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STATE

Man, 81, charged in killing of 62-year-old nephew

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An 81-year-old man has been charged with fatally shooting his 62-year-old nephew.

Sebastian Kammer told officers he shot Loran Woodrow Dodson because he was tired of Dodson "living off him," according to a police report. He was also angry that Dodson wouldn't return his car keys, according to the report.

Kammer, accused of shooting Dodson in the arm and torso Sunday evening, remained in the Bexar County Jail on Monday a murder charge, authorities said. Bail was set at \$100,000.

NATION

Tampering not suspected in E.coli outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tampering is not suspected in an outbreak of E. coli linked to fresh spinach, federal health officials said Monday as they probed for a source of the contamination and warned consumers not to resume eating uncooked spinach products.

Growers have been warned on the subject, too. In 2004 and again in 2005, the Food and Drug Administration's top food safety official told California farmers they needed to do more to increase the safety of the fresh leafy greens they grow.

The FDA has linked a California company's fresh spinach to the outbreak, which has killed one person and sickened at least 108 others.

WORLD

Iraq al-Qaida says Pope, West are doomed

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An al-Qaida-linked extremist group warned Pope Benedict XVI on Monday that he and the West were "doomed," as protesters raged across the Muslim world to demand more of an apology from the pontiff for his remarks about Islam and violence. The Mujahedeen Shura Council, an umbrella organization of Sunni Arab extremist groups that includes al-Qaida in Iraq, issued a statement on a Web forum vowing to continue its holy war against the West. The authenticity of the statement could not be independently verified.

DEATH TOLL

2686

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

WEATHER

Today



SUNNY
HIGH 81/
LOW 55

Wednesday



CLOUDY
HIGH 85/
LOW 61

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Armed man crashes into Capitol barricade

By JIM ABRAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An armed man ran through the U.S. Capitol after crashing his vehicle on the Capitol grounds Monday in the worst breach of security since a gunman killed two police officers in 1998.

Acting Capitol Police Chief Christopher McGaffin identified the intruder as Carlos Greene, 20, of Silver Spring, Md. He said Greene, tackled after a foot chase through the Capitol, was armed with a loaded handgun and had crack cocaine in his possession.

Greene appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and "exhibited signs

of seizure," McGaffin said. He was taken to Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

Police planned to charge Greene with federal felony possession and assault of a police officer, McGaffin said.

"This was unacceptable by my expectations for Capitol Police," McGaffin said. "It was an unfortunate breach of our security."

He said Greene, driving an SUV stolen earlier in the day, slammed into a police vehicle blocking an entrance to a major construction site on Capitol's east side, across from the Supreme Court.

Greene drove into the site, stopping at a skylight for the new Capitol Visitors Center, which opens next year, McGaffin said, adding

that Greene then bolted up the Capitol steps, entering the building through a third-floor construction door. He then made his way to the basement on the opposite side of the building before being subdued by police outside an office for distribution of flags that lawmakers present to constituents.

McGaffin said there was no information that Greene was brandishing his weapon and said police chasing him chose not to use deadly force. He praised Capitol police for their actions in capturing the intruder, but said there would be a review of security measures and protocols.

Greene entered at "an access point that must be available to construction vehicles,"

he said, and "there is a risk. That's why we have concentric rings of security."

The incident occurred shortly before 8:00 a.m. EDT, and the Capitol was locked down for about an hour before reopening for staff and tourists. The House was not in session on Monday and the Senate didn't convene until Monday afternoon.

The visitors center is being built in part to provide an extra layer of security before people enter the Capitol following the 1998 shooting deaths of two Capitol police officers. In that case, a man with a history of mental illness ran through a first-floor door of the Capitol, shot to death one

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UNDER THE WEATHER



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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES warns students and others that if they do not take the proper precautions, many days will be spent like this.

Health officials urge students to prepare as flu season approaches

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Fall is right around the corner, and so is the inevitable presence of sniffing students.

Dr. Arnulfo Gonzales with Student Health Services said the autumn and winter months cause an increase in colds, respiratory infections and influenza.

"We see up to 20 percent more students from December to February solely due to the flu," Gonzales said.

Starting in October and November, Gonzales said the flu starts affecting more students and the Student Health Center begins giving out flu shots.

"There really is what people call the flu season," Gonzales said. "Before this flu season begins we encourage students to come in and get a flu shot."

Gonzales said students should come in during October or November to get flu shots.

A flu shot at the Student Health Center normally costs about \$20, Gonzales said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control Web site, 5 percent to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu, and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.

Gonzales said the flu can lead to pneumonia, so it is important to come in as soon as you feel sick.

According to the Web site, symptoms of the flu may include fever, headache, fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches, runny or stuffy nose and a dry cough.

Gonzales said if you experience a combination of these symptoms, it is a good idea to see a doctor.

"One of the main indicators of the flu is the muscle aches," Gonzales said. "Also the flu usually hits very suddenly, so if you feel you may have the flu, come in to

see the doctor so you don't spread the flu to others." Gonzales said the easiest way to prevent the flu, and other illnesses, is to wash your hands.

"Frequent hand-washing is the key to preventing the flu," Gonzales said. "Also avoid touching your hands to your mouth and nose throughout the day because these areas are the main disease transmission pathways."

Gonzales said drinking plenty of water and getting adequate rest also helps prevent the flu and other illnesses during the winter months.

Kathryn Milner, a senior history major from Petersburg, said she gets sick at least once during autumn and winter.

Milner said she doesn't go to the doctor unless her symptoms are severe.

"I just try to get better on my own," Milner said. "I don't go to the doctor unless I am sick for like a week." Milner said she tries to get a flu shot during the fall.

"Getting a flu shot really helps," Milner said. "Every year that I have gotten one I am safe from the flu all winter."

Gonzales insists that getting a flu shot is a benefit to students.

"Students are particularly encouraged to get a flu shot," Gonzales said, "because students are constantly in an environment in close proximity to others."

Gonzales said he urges students to take care of themselves and their bodies to prevent illness during flu season.

"A healthy diet, plenty of rest and water intake will help any student avoid the pains of winter colds and flu," Gonzales said.

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QUICK FLU FACTS

36,000

— The flu kills about 36,000 people in the U.S. each year.

200,000

— The flu results in more than 200,000 hospitalizations every year.

\$37 BILLION

— \$37 billion is the cost to U.S. citizens for hospitalizations because of the flu.

91 PERCENT

— According to a study conducted by the IDSA in 2002, out of 42,000 Minnesota college students, 91 percent had either a cold or the flu from the months of November through April.

45,219

— The cold and flu accounted for 4263 missed school days, 3175 missed work days and 45,219 total days of illness.

SOURCE: <http://www.idsociety.org/>

Market favors buying more than renting

By MEREDITH MATTLAG
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With interest rates low, many Tech students are taking advantage of purchasing homes in Lubbock.

Tim Garrett, a partner at Westmark Realtors, said the price range for homes is good for parents and students right now if they will be in the house for at least two to three years.

"Interest rates right now make it great for investment purposes and makes it easy to borrow money," Garrett said.

Linda Sadler, a broker associate from Real Estate Company, said in the early 1980s interest rates were about 17 percent to 18 percent and are now as low as 6 percent and 7 percent.

"Over the last several years we have seen parents come in and want to buy a house for their students," she said. "They may have another one follow along, so it is a wise investment."

She said the payment may be equivalent to a residence hall or a little bit more, but when they sell the house they build equity on that home. Home equity is the difference between the market price of a property and the owner's mortgage debt.

Trent Stagers, a freshman business major from Marshall, said he would purchase a house if the location and price were good. He said it would be a good investment because he would then sell the house in four or five years when he graduates.

More than 4,000 new students have enrolled in Tech over the past few years, and the growth has had an impact on real estate in Lubbock. Sadler said Lubbock is continuing to grow to the south and southwest because of the open space. She said developers have been able to go in and purchase the land for new development.

Sadler said people are moving into Lubbock to get out of the big city and get away from the traffic in Dallas and Houston. She said builders are continuing to build spec houses, which are houses built before they are sold. She said she believes builders are beginning to cut back on some of the new construction.

"Real estate is one of the best investments and is especially good in this part of the country," said Geoff Vernon, a chemical engineering major from Clovis, N.M. "I thought it would be cheaper not only for myself but the other guys."

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Lubbock police blotter

BY PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Aug. 28, 2006

Lubbock police filed a report of a man attempting to illegally record a film while in the Tinseltown USA movie theater at the 2500 block of 82nd Street. According to reports, the general manager of the movie theater requested police assistance in reference to a man attempting to use a cell phone to record scenes from the movie "Snakes on a Plane."

