Tillman said he told Kellen after he sustained his injuries. "This is a case where it'll make him

mentally stronger. He's trained real hard. We just gave him the support he needed."

The current Tillman-Red Raider took over the starting role at strong-side linebacker for Keyunta Dawson, who moved back to defensive end after roster changes by the coaches. While constantly watching film and praying to God during his injuries, Tillman was able to return to the Red Raider lineup for the game versus SMU.

In his first starting action since his injuries, Tillman recorded 3.5 tackles with one tackle for loss.

Before the SMU contest, Tech coach Mike Leach said Tillman's presence on the field could pay dividends for the team if he makes plays.

"Well if he makes some plays, hopefully it will mean quite a bit," Leach said. "If he doesn't, it will be about the same, except he's going to be able to walk better."

Tillman worked hard during his time off the field, becoming faster, stronger and more mature than

"I talk to my father every night. He gives me words of wisdom and tells me to go out every day, and play hard and be safe."

— **KELLEN TILLMAN**
TEXAS TECH
LINEBACKER

in previous seasons, but was not always as focused as he is today, Leach said.

"Kellen's had a lot of setbacks he's had to persevere through, which I think is impressive," the coach said. "But then the other thing is, in the course of that, that's not always the case because when Kellen first got here I thought he was a lazy guy, and then he had some setbacks and things like that. Not only did he persevere through the setbacks -- I think he's become a reasonably hard worker as well, and I think that's led to his improvement more than anything else. Then we'll see what that materializes on the field."

Before Saturday's opener, defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said he was amazed by Tillman's perseverance and his ability to have the chance to step on the field as a starter.

"He's worked really hard in the offseason," Setencich said. "He's gone through two major knees (injuries), so he really hasn't played in two years, any substantial time. It's amazing he's been able to get back up to this point, and now he gets a chance to play 11-on-11 for the first time in two or three years, and he's probably excited and nervous. I'm nervous."

Tillman said the new FieldTurf at Jones AT&T Stadium has provided comfort to his knees, and it just feels good to be able to run.

"It feels good," he said. "It's a blessing to be finally healthy. My previous history I was hurt two years in a row. I mean, I'm just blessed. It feels good to be out here at the Jones — new surface laid down making it a little bit softer on the knees. I mean it just feels real good running around."

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ROBERT JOHNSON high steps into the end zone for a touchdown Saturday against SMU at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Johnson breaks single-game reception record

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

If questions remained before the start of Saturday's contest versus SMU about how the offense would respond with the loss of wide receiver Jarrett Hicks and true freshman wide receiver Michael Crabtree to eligibility concerns, then receiver Robert Johnson's reception tally should have quelled and answered them all.

Johnson broke the Texas Tech single-game record for receptions with 15 against the Mustangs Saturday, breaking the previous record of 14 held by Wes Welker versus Texas in 2002.

With his 15 receptions, Johnson totaled 139 receiving yards and two touchdowns. While not notified during the SMU game, Johnson said he learned afterwards of his accomplishment.

"The coaches told me about it (the record) in the locker room after the game," Johnson said. "I got a little excited then."

Tech coach Mike Leach said Johnson is more consistent than last season and because of that, Johnson may rack up more yards after the catch.

"He's a more consistent guy than he was last year," Leach said. "He plays more consistently, and he's where he needs to be and where you expect him to be more. As a result of

that, he ended up with quite a few catches. We'll see if he can make any catches against the next opponent, and then if he continues to improve on turning straight up the field, I think he'll probably get more yards after the catch."

Johnson helped first-year starting quarterback Graham Harrell come into his own with 342 passing yards and five touchdowns against SMU. With his successful opening game of the 2006 season, Johnson has more goals to accomplish, including losing more weight. At 6 feet 1 inch tall and 213 pounds, Johnson said his goal is to get to the 200- to 205-pound mark.

"I was getting chubby there for a little while," Johnson said of his size in 2005.

Hicks and Crabtree are currently pending an appeal to the NCAA regarding academic eligibility issues. Both were not slated to play versus the Mustangs and are in question to participate in Saturday's game versus Texas El-Paso.

Hicks, who was voted a pre-season All-American by National-Champs.net, caught 65 receptions for 850 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2005. Johnson said his team needed to concentrate and play regardless of Hicks' absence in the lineup.

"Any time you lose Jarrett Hicks — I mean, Jarrett Hicks?" Johnson said. "But you know, we've just got to keep going, keep playing."

