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STATE

More than 100 cases in BP explosion to settle

GALVESTON (AP) — A lawyer representing more than 100 plaintiffs who sued BP PLC over the deadly Texas City refinery explosion said Monday he expects all his cases to be settled within 10 days.

The settlements would mean BP Chief Executive John Browne would not have to give a deposition in the 52 federal cases against the company. However, a decision is pending on whether he would be deposed in state court.

A judge last week ordered Browne's deposition in the federal lawsuits stemming from the March 2005 blast that killed 15 people and injured 170 others.

NATION

From burgers to spinach, food chain is vulnerable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recent outbreak of E. coli in spinach from California exposed a weakness in the nation's food chain: A system that quickly delivers meat, fruits and vegetables to consumers just as easily can spread potentially deadly bacteria.

Like most food, spinach travels from the field to a central facility where it mixes with spinach from other fields. If any is tainted, the threat to people is amplified as leaves are washed, dried, bagged and shipped throughout the country.

WORLD

Military says poisoning maybe intentional

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Authorities arrested the head of the mess hall where at least 350 Iraqi policemen suffered food poisoning, and a military spokesman said Monday that it was likely the poisoning was intentional.

Brig. Qassim al-Moussawi, a senior spokesman for the Iraqi military, denied that anyone had died after Sunday's evening meal breaking the daily Ramadan fast.

DEATH TOLL

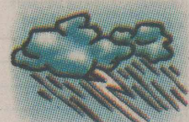
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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

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## N. Korea conducts underground nuclear test

By BURT HERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea faced global condemnation and calls for harsh sanctions Monday after it announced that it had set off an atomic explosion underground, a test that thrusts the secretive communist state into the elite club of nuclear-armed nations.

The United States, Japan, China and Britain led a united

chorus of criticism, with President Bush saying the reported test poses a threat to global peace and security, and "deserves an immediate response" by the U.N. Security Council, which met to discuss the crisis.

Bush said he had called the leaders of South Korea, China, Russia and Japan, and all had reaffirmed a commitment to a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.

The reported test came one day after the ninth anniversary of reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong

Il's accession to power.

Members of the 15-nation Security Council were unanimous in denouncing the claim amid worldwide concern that it could seriously destabilize the region, with even North Korean ally China saying it strongly opposed to the move.

"No one defended it, no one even came close to defending it," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said. "I was very impressed by the unanimity of the council ... on the need for a strong and swift answer to what everyone

agreed amounted to a threat to international peace and security."

The Security Council had warned the impoverished and isolated nation just two days earlier not to go through with a test, and Bolton said Washington will seek U.N. sanctions to curb North Korea's import and export of material for weapons of mass destruction, as well as its illicit financial activities.

Bolton and key U.S. allies, including Britain and France, said they would seek a resolution under