Sept. 11, 2006

Lubbock police arrested a male for possession of narcotics at the 600 block of Avenue Q. According to reports, the man was paying for his bill at the Denny's restaurant after a civil disturbance had taken place at the restaurant. Police said when he reached inside his pocket to pay for the meal, he pulled a cigarette wrapper containing a white powdery substance and placed the wrapper on the counter with his money.

A Lubbock police officer arrested a teenager for consumption of alcohol by a minor and public intoxication at the 2400 block of Erskine Street. According to reports, a police officer was on a special assignment at Club LAX when he observed a bar employee escort the intoxicated teenager outside of the bar. The police officer watched the teenager walk out into the street. According to reports, the police officer was informed the teenager was 16 years old. Police arrested the teenager and he was released to his mother.

A Lubbock police officer arrested a man for public intoxication at Club LAX at the 2400 block of Erskine Street. According to reports, a police

officer was on a special assignment at the club when he observed a drunken man stumble out into the streets in front of the club. The officer approached the man and placed him under arrest.

Lubbock police arrested a man for driving while intoxicated after he was involved in a two-car collision at the 1400 block of 19th Street. Police said they observed a white car collide with a red Ford Focus. The driver of the white van failed the sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Lubbock police arrested two women for theft of a vehicle at the 2400 block of Erskine Street. According to reports, the two women were pulled over once police notified the vehicle as stolen. Once pulled over, the passenger in the vehicle provided the police officer with false personal information. Police arrested the two women and transported them to the Lubbock Police holding facility. As they were being booked, the female passenger in the vehicle provided false information again and signed the wrong name in the police department booking sheet.

Lubbock police filed a report of an aggravated assault at the 6200 block of 24th Street. According to reports, a suspect threatened a female with a shotgun and then struck her on the forehead with the weapon. The suspect continued to threaten to shoot the female victim, police said. The suspect then fired the shotgun across the street at a neighbor's home during the argument. The suspect was not apprehended, pending the filing of charges of aggravated assault and discharge of a firearm.

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Market

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He said he believes it is nice owning a house because you have more privacy than in an apartment, as well as more space. He also said he likes having a backyard

and a cheaper rent price for his friends.

Vernon said owning a house is a major responsibility and he feels it is a good idea for students if they are able. Vernon said he would not recommend buying a house without proper planning or trustworthy roommates.

Police find scarf near home of kidnapped infant

UNION, Mo. (AP) — Police released a sketch Monday of a woman they believe stole a baby after slashing the mother's throat, hoping to generate new clues in the four-day old case.

Stephenie Ochsenbine, 21, helped police artists with the composite drawing of the woman she said attacked her at her home on Friday and snatched her baby, Abigale Lynn Woods, now 10 days old.

Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke hoped the drawing, as well as a picture of a black scarf that was recovered near the home on Saturday, would generate new clues. Authorities also hoped the child was alive and well.

"From history, if somebody wants a child, I would assume that child's being taken care of," FBI agent Roland Corvington said.

The drawing shows a woman with dark hair wearing a baseball cap. Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke said the suspect is believed to be between 5 feet 4 and 5 feet 8 and weighs about 200 pounds.

Toelke said Ochsenbine "wasn't completely happy" with the sketch, "but it's the best we could come up with." He said more than 300 leads have come in so far.

Bush arrives at UN with policy problems at home and abroad

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush faced disagreement Monday over how to confront Iran's nuclear ambitions and skepticism about his approach to Iraq and the Middle East as world leaders gathered for the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

Still, Bush was upbeat, focusing on his push for democratic change and first lady Laura Bush's call for governments to embrace literacy programs to improve lives.

"We don't believe freedom belongs only to the United States of America," Bush said at the White House Conference on Global Literacy hosted by his wife. "We believe that liberty is universal in its applications. We also believe strongly that as the world becomes more free, we'll see peace."

Bush arrived in New York to attend the 61st session of the world body with policy problems at home and abroad that have narrowed his room to maneuver on the international stage.

The U.S.-led war in Iraq is in its fourth year with no end to bloody sectarian violence in sight. International support is dwindling for imposing sanctions against Iran for defying U.N. demands that it halt certain

nuclear work. The repressive Taliban regime toppled in Afghanistan is showing new signs of resilience. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict continues and Lebanon's government has, so far, proved too weak to rein in the Islamic militant group Hezbollah.

At home, Bush's approval rating, while experiencing a recent uptick, stands at just 40 percent. Americans are growing weary of the war. The White House is in a showdown with Senate Republicans over the interrogation and trying of terror suspects. And elections that will determine which party controls Congress are seven weeks away.

The president's so-called freedom agenda is the theme of his speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. He will focus on democratic reforms in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. He'll seek to quell skepticism about U.S. motives in the Middle East by working to avoid the impression that he wants to see a U.S.-style democracy imposed on any nation.

In his speech, Bush is expected to say that while military and law enforcement actions are needed to curb terrorism, the ultimate weapons are freedom and opportunity. He is to note two types of states in the Middle East — those with an

absence of freedom and weak ones with fragile democracies, such as Iraq and Lebanon.

"I think the president sees this ... as a struggle between the forces of extremism and the forces of moderation in the Middle East," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley said, previewing Bush's speech. "And it's really a crucial time."

The president also is expected to firmly denounce Iran and Syria, two nations that Bush says are working to thwart freedom in the region. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also planned to be at the United Nations, but Bush had no intention of talking with him.

On Tuesday, Bush will meet with French President Jacques Chirac, who is part of the coalition of nations working with the U.S. to try to stop Iran from doing work that could lead to a nuclear weapon.

Chirac, who is balking at the U.S. drive to sanction Iran for defying U.N. sanctions, proposed a compromise Monday to kick-start talks between Iran and the international community. Chirac suggested that the threat of U.N. sanctions be suspended if Tehran puts a freeze on its uranium enrichment work.

"I am not pessimistic," Chirac said. "I think that Iran is a great nation, an old culture, an old civilization, and that we can find solutions through dialogue."

On Tuesday, Bush also meets with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Annan has been critical of the U.S.-led war in Iraq; Bush, on the other hand, says Americans are frustrated that the international body has been slow to reform.

Bush attended a reception Monday evening at the Manhattan home of Henry Kravis where he helped raise \$1.4 million for the Republican National Committee. He spent the day with leaders from Malaysia, a democracy with a moderate Islamic government; El Salvador and Honduras, two Central American nations that have moved from military dictatorships to democracies; and the emerging African democracy of Tanzania.

Bush, who in 2003 warned that the United Nations could fade into history as an "ineffective debating society," now finds the United States relying more on the United Nations to help resolve problems in Iran, Lebanon, North Korea, Sudan and other global hotspots. On Wednesday, the president will meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

CIA director looks into the agency's use of contractors

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director Michael Hayden is reviewing his agency's use of private contractors and the number of people who are resigning to fill the often lucrative positions.

"I am going to investigate to see how much of an issue it is, and then we will take some action," Hayden said during a telephone interview with *The Associated Press* on Monday, after he spoke to CIA personnel about his vision for the agency.

He is in his fourth month as chief.

Current and former government officials have expressed concern about a so-called "brain drain" to the private sector, which is impossible to quantify publicly because the contracts and personnel figures at spy agencies are secret.

CIA employees generally can retire with full benefits after a career of at least two decades, and some return as contrac-

tors. But Hayden said he's more concerned about another issue: the early resignation of employees who get CIA training, leave their jobs and return in higher paying, private-sector contracting positions.

If resignations are higher than historic norms, "you begin to look like the farm system for contractors around here," Hayden said.

In its Sunday editions, the Los Angeles Times provided new evidence about the trend among spy agencies to hire contractors for roles once filled by U.S. government personnel.

The work is particularly bountiful given the war on terror and the extended conflict in Iraq.

Jim Pavitt, who headed the CIA's clandestine service from 1999 to 2004, said the CIA has to rely on contractors because its mission expanded rapidly after the ter-

ror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and budget cuts in the 1990s meant the CIA hadn't hired enough people.

"It was on the 12th of September, when just about anything I asked for — dollars or more people — everyone was willing to give me," he said.

Hayden did not speak to the CIA work force Monday about contractors specifically, but he did tell the thousands gathered in person and on closed-circuit television about the need to focus on developing new leaders.

As part of the massive boost in national security spending following 9/11, the agency's ranks have grown by about 17 percent, with a roughly 6 percent increase last year, according to CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield.

Some of that growth stems from President Bush's November 2004 order to boost the number of CIA operatives and analysts by 50 percent. Yet intelligence veterans say the challenge is to get quality with the quantity.

"We need a lot of coaching and mentoring," Hayden said in the

interview.