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Tech volleyball wins UT-Pan American invitational

By **LINDSAY RANSON**
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Taking on its second tournament of the season, the Texas Tech volleyball team swept through the competition this weekend taking home the Texas-Pan American Volleyball Invitational championship.

The Red Raiders sealed their first win of the tournament against Texas State on Friday with scores of 30-25, 30-27, 30-22, recording their first sweep of the season.

After a 3-3 tie in the first game, the Red and Black took over and finished the game 30-25. In game two, Tech jumped out with a 5-1 lead over Texas State, but the Bobcats were unable to come back, giving the game to Tech 30-27.

In the final game of the match, Tech was able to jump ahead after

four ties, ending the game at 30-22.

Senior Philister Sang and sophomore Laura Gottschalk led Tech in kills with 14 and 11 against the Bobcats, paving their way to a spot on the all-tournament team.

Sang was named the most valuable player of the tournament — her second all-tournament MVP award of her career. Gottschalk and junior Amy Charlebois were also named to the UTPA All-Tournament Team.

The Raiders went on to play UTPA on Saturday for the championship, winning the match 3-0 (30-19, 30-19, 30-24) to secure their fourth win of the season and their first title since last year's 2005 SMU Tournament.

After a tie at 10 in the first game against UTPA, the Raiders went on an 8-1 run. Tech maintained its lead throughout, winning by a score

of 30-19.

In game two, Tech took an early 5-0 lead, which eventually landed them a 30-19 win against the Broncos.

In their final game, the Raiders had a 6-2 lead over the Lady Broncos, but UTPA answered with a 6-1 run capturing the lead. Tech was able to regain the edge over the Broncos and took the game 30-24.

Charlebois lead the team with nine kills, with freshman Brittany Hughes adding eight. Emily Ziegler racked up 25 assists and Holly Hicks added 17. Gottschalk led Tech in blocks for the second-straight match, while she helped in defending three.

The Red Raiders will head to Tampa this Friday to play Wright State at the South Florida Invitational.

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Woods takes winning streak to 5

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — What began as a rally quickly turned into a rout for Tiger Woods, who matched the lowest final round of his career Monday in the Deutsche Bank Championship to win for the fifth straight time on the PGA Tour.

With a splendid array of shots and key putts, Woods crushed Vijay Singh's spirit on his way to an 8-under 63, turning a three-shot deficit into a two-shot victory for his longest winning streak in a season.

The streak began in July with a victory in the British Open, his first since his father died in May. It continued on a sunny afternoon outside Boston with some of his best golf of the year and allowed him to avenge a loss to Singh at this tournament two years ago.

Woods needed only three holes to erase the deficit, including a 7-iron over a marsh and into 10 feet for eagle at No. 2. He pulled ahead with a 25-foot birdie putt at No. 5, and he seized control with a 3-wood from 266 yards, a piercing shot into a gentle breeze that banged into the slope fronting the green and stopped 10 feet away for another eagle.

He played his first seven holes in 6 under par, and Singh never got closer than two shots the rest of the way.

Singh beat him two years ago to end Woods' five-year reign atop the world ranking. The 43-year-old Fijian closed with a 68, not his best golf but ordinarily enough to win with a three-shot lead in swirling breezes.

But not against Woods, and certainly not when the

world's No. 1 player is on this kind of a roll.

"Tiger played unbelievable," Singh said. "He made two eagles and just took it away."

Byron Nelson won 11 straight tournaments in 1945, a streak regarded as one of the most untouchable in sports. Woods won six straight at the end of 1999 and the start of 2000, and Ben Hogan won six in a row in 1948.

Woods now takes a week off before heading to England for the HSBC World Match Play Championship, followed by the Ryder Cup. His next PGA Tour start will be the American Express Championship outside London at the end of September.

He still isn't even halfway home to Nelson's hallowed mark, but he surpassed Lord Byron in one category with his 53rd victory, moving into fifth place alone on the career list. Woods, who finished at 16-under 268, won for the seventh time this year. No other player has won more than twice.

Brian Bateman closed with a 66 to finish third at 8-under 276, eight shots behind Woods.

It was a two-man race between Woods and Singh, the duel everyone wanted. The gallery crammed as many as five-deep behind the ropes from tee-to-green, racing across bridges to get to the next hole.

No one expected such a sudden role reversal, however. Singh was coming off a career-best 61, although he struggled to find fairways and greens until he found himself having to chase Woods.

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