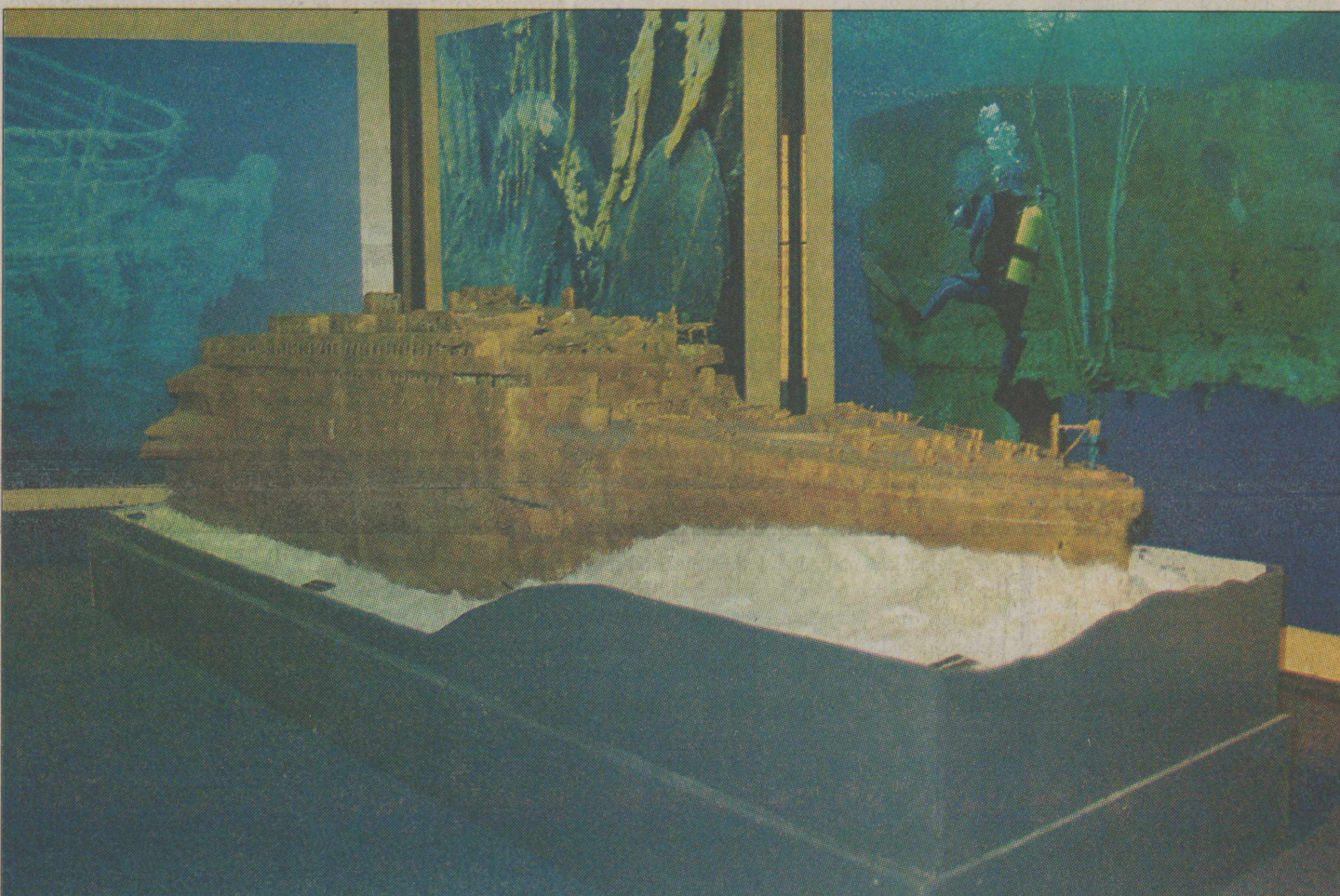
Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter that would seek punishing measures, going beyond the limited sanctions in a measure adopted by the council in July after North Korea conducted seven missile tests.

Chapter 7 grants the council the authority to impose a range of measures including breaking diplomatic ties, imposing economic and military action.

The Bush administration repeat-

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## A 'TITANIC' OPPORTUNITY



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A REPLICA OF THE TITANIC'S SUNKEN BOW IS ON DISPLAY ALONG WITH OTHER ARTIFACTS, HISTORICAL STORIES, AND

### Omni displays historical artifacts, photos from sunken Titanic

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

The maze-like halls of the back section of the Lubbock Science Spectrum Museum are silent. At 5 p.m. Friday, the exhibits of the museum already have seen the daily rush, and now people are ready to call it a night. There's no one meddling around in the gift shop, and oversized banners announcing the newest exhibits dangle from cords overhead.

Friday, the curators of the Science Spectrum Museum unveiled the newest guest in the building — the Titanic. The traveling show will stay in the Hub City until Jan. 1, and it features more than 100 artifacts discovered from the sunken ship.

Titanic, the ship that hit an iceberg and sank en route to New York City on April 15, 1912, has been a buried treasure for historians over the years, and now those sunken treasures are on display for Lubbock residents to enjoy.

There are portions of the exhibit detailing the events of the night, recreations of what the living quarters were like for a third-class passenger and even a section where people can touch an iceberg.

Becky Parker, curator of the show, said it is one of the smaller traveling exhibits in the United States, though it offers an abundance of information.

"This exhibit is designed to go along with smaller museums," she said.

The show was scheduled to be in another venue in California, but when those plans fell through, Lubbock stepped up and offered the exhibit a home for the next few months.

"It has been a very well received exhibit," Parker said. "The communities have been very excited to have the exhibition."

The exhibit has attracted large crowds at all the venues it has been shown at, Parker said.

"We've had people wrapped around the building to get in to see it," she said. "It has something for everyone."

The exhibit has various areas where anyone can find something of interest, she said. Richard Franks, a Lubbock citizen who visited the exhibit, said although he was already well-read on the history of the Titanic, he still found some interesting information.

"It's a personal telling of that night," he said. "You learn more about the passengers."

One display in the exhibit showcases perfume bottles — still filled with perfume — from one of the Titanic's passengers.

Parker said the perfume belonged to a man who was sailing to America

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## Judge declares mistrial in felony Florida A&M hazing case

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Monday in the hazing trial of five Florida A&M University fraternity members after the jury said it was perplexed by an undefined legal term and unable to reach a verdict.