He also said the CIA needs to be able to support its personnel — with everything from office space to better technology. He noted that the power went out in June for several hours at the agency's suburban Virginia headquarters, calling attention to the need for an uninterrupted power supply.

While essential work continued thanks to backup power generation, Hayden said, "you had a lot of people sitting around, looking at computers that now became bookends."


Speaking to the work force, Hayden also said he wants to focus on relationships with allied intelligence services, send more U.S.-based intelligence analysts overseas to get them on-the-ground experience and put an even greater emphasis on the clandestine work that's done around the globe.

He only briefly touched on the issue of detainees, which has dominated headlines since Bush announced that the CIA's last 14 high-value detainees had been transferred to military custody.

With the move, the administration also asked Congress for legislation that would clarify in law that the CIA's program is appropriate and legal, allowing it to continue in the future. "All I want to say on that subject is that this agency will continue to reflect the conscience of the republic in everything we do," Hayden said.

"You had a lot of people sitting around, looking at computers that now became bookends."

— MICHAEL HAYDEN
CIA Director



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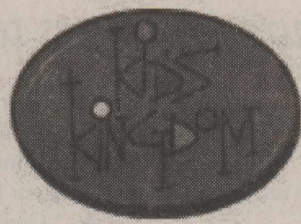
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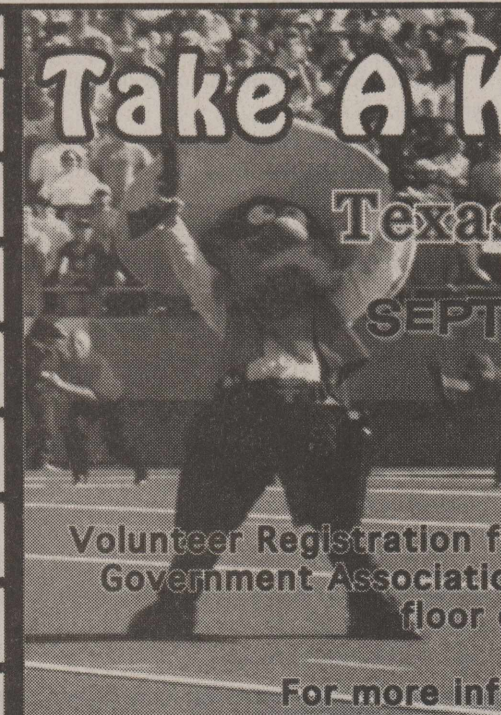
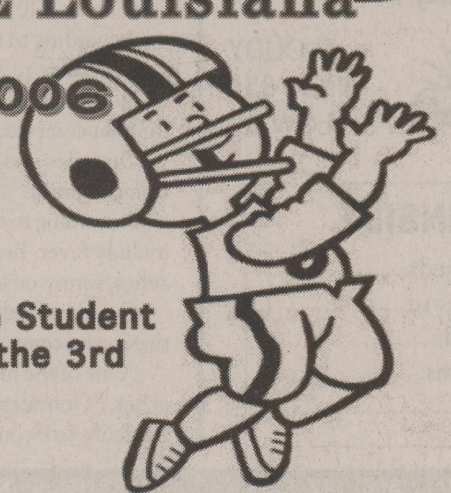
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Somalia's interim president narrowly escapes attack by suicide car bomber

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The president of Somalia's interim government narrowly escaped a suicide bomber Monday — a new tactic in a troubled land where an Islamic militia is vying for power. The leader's brother and 10 others died in the blast and a subsequent gunbattle.

The foreign minister said the attack, along with the slaying of an Italian nun in the capital Sunday, had "the hallmarks of al-Qaida."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing in Baidoa, the only town controlled by the virtually powerless government, which was formed in 2004 with U.N. help in hopes of restoring order after years of lawlessness in this Horn of Africa nation.

An increasingly powerful hard-line Islamic movement — accused by the U.S. of having links with al-Qaida — seized the capital, Mogadishu, in June and now controls much of the country's south.

"This is the first suicide bomber in Somalia," Foreign Minister Ismail Mohamed Hurre told *The Associated Press* in neighboring Kenya. "This has the fingerprints of al-Qaida all over it."

Hurre said investigators determined the blast was a suicide attack because of "the way the body was dismembered — it was cut in two pieces."

While raising the specter of al-Qaida, Hurre said he could not "rule out or rule in" any links to the Islamic militia based in Mogadishu.

The Islamic group denied involvement. "The perpetrators of the Baidoa blast are enemies of Somali people, and Islamic courts have no hand in it," said Abdirahman Mudey, a spokesman for the group, the Supreme Islamic Courts Council.

The suicide attacker drove a car into the presidential convoy, hitting the automobile that usually carries President Abdullahi Yusuf, Hurre said. The bomber "thought that was the president, but in fact it was his security people," he said.

The president had been put in another car that was not part of the main convoy in a routine security measure, Hurre said.

"This explosion was intended to kill the president, but he escaped and he is safe," government spokesman Abdirahman Dinari said in Baidoa.

The driver of Yusuf's car lost his hand in the explosion and the president was led from the vehicle surrounded by bodyguards, said Abdissalam Mohammed Nor Hassan, a Baidoa resident who saw the explosion.

Other witnesses, who didn't want to be quoted by name, said the president appeared to have been hit in the face by flying glass.

The bomb exploded outside the Parliament building just 10 minutes after Yusuf delivered a speech, said Mohamed Adawe, a journalist who witnessed the blast.

Yusuf's bodyguards chased several suspected accomplices of the bomber, killing six in a gunbattle. The five other dead were in the president's convoy, officials said. Two people were reported arrested.

The attack came a day after a nun was shot to death outside a hospital where she worked in Mogadishu, about 150 miles from Baidoa. There was no claim of responsibility, but many speculated the shooting was linked to Muslim anger toward Pope Benedict XVI.

In a speech last week, the pope quoted a medieval text that characterized some of the teachings of Islam's founder as "evil and inhuman" and linked Islam with violence.

Hurre said the government believed both the nun's killing and Monday's car bombing had "the hallmarks of al-Qaida." The terror organization's leader, Osama bin Laden, has called Somalia a battle-ground in his war on the West.

"Osama bin Laden has made it clear he wants to do harm to the government and to the president in particular," Hurre said.

He also said the Somali government believed the same people were responsible for both attacks, but did not elaborate.

Somalia has not had an effective national government since 1991, when warlords overthrew dictator Mohamed Siad Barre and then turned on one another, throwing the country into anarchy.

The current government was established two years ago with the support of the United Nations, but it has been unable to assert power outside Baidoa.

The Islamic militia seized control of Mogadishu this summer and has extended its reach over much of southern Somalia.

The militia has imposed strict religious rule in the areas under its sway, and its Islamic courts are credited with bringing a semblance of order.

But U.S. officials and other Western governments fear a Taliban-style regime could emerge. Washington also has accused some in the militia of giving haven to al-Qaida members sought for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Another round of peace talks between the government and the Islamic group is scheduled for Oct. 30 in Khartoum, Sudan. Earlier this month, the two sides agreed to eventually form a unified national army — a rare and significant accord.

Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi urged Somalis to unite behind the U.N.-backed government.

"When you link the Baidoa blast to the killing of the nun in Mogadishu you will see the worsening security situation in the country and the upswing of terrorist acts in Somalia," he said. "This will not only affect Somalia, but it will also affect other neighboring countries."

Tech professors react to religious bias study

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

A recent study by the Austin-based Texas Freedom Network Education Fund suggests that many Bible classes taught in Texas schools are biased against nonreligious students.

According to the fund's Web site, the organization is a nonpartisan group that monitors far-right issues.

According to the survey, reported by Southern Methodist University professor Mark Chancey, "most Bible classes are taught as religious and devotional classes that promote one faith perspective over all others." The study surveyed more than 1,000 public school systems in Texas last year.

Paul Johnson, the director of the religious studies program at Tech, said he was unfamiliar with the study, but he said he believes Lubbock's geography plays a role in the material taught at Tech.

"The classes are more Christian than Hindu or Muslim, in this area," Johnson said. "But Lubbock is more Christian."

According to the 2006-07

university catalog, the curriculum for a religious studies minor at Tech includes classes in sociology, anthropology, philosophy and English.

Johnson said the classes are not taught with any particular bias.

"I'm not aware of any Judaism classes, but there are no Christianity classes either," he said.

John Howe, a history professor at Tech, said he has taught a history of Christianity course at Tech for 25 years. He said he emphasizes from the beginning of the course that it is a history course and not a theology course.

Howe said in the time he has been teaching the class, he has never had any complaints from students about the class being taught unfairly or with bias. He said to avoid bias in the class, he has students teach part of it.

"I'll teach two-thirds of the class then have the students teach the last part," Howe said. "They pick a group that's still around today and do a report on it. It doesn't threaten people particularly because they realize it's not about that. Differences between people are handled in a very sympathetic manner."

Howe said over the years, most of the students in the class do not have any particular religious affilia-

tion but are curious about religion in general. He said though he has known students to convert to a particular religion during or after the class, generally the class brings about a different result.

"People wind up where they were before, but at a more sophisticated level," he said. "They don't necessarily change their perspective, but they understand it better. With greater understanding comes greater sympathy."

Howe said he believes the history department is looking to hire someone who would be qualified to teach a class in the history of Islam. He said there is no course that specifically teaches the history of Judaism, but Western civilization classes discuss Judaism as it relates to history and other religions.

Howe said he believes teaching a history of Christianity course in a state-supported institution such as Tech makes someone more aware of any possible bias in teaching.

"Religion is extraordinarily personal and sensitive," he said. "We couldn't teach this class with a point of view of any particular religion without someone getting upset. We take the establishment clause of the constitution to mean either we

teach no theology classes or we teach everyone's theology classes."

Clarke Cochran, a professor of political science, teaches a class in religion and politics. He said the class has always received good evaluations from students.

He said the class focuses primarily on American religions and how religion affects voting records, lobbying and influence on public policy.

Religion, Cochran said, is always somehow an issue in American politics.

Cochran said the students in his class are a good representation of the population and culture of Tech. He said he has had to control students in classes who sometimes engage in arguments over topics such as abortion or the death penalty.

"Students are free to speak their minds in class, it's an open forum," he said. "By the end, they've learned how to engage in conversation and discussion with people about controversial topics."

Cochran said he believes teaching religion in some ways is almost unavoidable.

"Religion is so pervasive, any time you study history you look at religion," he said.

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SoCal wildfire doubles in size

OJAI, Calif. (AP) — Teams of firefighters hiked into the remote wilderness along the Los Angeles-Ventura County line on Monday to fight a stubborn, two-week-old wildfire that has scorched more than 116 square miles of chaparral and timber.

The crews planned to spend the night carving fire lines with hand tools to prevent the flames from roaring toward several mountain communities.

"As long as there are no winds, firefighters will be able to build lines and make some headway," said Forest Service fire Capt. Mark Whaling.

The largest of three Southern California blazes doubled in size when it was fanned by gusty winds over the weekend. But a cool, moist ocean breeze Sunday night slowed the fire and put communities out of immediate danger.

On Monday, Ventura County officials issued a voluntary evacuation for several hundred people in the rural community of Lockwood Valley, which was about five miles from the fire, Whaling said.

More than 2,000 firefighters were battling the blaze, which was ignited by someone burning debris. The fire has burned 74,052 acres since Labor Day and was 15 percent contained.

Capitol

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officer at the door and another inside the adjacent office of then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Security around the Capitol increased significantly after that shooting, and again after the Sept. 11 attacks.

McGaffin defended a delay of


more than nine hours before police released any official details of the intrusion.

"This is a very unusual event for us, fortunately. I wanted to make sure that we had addressed all of the security needs of the complex before I took time to come forward and share any information with you," he told reporters.


"I would say this Capitol is a safe building. It was safe this morning and it is safe tonight," he said.

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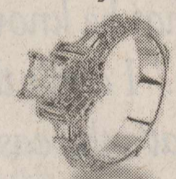
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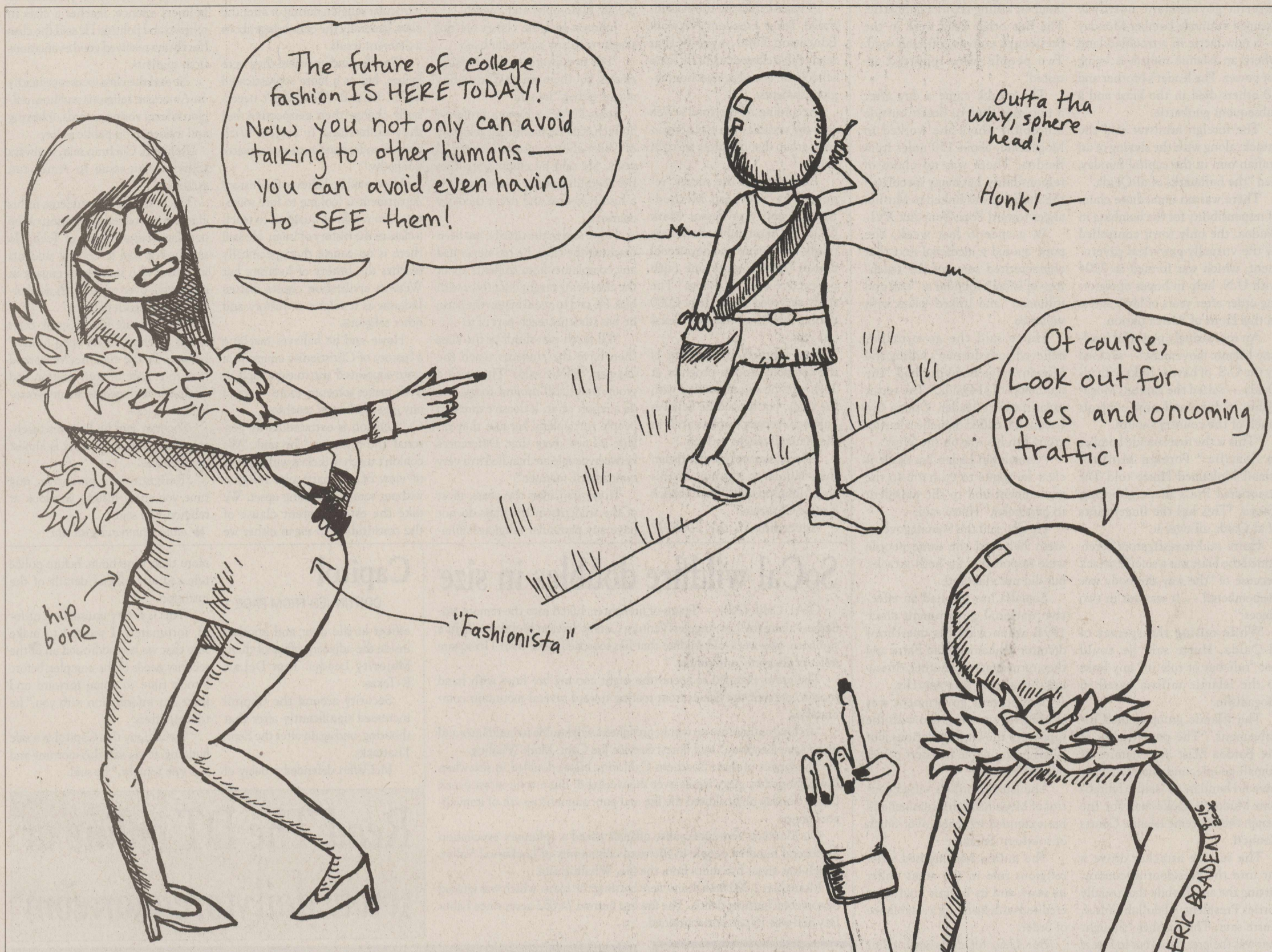
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Tech trends City officials must be held to their promise

Before going out, ask 'would Chad approve'

During my time at Texas Tech, I've noticed some trends I've found quite alarming. Too many people walking around campus are being caught wearing things that: A) should either never be worn, or B) should never be worn in certain combinations. I'm afraid that Texas Tech, and even scarier, the country as a whole, are on the verge of a fashion crisis. Allow me to share constructive criticism.

The first fashion trend that I have a serious beef with is the "J-Lo" sunglasses. Other than the Unabomber, who seriously needs sunglasses that cover close to three-quarters of your face? Don't get me wrong, I'm all about keeping those pesky UV rays out, but seriously, I think your forehead and cheeks are going to be just fine. Anything that covers more than the eye sockets should be left to the likes of welders and chemists.

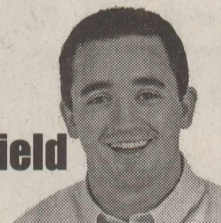
Another fashion trend that needs to die a slow and painful death is the ungodly practice of wearing Uggs and mini-skirts. I mean, let's get serious. If it's cold enough outside to warrant breaking out the snow boots, I think it would be in your best interest to cover more than six inches of your upper thigh. I understand the concept of fashion over function, but this is one case that common sense needs to prevail. Instead of acquiring the much-desired look you are trying so hard for, all you are really saying is, "I'm not smart enough to understand the concept of weather."