The trial would have been the first to test a new state law that makes hazing a felony if it results in death or "serious bodily injury," but the law does not define the latter term.

Jurors deliberated for more than three hours, but the mistrial was declared about 20 minutes after they sent a note to Circuit

Judge Kathleen Dekker asking for a more substantial definition of serious bodily injury. The jurors also asked how to distinguish between serious and moderate injury. She told the jury there was no further legal instruction.

"That is a very serious legal term and it has been defined in other statutes and yet for whatever reason it's not defined in this one," said defense lawyer Chuck Hobbs.

Dekker had instructed the six-member jury it means injury that is neither slight nor moderate.

Four Kappa Alpha Psi brothers were charged with using canes,

boxing gloves and bare fists to beat aspiring fraternity member Marcus Jones, 20.

The Decatur, Ga.-native said he was beaten so severely over four nights of an initiation ritual that he suffered a broken ear drum and needed surgery on his buttocks.

The fifth defendant was accused of assisting in the alleged hazing by encouraging Jones and other would-be fraternity members to bear up under the beatings and revived them with water when they passed out from the pain.

The defendants accused of striking Jones are Michael Morton, 23, of Fort Lauderdale; Brian Bowman,

23, of Oakland, Calif.; Cory Gray, 22, of Montgomery, Ala., and Marcus Hughes, 21, of Fort Lauderdale. Jason Harris, 25, of Jacksonville, was accused of assisting them.

"This was no accident. This was no joke. This was not playtime at the frat house," Assistant State Attorney Frank Allman said in his closing argument. "This was intentional. This was dangerous."

Allman bypassed reporters by leaving the courtroom through a back door after the mistrial was declared. A telephone message left with the state attorney's office after hours was not immediately returned.

## Shot fired by middle school student in Mo. No injuries reported after confrontation

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — A 13-year-old student wearing a mask and a long, black trenchcoat fired an AK-47 into the ceiling at his school Monday morning after confronting a pair of students and administrators, telling them "please don't make me do this," officials said.

No one was injured, and the boy, who police said was following a well-thought out plan, was taken into custody.

The seventh-grader pointed the gun at the two students, Principal Steve Gilbreth and Assistant Superintendent Steve Doerr, telling them "not to make me do this," said Superintendent Jim Simpson.

He then fired the shot into the ceiling, breaking a water pipe, and said again "Please don't make me do this," Simpson said.

Doerr and Gilbreth persuaded the youth to leave the building, and he was confronted by two police officers who had their weapons drawn. The student dropped the rifle and was taken into custody, Simpson said.

"It was a very close call," he said.

Police Officer Curt Farmer said officers found a note in the student's backpack indicating that he had placed an explosive in the school, which has about 750 students. Students were moved to nearby Joplin Memorial Hall to be picked up by their parents.

The backpack also contained military manuals, instructions on assembling an improvised explosive device and detailed drawings of the school.

"This was quite well thought out," Farmer said. "He had been planning this for a long time."

Farmer said police believe they know where the student got the weapon but would not disclose those details. He said it was not uncommon for people in the area to own high-power firearms.

The student, whose name was not released, was wearing a T-shirt over his head with holes cut out for eyes, Farmer said.

The school was closed while police and Missouri State Highway Patrol officers searched the building with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Simpson said authorities did not know whether others were involved, and school officials said they could not discuss a motive and would not have access to the student's records until the search was completed.

Police searched a home in the area and officers were seen leaving the house carrying two rifles, The Joplin Globe reported. Police roped off a half-block area around

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# University Day draws prospective students to Tech

By ANNA SCHUMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Monday's cloudy weather did not reflect poorly on Texas Tech for prospective students and parents who attended University Day.

According to the Office of Admissions, 957 prospective students registered to attend Monday's event. More than 1,000 probably attended, according to the office.

Julian Olivas, assistant director of admissions in charge of University Day, said he believes Monday was a success.

"It went great. Probably well over 1,000 students attended," Olivas said. "The events went well, and the weather still allowed us to do tours. We had to live with the weather. We can't change that."

Students came from all over the United States and world to go to University Day. Olivas said he met one visitor from England whose second visit to Tech was Monday.

"She pretty much knows she's coming here, but I think she just wanted to see what today was about," he said. University Day, which occurs once

during the fall and once more in the spring semester, yields high numbers for Tech.

According to the Office of Admissions, of the students who attended spring's University Day, 80 percent applied to Tech. Of those who applied, 69 percent enrolled.

Olivas said those numbers are "phenomenal."

"We hope we get the same kind of return this time as we get in spring," he said.

Brooke Maser, a high school senior from Arlington, said when she first came to Tech for a high school basketball camp, it inspired her to consider going to school at Tech.

"I like it a lot better now. My first impression is that it's really flat," Maser said. "The atmosphere is really homey. I'm really comfortable here."

Maser said she also is looking into Stephen F. Austin State University and Texas State University. She has not attended similar events at either school yet, but said she thinks that's good for Tech.

"It's good this one is so early. Everything has to meet its standards,"

she said. She said her favorite parts of Monday's events were the pep rally and the informational tables on student organizations and colleges.

Maser said she thinks the day could be improved by involving more one-on-one interaction with prospective and current students.

Ryan Worley, president of the Student Government Association, said he thinks more personal involvement with students would be a good thing.

"We should work with advisers and current students to pair up," he said. "It's very feasible — not only for University Day but for all incoming freshmen, so they feel at home at Tech."

Olivas said University Day is designed to be more of a conference than a time for personal interaction, but prospective students are always given the opportunity to meet with advisers and students.

"They can do that any time of year," Olivas said. "We encourage any student to come for tours or meet with people from their colleges."

Olivas said in the future, if it seems

University Day is getting too big, the office might consider changing the event.

"We don't want the event to get too big because we don't want the university to seem too big," he said. "Since the event seems to grow a bit every year, we'll look at doing something different if it gets like that."

Worley said he has seen a few changes since he came to University Day as a high school student.

"Tech has done so much in the past five or six years to show that we are one of the top schools in Texas," he said. "We're trying to incorporate more Tech spirit. We're giving students a reason to have pride in what we're doing here at Tech."

Worley said he hopes prospective students come away from University Day with one particular thought.

"Whatever they want to accomplish, they can do it here at Texas Tech," he said. "Whether they're interested in academics, social, premed, professional. You can do it all if you start at Texas Tech."

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# Tech police blotter

By LIZ BOYD  
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Oct. 8

A student fell and injured his ankle on the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center intramural fields. Two Texas Tech officers responded to the 911 call and Emergency Medical Services transported the individual to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

Oct. 7

Two students were detained after falling out of a vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. One student was cited for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The other student was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Lubbock County Jail. A third student evaded detention and left his vehicle parked in a fire lane. The student was later located and released pending the filing of charges for evading detention.

Two Tech officers detained four students for possession of drug paraphernalia in Coleman Hall. All the students were released after the filing of charges.

One student was detained for the possession of drug paraphernalia in Coleman Hall. The student was released after charges were filed.

A nonstudent was arrested for public intoxication by two Tech officers at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a student for public intoxication at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium and transported the student to Lubbock County Jail.

A backpack and its contents were taken from a room in Wall Hall. A Tech officer investigated and found no evidence of forced entry.

Tech police arrested a student in Section 20 of Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested for public intoxication in the 2500 block of 6th Street and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a nonstudent for public intoxication at Jones AT&T Stadium and the man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Emergency Medical Services responded to an emergency at Gate 3 of Jones AT&T Stadium. A man dislocated his shoulder and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

A man complaining of stomach pains in Section 5 of Jones AT&T Stadium was transported to Covenant Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

Tech officers investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Z6-A parking lot.

A student was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of alcohol by a minor following

observed suspicious behavior in the Z4-P parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was detained for public intoxication in the 1700 block of Flint Avenue. The student was released to a responsible party after the filing of charges.

Oct. 6

A Tech officer investigated a hit-and-run accident with no injuries occurring in the C1-N parking lot.

An unknown person damaged a vehicle after attempting to remove the wheels with a car jack in the Z4-P parking lot. A Tech officer investigated the criminal mischief.

Tech police investigated a traffic accident on the 3700 block of 13th Street. A commercial truck backed into a light pole.

Golf clubs and a radar detector were taken from an unsecured vehicle in the Flint Avenue parking facility.

Two Tech officers investigated an assault in the C1-3 parking lot. A student claimed to have been slapped and pushed by a person who was tailgating.

A student was detained for consumption of alcohol by a minor and another student was detained for public intoxication in the 1600 block of Flint Avenue.

Tech police arrested a student for public intoxication in the 1700 block of Boston Avenue. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was detained for consumption of alcohol by a minor in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was issued a citation and released.

Oct. 5

A chlorine gas-leak alarm activated in the Exercise Sports Science building was investigated. Texas Tech Physical Plant personnel corrected the problem.

A female student experienced abdominal pains in a restroom in Holden Hall and was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

Tech police detained a student for possession of a false driver's license in the Z4-P parking lot.

A female student fell, hit her head and possibly suffered a concussion in Hulen Hall. She was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

A Tech police officer responded to a medical incident near Chitwood Hall. A distraught female student requested Emergency Medical Services to transport her to the emergency room for evaluation. Police said the student will be referred to the Student Counseling Center.