So far I have been a little harsh on the ladies, so guys, it's your turn. We as men are probably much more guilty of the fashion faux pas than our female counterparts. Two particular fashion crimes I see committed all too often are done so with one of our biggest allies — the polo shirt. The polo shirt has been a men's fashion staple for decades. Unfortunately, some of our mothers did not teach us the few simple rules that correspond to their proper use. Here are a couple of rules to live by when it comes to wearing the polo:

Rule No. 1: Never under any circumstance button the top button. Nothing says I'm a charter member of Lambda Lambda Lambda like leaving home with your top button fastened.

Rule No. 2: Never under any circumstance should you ever wear a tie with a polo. Not only is this a gross misuse of the polo, but besides making yourself a leading candidate for president of the Tri-Lams, don't be surprised if you start to be referred to as "Poindexter" as well.

Chad Greenfield



Although each of the fashion sins mentioned above is atrocious in its own right and each is capable of causing the offender to be socially ostracized, none compare to the fashion crime that is guys wearing girls jeans. I don't even know where to begin on how wrong this is.

Guys wearing pants made to fit girls just does not make sense. Call me simple-minded if you like, but I just cannot understand the sheer physics behind this phenomenon. I won't go into this in great detail because by the simple fact that you are reading my column, I can tell that you are highly intelligent and completely capable of appreciating the confusion caused by this attempt to fit a square peg into a circular hole.

But for those of you that don't read my column on a regular basis and therefore might not have understood that last illustration (probably you Uggs and mini-skirt girls), use the traditional pictures of men and women that appear on public bathroom doors for reference. The guy in the picture (the square body) would not fit into the clothes of the girl in the picture (the triangular body). I mean it just wouldn't work, they're different shapes. You can disagree with me all you want, but I challenge you to prove to me mathematically how it is possible. You can't? Yeah, I didn't think so. You can't explain it because it's not possible. It's not your fault, it is just science.

I don't pretend for a minute to be a fashion connoisseur, but as with all things I do, I simply apply common sense to my choice of wardrobe. My only goal is to promote this type of responsible fashion to the rest of the campus. It's easy to make sure that you aren't guilty of any fashion crimes. All you have to do is take a look at yourself in the mirror when you get dressed in the morning and ask one simple question: "Would Chad approve?" If so, then give yourself a pat on the back; if not, then be aware you may just find reference to yourself in this column next week.

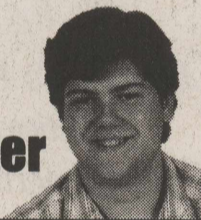
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In city politics, which are non-partisan, I never have been one who looks forward to saying "I told you so." It doesn't have anything to do with the fact that I'm worried about unity within the city government or its constituents, but that these people wield quite a bit of control over our pocketbooks and our city's well-being. Recently, the newly-elected mayor and the Lubbock City Council, with the exception of two council members, voted to raise property taxes in Lubbock yet again. They also decided to set aside \$1.5 million for red light cameras when that terrible ordinance passes.

I can see why many Texas Tech students wouldn't be interested in Lubbock city politics, at least until an issue affects them. The red light camera situation would affect everyone in the city. Instead of looking out for our citizens' safety, the council saw a projection of extra revenue from these cameras and immediately fell in love with the idea of having big brother watching over our traffic systems instead of having police do their jobs. They might not be in the mood to, since the city council also decided to cut city employees' health benefits due to the so-called lack of money. They were, however, able to set aside \$1.5 million for these cameras when the ordinance passes.

I wouldn't be happy even if the council tried to make it sound

Cole Shooter



(Mayor David) Miller hasn't kept his campaign promise and chalks it up to that he didn't 'know then what he knows now.' I don't think that's the case.

like they were worried about the safety of their constituents. They've made it blatantly clear that all they want is to suck more money out of our wallets so they can waste more of the city's money on things we don't really need.

With all things considered, including the annexation of the strip and the red light cameras, Lubbock is looking to pull in a projected \$8 million to \$12 million in extra revenue. Apparently that is still not enough. Last Wednesday, the council voted to increase property taxes, while cutting city employees'

health benefits. They did decide to give the employees a raise, however, which is negated by the fact that their health benefits were cut.

While all this was going on, one city councilwoman was surprised when the media was holding all this under close scrutiny.

"I think it's really bad when people grandstand in the news media, when we have given our utmost, and I have depended on the Supreme Being for guidance and that's why I'm supporting this budget," piously spouted Councilwoman Linda DeLeon last Wednesday. However, when KCBD Vice President Dan Jackson contacted DeLeon about how she would vote, she told him that it was illegal for him to even ask that. She's wrong again because it's not. Who's grandstanding now?

Mayor David Miller said on Wednesday that he considers himself a "conservative redneck Republican," but was still voting to raise taxes because he considers the budget they've laid out to be responsible. On the other side, Councilman John Leonard, one of the two real conservatives on the city council, disagreed with the council's budget. "We ought to live within our means and with the \$8 to \$12 million revenue coming next year, I disagree with raising taxes," Leonard said Wednesday. Councilman Gary Boren also voted against the tax hike.

While Miller fancies himself a conservative for the media's

sake, he's shown us that it's not true. Not only has he outright lied about what he would fight for in his campaign, but he's making the life of Lubbock citizens more difficult. These people are trying to price Lubbockites out of their own homes because most of the council lets the city manager, Lee Ann Dumbauld, tell them where to set taxes. Not the other way around, as it should be. Miller hasn't kept his campaign promises and chalks it up to that he didn't "know then what he knows now." I don't think that's the case. I think he'll say anything to get elected, and then do what he wants for the rest of his term.

Lubbock is a nice city, and it used to be quite affordable to live in. Now, these people who actually have the money readily available to pay for these increases don't seem to care about those who have a more difficult time paying all the bills. They're only one vote, right? The next city elections may be quite a way away, but don't vote for someone because their campaign ads make them seem nice. Look at their voting records. See who actually fights for us. It is the same for state and national politics as well. We elect these officials to work for their constituents, and if we hold them to it, things like this won't happen.

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First-ever emergency declared on international space station

HOUSTON (AP) — An oxygen generator on the international space station overheated and spilled a toxic irritant Monday, forcing the three-man crew to don masks and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

NASA said the crew members' lives were never in any danger. They cleaned up the spill with towels. A charcoal filter scrubbed the irritant out of the air. And within a couple of hours life aboard the station 220 miles above Earth was nearly back to normal.

But it was the biggest scare this smooth-running space station has had.

Although it paled in comparison to two fires and a collision on two previous Russian space stations and the nearly fatal explosion on Apollo 13, the incident served as a reminder of how life-and-death emergencies can come out of nowhere. It is why an emergency space capsule is always parked at

the outpost in case of a sudden order to abandon ship.

NASA never came close to ordering the crew to leave the station, space station program manager Mike Suffredini said. But astronauts did reveal they were worried.

About three hours after the emergency, station commander Pavel Vinogradov tried to explain what happened to Moscow Mission Control, saying "different thoughts

came to my mind." Russian flight controllers interrupted, telling him: "We were kind of nervous here, too."

NASA and the Russian space agency were investigating what caused the problem.

"We don't exactly know the nature of the spill ... but the crew is doing well," Suffredini. "It's not a life-threatening material."

The astronauts sounded an alarm after the equipment began smoking and turned off the ven-

tilation system to avoid spreading any fumes from leaking drops of potassium hydroxide, which is used to power batteries.

Monitors showed that the cabin air was safe. "It was just an irritant issue," NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said. "The crew did exactly the right things they were trained to do."

It was the type or problem that is always in the back of crew members' minds, said former astronaut Jerry Linenger, who was aboard the Russian space station Mir during a 1997 fire and frequent antifreeze leaks that gave that old station a gas-station-like smell.

"Fumes is one of those low-level risks that sort of wears on you," Linenger said. "You realize you are in a closed ecosystem and you're breathing it. It's kind of in the back of your mind and it's hard to get out of the back of your mind. ... You're thinking this is not good."

The problems in the interna-

tional space station's main service module started after Vinogradov restarted the often-troubled Russian Elektron oxygen generator on Moscow's orders at 6:57 a.m. EDT. Nineteen minutes later, Vinogradov shut down the Elektron because of a burning-rubber smell and light smoke.

"The Elektron is a very fragile thing," Vinogradov later told Moscow. "It was extremely hot. ... I decided to turn it off."

Mission Control in Houston then asked Vinogradov to hit a red alarm button that automatically shut down the ventilation system to prevent any toxic fumes or smoke from spreading. About 7:30 a.m. EDT, Houston told the astronauts to put on surgical masks based on air-quality readings.

The problem caused a lingering burned-rubber smell, American astronaut Jeff Williams told Houston.

Potassium hydroxide, a corrosive also known as potash lye,

can cause serious burns, but it has no odor, so the smell was probably caused by a burning gasket, Mission Control informed the crew.

The Elektron system has caused problems in the past. It had operated on and off for months before breaking down last spring. In June, the crew tried to reactivate it, with mixed results, after replacing a hydrogen vent valve outside during a spacewalk.

The space station has plenty of oxygen, another Elektron and other means of getting oxygen, so air will not be a problem, Suffredini said.

Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell, whose lunar mission was crippled after an oxygen tank exploded, said astronauts do not fully grasp what happened until they are home.

"Once you're safely back on Earth, then you can look back on it with tongue in cheek and say, 'Here's what I really should have done,'" Lovell said.

Iraq violence kills at least 41

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bombers and gunmen killed at least 41 people and wounded dozens across Iraq on Monday, while parliament leaders again put off debate on legislation that some Iraqis fear could threaten the country's unity and bring even more violence.

The U.S. military relinquished control of a second Iraqi army division as Iraqi officials prepared to further tighten security ahead of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, when insurgent attacks tend to spike.

In a positive development for Iraq's leaders, predominantly Sunni Arab tribes in a volatile western province have joined to fight insurgents in the region and want the government and the U.S.-led coalition to supply them with weapons, a tribal leader said.

Tribal leaders and clerics in Ramadi, capital of violent Anbar province, met last week and set up a force of about 20,000 men "ready to purge the city of these infidels," Sheik Faisal al-Guood, a tribal leader from Ramadi, told The Associated Press.

"People are fed up with the acts of those criminals who take Islam as a cover for their crimes," he said. "The situation in the province is unbearable, the city is abandoned, most of the families have fled the city and all services are poor."

An indication of the situation came Monday when two suicide car bombers attacked a police station in Ramadi, killing at least two

police officers and wounding 26 people, the Interior Ministry and U.S. military said. Al-Arabiya and al-Jazeera television put the death toll much higher, saying 13 people were killed.

A suicide bomber also struck in Tal Afar, a city 260 miles northwest of Baghdad that has seen much insurgent activity in the past, killing at least 20 people and wounding 17. Bombings and shootings in and around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital, killed 12 people.

Admirers of former Gov. Ann Richards pay respects to 'a force of nature' who 'gave it her all'

AUSTIN (AP) — Celebrities and ordinary Texans gathered Monday for a final farewell to former Gov. Ann Richards, likening her to a rock star and a force of nature who "gave it her all every single minute of every single day."

Richards, a Democrat who led the state from 1991-95, died Wednesday at her Austin home at age 73 of esophageal cancer. She was buried earlier Monday at the Texas State Cemetery during a private service.

One funny story after another kept a crowd of 3,800 roaring at the Frank Erwin Center, a place usually reserved for University of Texas basketball games and rock concerts.

But on this day, the arena was filled with gospel music; flowers

and hilarious memories of the big-haired, blue-eyed woman elected Texas governor in 1990. Two huge photographs of Richards in her political prime hung on each side of the stage.

The star-studded service drew Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, former San Antonio Mayor and Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and Texas-born gossip columnist Liz Smith. Former Commerce Secretary Don Evans attended on behalf of President Bush. At the burial, singer Nanci Griffith performed, and actress Lily Tomlin was in attendance, family spokesman Bill Crier said.

Clinton said that when she first met Richards she thought, "I had

just met another force of nature. I already lived with one."

"Some people are so afraid of failing, they never try," but not Richards, Clinton said. "She tried. She gave it her all every single minute of every single day."

Speakers emphasized the "New Texas" that Richards heralded — a reference to opening the upper echelons of government to women and minorities.

"Ann Richards understood and embraced more of the notion that this state of Texas that we love so much could not be the Texas that we dreamed of until all God's children got to play," said Kirk, who is black. "That was essentially the message of her new Texas to let us in the door."

The audience gave loud cheers during a video tribute to Richards that showed her days as a young Travis County commissioner and later as state treasurer and governor. It included a video moment from her gubernatorial inauguration and featured her famous 1988 Democratic National Convention speech in which she wowed a national audience by noting women's political accomplishments: Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, she said, "only backwards and in high heels."

"Going out with Ann in public was like being with a rock star," said syndicated columnist Liz Smith, a Richards friend. She told of people in New York who wanted to hang around Richards and of a New Jersey

resident who once shouted out, "I voted for you."

In the Capitol on Sunday, a black sash was draped atop Richards' official portrait. Beneath the painting, some admirers placed yellow roses and sunflowers and a copy of the serenity prayer used in Alcoholics Anonymous. Richards was candid about her 1980 treatment for alcoholism.

Her granddaughter Lily Adams told the crowd that her grandmother had a message: "This is your life. It is the only one you get. So no excuses, and no do-overs. If you make a mistake or fail at something you learn from it, you get over it and you move on. Your job is to be the very best person you can be and to never settle for anything less."

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Facebook creators defend their Frankenstein

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
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With changes coming to the social networking Web site Facebook.com, anyone from a college student wasting time in a residence hall to a business banker wasting time at the office will soon be able to connect through the site.

Mark Zuckerberg and Chris Hughes, the co-founders of Facebook, said their intentions with the coming changes are not to provide more elbow-room for stalkers, but rather to allow people to connect with whomever they'd like to.

"As we continue to expand, users will continue to have complete control over who sees their profile," Hughes said in an online interview. "If you only want the people at your college to see your profile, done."

Changing the site to allow more people access is the second in a series of new changes on the pair's minds lately.

It's been several weeks since Facebook changed its design and integrated the "news-feed" feature to members' home pages, and within the first week, Zuckerberg said he was flooded with complaints from users.

"Some people said they think the feeds are too much, but I think it's just the surface information that was already there," he said.

With the news-feed feature, whenever someone changes his or her profile, the changes are highlighted on the home pages of all of his or her friends' Facebook accounts. This means if a girl decides to add a new favorite movie

to her profile, all of her contacts will know about it.

"It's the logical extension for our users already on the site," Hughes said. "It's a ticker of what the people who are most important to them are doing."

Last week, Zuckerberg and Hughes initiated privacy controls to allow people more freedom to change things without everyone else finding out.

"I think everyone realizes this surfaces more information, but what a lot of people don't realize is that this encourages people to share more too, since now whatever they share will be seen," Zuckerberg said.

Hughes said there is no chance of the site taking down the mini-feed and news-feed, which offer users all the changed and added information on friends' pages, but his co-founder, Zuckerberg, does acknowledge the poor planning that went into the change.

"We really messed up," Zuckerberg said. "We definitely should have given more granular controls before launching. We're still working on fixing this."

With an estimated 9.5 million users, Facebook is the seventh most trafficked Web site on the Internet, Hughes said.

Once the news-feed began showing up on members' home pages for the site, Zuckerberg said he was impressed by the overwhelming reaction from the users.

"We've never heard this much, this loudly," he said. "It was interesting to see people organize through global groups on the site."

Zuckerberg said with this many users he will always get complaints

whenever anything is changed, yet it took less than a day for groups to pop up on the site condemning the news-feed and mini-feed.

There are more people who are saying they want more controls over the news-feed than there are users who want to do away with it, Hughes said.

Zuckerberg said the coming changes to the site would offer people more of what they want.

"Facebook is a tool that more than just college students can use, so we want to let them use it," he said.

By doing this, Zuckerberg said it would strengthen the original goal of Facebook, which was to bring people closer together.

"It's to help people understand what's going on around them," he said of the site.

Paige Downer, a freshman English and psychology major from Lubbock, said she liked Facebook because it allowed her to connect with old friends.

With the news of Facebook going public, Downer said her opinion of the site will change.

"I don't like that idea," she said. "I like it just being college students and the business community," she said. "You get less pedophiles and less preteens (with the old way)."

The addition of the news-feed feature also lowered Downer's opinion of the creators.

"I went and deleted all of my activity because I didn't want my friends seeing it," she said.

In the years since Facebook first opened, Zuckerberg and Hughes said they have received numerous offers to sell the site.

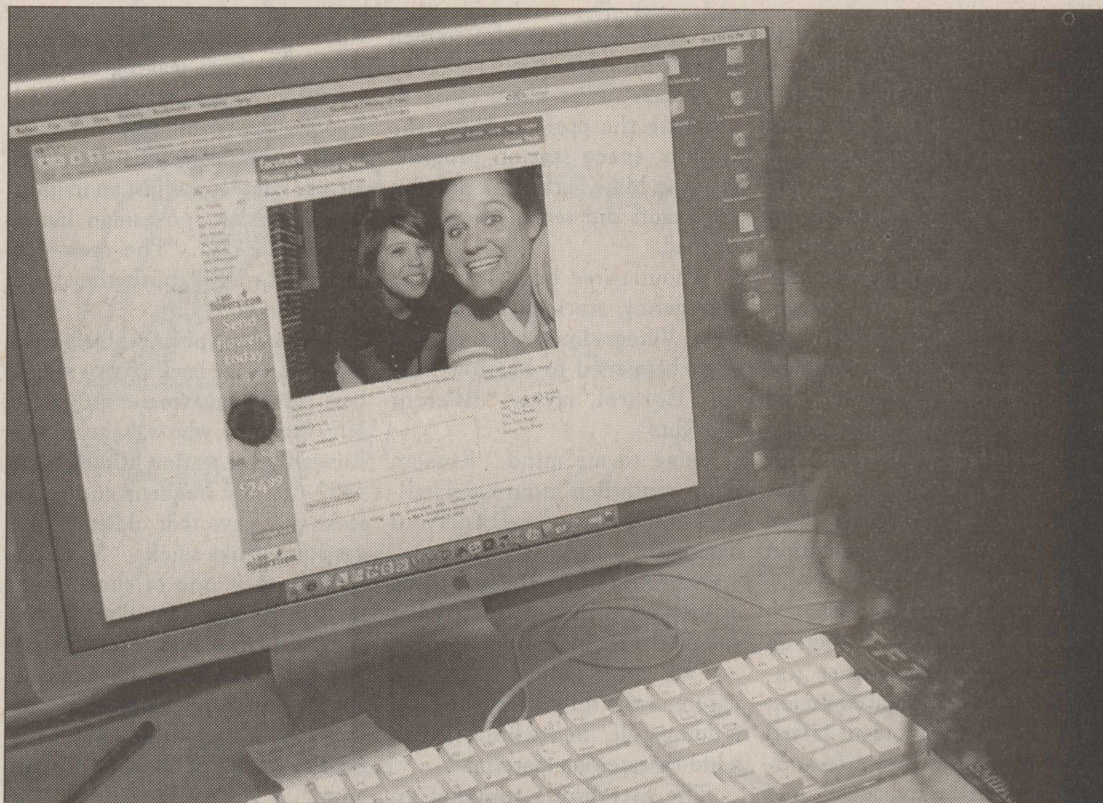


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A TEXAS TECH student looks at a friend's profile on Facebook.com. The social networking Web site plans on expanding its access to anyone who wants to have a page on its site. Facebook already has an estimated 9.5 million users.

"We didn't sell our company because we're really focused on what we're doing, and we're not trying to cash out quickly," Zuckerberg said.

One of the fears of the new changes on the horizon is that Facebook will become another MySpace, Hughes said. Still, Facebook will continue to require users to befriend someone before that person can see their profile.

"Facebook and MySpace are completely different when you think about

it," Hughes said. "Whereas (MySpace) seems to be a media portal where you connect with a lot of people you don't know, we're aiming to be a social utility where you rebuild real-life social networks."

Zuckerberg said he recognizes the most important thing about his site is security.

"I think giving people complete control over what they share and whom they share with is important," he said.

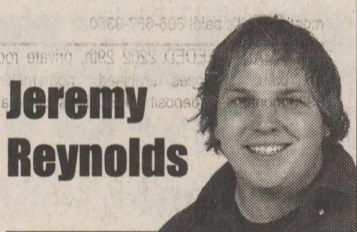
Still, not all Texas Tech students feel consumed by the site's popularity.

Amanda Caperton, a freshman chemistry major from Gunter, said she joined Facebook because her boyfriend asked her to, although she does not frequently use the site.

"I think it's annoying," she said of the mini-feed feature. "You don't really care about what every person does as soon as they do it."

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'Last Kiss' doesn't give enough tongue



Jeremy Reynolds

Zach Braff's newest movie is the type of last kiss that comes with a bite.

Every other week, studios are throwing more and more romantic comedies into the theaters — the same golden boys and girls with the quirky roommates and

jobs that put them in unrealistic situations.

As I sat down to watch Braff's second major motion picture, I prayed he would stumble onto something more than another cookie-cutter romantic comedy. It took me less than 10 minutes to see that "The Last Kiss" is anything but romantic.

In the film, Braff stars as a 29-year-old architect going through a relationship crisis. He sees his future ahead of him and feels there is nothing else left that can surprise him.

Like almost all men wading

into their thirties, he remembers what the glory days of college were like. Being single. Parties. Spontaneity. And even though he loves his girlfriend, played by Jacinda Barrett, he starts to question things when a college-age brunette enters his life at a wedding.

From that point, the movie becomes a platform to exemplify how easy it is for someone who is in love to falter when someone younger comes along.

The movie is not the happy kind of film someone goes to and leaves thanking God that he or

she has that wonderful boyfriend or girlfriend who embodies all of the qualities of the main character.

Instead, this movie strips relationships down to the bone and gives audiences a real-life depiction of how things are behind the facade. When someone is mad, he or she doesn't calmly tell the other person to get out. They drop the F-bomb every other word while trying to hold back tears and appear strong.

The language in the movie borders on violent as do the relationships that slowly fall apart.

There are times when the movie hits true greatness, but there are so many mediocre moments that you forget about all the best ones.

The movie is like a cactus patch of relationships, and some parts are painful to watch because the audience knows all too well how true they are.

I know that some of the fights Braff has with Barrett could have been scripted word-for-word from fights I've had with previous girlfriends.

There's a moment when Braff's girlfriend is asking him why they're not married yet, especially considering they have a child on the way. He replies by saying they'll get married as soon as she can tell him three couples that have lasted more than a few years of marriage.

I find this unbelievable. I know what Braff and the director were trying to hit at, but it feels like they completely missed. Instead of making a movie about the tainted emotions of being a couple, they make a film that shows only the post-mortem state of a shriveled relationship that should have ended months before.

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'Last Kiss'

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If anyone is going into this film thinking it embraces the same type of humor as Bruff's first film, "Garden State," then he or she should re-check movie times and find something else to see. This film is not a comedy. It's an incredibly dark drama about three couples who simply do not have what it takes to go the distance.

As with a lot of romance films these days that try to delve into a new level of deepness, the movie is filled with songs that half the audience does not even know. Here's a tip for Bruff: stop putting so much music in your movies. It distracts from the plot, and half the songs sound like they're from bands fronted by Hot Topic employees. The whole concept of taking Bruff's iPod playlist and putting it in his films has become old.

I expected much more out of this picture.

2 out of 6 - POOR

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Case against Hank Williams Jr. heads to a grand jury

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A grand jury will decide whether country singer Hank Williams Jr. will stand trial on misdemeanor assault charges filed after a cocktail waitress said he yelled obscenities and choked her at a local hotel.

Criminal Court Judge Gwen Rooks ruled Monday that probable cause was established and bound the case over to a Shelby County grand jury.

The waitress, Holly Hornbeak, testified that she had red marks and bruising on her neck and that she

was hoarse the next day.

A private attorney hired by her parents demanded \$250,000 from Williams two days later, but Hornbeak denied that the case was being driven by money.

"It was a serious attack and this is not something you take lightly," said Hornbeak, who was 19 when the incident allegedly occurred in the Peabody hotel's lobby bar March 18.

Afterward, she said, Williams' publicist, Kirt Webster, gave her his phone number and offered her tickets to a Williams concert that

weekend.

Williams, 57, who lives in Paris, Tenn., remains free on his own recognizance. Assault carries up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

Williams sat quietly as his attorney, Leslie Ballin, sought to portray the incident as "a hijacking" rather than as an assault.

"She didn't go to a doctor, she didn't take pictures of these alleged red marks and bruises. C'mon now," Ballin said later as Williams stood at his side smiling. "Talking about vic-

tims? I'm representing one here. This is an attempt at a financial hijacking. There was no assault."

Williams would not comment on the case.

"You know what's going to happen?" Williams said to reporters. "I'm going to go have some good old Memphis barbecue right now."

Williams has had a string of No. 1 hits including "Family Tradition" and "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight." He has sung the theme for "Monday Night Football" since 1989.

CD REVIEW: Third Audioslave album shows band's true sound

(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. — Made up of members from two of the most prominent rock bands from 1990, Audioslave is commonly dubbed a "super-group." Although the title is flattering, it also comes with super expectations.

Just 15 months after their second album, Audioslave has released "Revelations," a CD that not only meets those expectations, but surpasses them.

With "Revelations," Chris Cornell (formerly of Soundgarden), and Tim Commerford, Brad Wilk and Tom Morello from Rage Against the Machine accomplished a purely Audioslave sound.

The self-titled first album achieved triple-platinum sales and was faster, influenced mostly by the Rage Against the Machine roots.

"Out of Exile," the second album, was slower and focused more on the vocals of Cornell. The popularity of the band caused the album to debut at No. 1 in the Billboard 200, but in general it wasn't well-received by fans and critics.

The band seemed to take notice of this and worked harder on their third album, which boasts a completely different, more unique sound with songs of all textures and flavors.

The title track, "Revelations," opens the

album with the familiar loudness that everyone had missed from Audioslave's previous work. The familiar bouncing riffs and hard-hitting drums accompanied by the catchy chorus make it a refreshing rocker that the previous album lacked.

"One and the Same" and "Jewel of the Summertime" feature more funk and groove than anything they've ever done. It's odd, but they make it work.

"Wide Awake" sounds amazing musically, and is also a bold political statement about the government's Hurricane Katrina debacle. It may be Cornell's finest work to date.

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SPORTS

12 BIG REASONS WHY FROGS ATE RAIDER LEGS

By TRAVIS CRAM AND STEPHEN MONAHAN
STAFF WRITERS

1. Three — After scoring at least 35 points against SMU and UTEP, the Red Raiders managed only three points against the Frogs, their worst showing since losing 56-3 to Nebraska in 2000.
2. Dropped passes — According to Tech coach Mike Leach, nine passes were dropped by the usually reliable receiving corps, including four late in the game which would have converted third downs into first downs.
3. Not utilizing rushing attack — Shannon Woods has been successful in each game this season, averaging 6.5 yards per carry including a 104-yard performance against SMU, but he has just 37 carries and one touchdown. Against TCU, Woods carried 10 times for 52 yards.
4. Lack of mental and physical toughness — Mike Leach said after the loss to TCU that he coached the worst offense in America and saw his Red Raiders give their sorriest performance he had ever seen. Mental lapses including the ejection of Kellen Tillman also proved costly. "Lack of toughness manifests itself in dropped passes," he said.
5. Red zone scoring — Against the Frogs, Tech managed one drive that led to a red zone scoring opportunity. Although they converted the attempt with a field goal from Alex Trlica, the Red Raiders never made it back inside the 20-yard line and watched TCU kick themselves to victory 12-3.
6. Field position — Only once did the Red Raiders start from their own 40-yard line or more and twice from the 30 to the 39-yard line. The rest of the time, Tech was backed up deep in its own territory, crossing the 50-yard line just five times.
7. Third down conversions — Tech saw 14 third downs and converted just three for a 21 percent conversion rate. Tech is just eight of its last 26 when converting third downs.
8. Failure to complete the long ball — Just twice did the Red Raiders record a reception down field of 20 yards or more — a 21-yard reception to Danny Amendola and a 20-yard completion to Robert Johnson. Harrell's longest completion came in the first quarter — a 33-yard shovel pass to Woods, setting up Tech's only score of the game.
9. Turnovers — Tech turned the ball over twice in its own zone, resulting in six points for the Frogs. The Red Raider defense failed to record a turnover after causing two in their win over UTEP.
10. Failure to pick up blitz — TCU pummeled the Tech offensive line consistently, forcing three fumbles and recovering one. The Frogs also had a knack for the sack, getting to Harrell three times for a loss of 25 yards.
11. Punt returning — Punt returner Danny Amendola had six returns for just 26 yards for Tech while the TCU special teams front line blocked an Alex Reyes punt, setting up one of its four field goals on the day.
12. Average yards gained per play — In 2005, Tech averaged 6.6 yards gained per play. After their defeat in Fort Worth, the Red Raiders are averaging just 3.9 yards gained per play.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
SENIOR LINEBACKER BROCK Stratton and the Raider defense did all they could to hold the Horned Frogs back but could not stop them on key third downs and allowed TCU to keep moving the ball and clock.

Tech men and women take titles at Jackrabbit Open



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech cross country team did not disappoint the home crowd fans as both the men's and women's teams took first place finish in the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open Friday.

The women's team took seven of the top 10 spots, including a first place finish by Tech junior Sally Kipyego.

The Tech men's team finished first place in the meet. The top men's runner was junior Kevin Chelimo.

Coach Jon Murray said the Red Raiders were happy to get a first place finish in front of a home crowd and beat the competitive teams like Wayland Baptist, who finished first place ahead of Tech in the Mike Boit Invitational Sept. 1.

"It definitely helps boost our team's confidence," he said. "Everyone ran well, it was a good performance all around."

The Tech women's team finished 72 points ahead of the second place South Plains College. The women's

team placed seven out of the top 10 and four out of the top five. Junior Kipyego finished first with a time of 15:55.31 in the 3-mile race. South Plains College runner Lillian Badaru finished second with a time of 16:25.10, 30 seconds behind Kipyego. Tech runners Irene Kimaiyo, Violet Chemakwila and Asia Diaz took the third, fourth and fifth place spots, respectively. The Red Raiders had three more runners in the top 10. Gladys Kipsang, Molly Evans and Jessica Stovall ended the race at the seventh, eighth and ninth spots, respectively.

Murray said the women's team continues to exceed his expectations.

"The women's team has been working real hard," he said. "I am proud of where they are right now. Sally (Kipyego) continues to improve. To finish as the top female is great, especially against good competition. It was a very good start for her this season."

The Tech men's team finished 11 points ahead of South Plains College, and placed three runners in the top 10.

Red Raider Kevin Chelimo finished third place in his first meet of the season with a time of 24:19.27 in the 8-mile race, 36 seconds behind the first place runner. Tech junior Edwin Sang finished in the sixth place spot with a time of 25:05.62. Red Raider junior Pedro Vargas finished in 10th place finishing with a time of 26:11.96.

Murray said the good finish at this weekend's home meet was crucial in order for his team to find success this season. His team heads to Orono, Maine, Sept. 30 for the Murray Keating Invitational, where they will be facing good running teams like Boston College, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire. Murray said the meet will be the first big challenge for the Red Raiders.

"In order to make to the NCAA National meet this year, which is what we hope to do, we have to beat people outside your region," he said. "The trip to Maine is to accomplish just that."

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

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7 AM	Curious	Today	Early Show	Believer	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America City	Jack Harris
:30	Ciffrord			Life Today		Paid Program	Paid Program
8 AM	Dragon Tales			Amer. Athlete	Cosby Show		Megan Mullally Show
:30	It's Big World			Eye for an Eye	Cosby Show		
9 AM	Sesame Street		700 Club	Judge Mathis	Roseanne	Rachael Ray Oprah Winfrey	Martha
:30							
10 AM	Callou	Regis and Kelly	Price Is Right	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The View (HD)	Tyrs Banks
:30	Barney			Divorce Court	Divorce Court		
11 AM	Teletubbies	Jopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Alex	Judge Alex	Paid Program	Dr. Keith Ablow
:30	Mister Rogers	Jopardy!		Paid Program	Paid Program		
12 PM	Sewing	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	Greg Behrendt: All My Children		Access
:30	Painting	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful	As the World Turns	Judge Lopez	One Life to Live	Extra
1 PM	Creative Living	Passions	Guiding Light	Paid Program	What I Like	General Hospital	People's Court
:30	Philly	The Lions	Inside Edition	Judge Joe	Jerry Springer	Montel Williams	Ellen DeGeneres
2 PM	Reading	Cyberchase	Judge Joe	Jerry Springer	Bernie Mac	Geraldo	Fox 34 News First @ Four
3 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Meury	Bernie Mac	Insider	Friends
:30	Arthur				Still Standing	ABC News	Simpsons
5 PM	Maya & Miguel	News	CBS News	Family Feud	King Of	News	Jim "No N."
:30	Bus Report	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	King Of	News	Raymond
6 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Desire (HD)	Gilmore Girls "Partridge" (HD)	Dancing with the Stars Second-round competition (HD)	House "Informed Consent" (HD)
:30	Nova "Einstein's Big Idea" (HD)	Law & Order: Criminal (HD)	The Unit: Change of Station (HD)	Fashion House (HD)	To Be Announced	Standoff "Shanghai'd"	
8 PM	P.O.V. "Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela"	Law & Order: SVU "Informed"	Smith "Pilot" (HD)	Jim "No N."	Will & Grace (HD)	Boston Legal (HD)	Fox 34 News @ Nine
:30	Mandela	News	KLBK 13 News	70s	Sex and City	News	Sainleak
10 PM	Bus Report	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	King of Hill	Malcolm	(505) ET	Frasier
:30	Charlie Rose	(35) Late Night (HD)	(35) Craig Ferguson	Malcolm	Mad About	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Scrubs
11 PM	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cheaters	Paid Program	Paid Program
:30	GED "Drama"						

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