A student was detained for public intoxication in Weymouth Hall. The student was released after the filing of charges.

Tech police responded to a report of criminal mischief in Weymouth Hall. An exit sign was torn from the ceiling of the building.

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# Search for Joanna Rogers continues

By PAUL ROBERTS  
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Law enforcement investigators continue their search of the Lubbock landfill in hopes of recovering the body of a Lubbock teen who has been missing for more than two years.

Capt. Don Carter of the Lubbock Sheriff's Office said the search for the body of Joanna Rogers has been going on for more than a month now, but so far no evidence has been found of the missing teen. Carter said he believes police are searching through the correct area, but the endeavor is taking more time and effort than he originally hoped.

He said the search area is expanding more than what police thought, and police are having to search through more debris than expected.

Carter said the search is divided into two phases. The first phase deals with finding certain areas to concentrate the search. The second phase involves

manually searching through the bottom layer of debris.

He said the search team is currently in phase two. Police have had success in finding dates of newspapers and other dated material from around the time when Rogers disappeared, so police know they are searching in the right area, Carter said.

"This gives us an idea of the date range," he said. "It helps establish the boundaries of where we are searching."

Law enforcement officials have been searching through a narrowed area of 100 yards by 150 yards, but they are expanding the search area in hopes of finding answers.

Carter said police have about 6,000 cubic yards to search through, and a few rain delays have hindered the search.

Law enforcement personnel teams of 15 to 30 members have been searching by hand through the debris. Carter said additional road crew members have been assisting with the machinery.

Some members of the community have been complaining about the lack of road construction workers, but it is because the laborers are assisting in the landfill search, Carter said.

"Once they realized what the road crew workers were doing, the community was very understanding," Carter said.

Additional volunteers, Carter said, have been at the landfill site providing the workers with meals.

As for the estimated length of the search, Carter said it should take 14 full days to finish.

"The timeline is pretty soft. We have had some delays from bad weather among other things," he said. "But, once we have exhausted our search boundaries, then we are finished with the search. We are looking at as much as 14 days."

Rogers has been missing since May 4, 2004. She was 16 years old at the time of her disappearance. Her parents last saw her after coming home from a day's work at Subway on 82nd Street and Akron Avenue. The next day, her parents entered her bedroom to find Joanna missing. She left no evidence of where she went. Her cell phone, keys and purse were left in her room, which appeared untouched without a trace of forcible entry, sheriff detectives said.

The decision to search the landfill comes after Rosendo Rodriguez III con-

fessed to abducting and killing Joanna Rogers and placing her body in the Lubbock landfill.

Rodriguez has been in jail since September when he was arrested for the murder of a Lubbock woman. The 25-year-old Rodriguez is accused of killing Summer Baldwin in September, then placing her remains in a suitcase and dumping it at a landfill north of Lubbock, according to police reports. Baldwin was pregnant at the time.

Police were able to link Rodriguez to Baldwin's murder through the barcodes of the suitcase. The barcodes matched a purchase by Rodriguez at a local Wal-Mart store, along with a purchase of latex gloves.

In December, police named Rodriguez as a suspect in the disappearance of Rogers.

The link between Rodriguez and Rogers was made public during Rodriguez' bond reduction hearing in late December, according to police reports.

During Rodriguez' bond reduction hearing, a Lubbock police officer was being interrogated on the stand and mentioned a link between Rogers and Rodriguez through each of their computers.

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7:30	Clifford	Today Show	Early Show	Life Today	Armer Athlete	Cosby Show	Megan Mullally Show
8 AM	Dragon Tales	Today Show	Early Show	Eye for an Eye	Roseanne	Roseanne	Rachael Ray
8:30	It's a Big World	Today Show	Early Show	Judge Mathis	Roseanne	Roseanne	Martha
9 AM	Sesame Street	Today Show	Early Show	Judge Judy	Divorce Court	Paid Program	The View (HD)
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# Radio producer discusses Arab media

By **NAOMI KASKELA**  
STAFF WRITER

Issues concerning the Arab media were discussed Monday at a lecture hosted by Kristin McHugh, program officer and senior radio producer of The Stanley Foundation.

"The foundation's mission is to bring fresh voices and new ideas to public policy debate," McHugh said.

The foundation, which was established in 1956, has a variety of programs, one of which focuses on Arab media.

"We don't think a lot of Americans know and understand about Arab media," McHugh said.

McHugh spent time in the Middle East to help put together a radio segment for The Stanley Foundation. Part of the program involved her observing the Al Jazeera newsroom in Qatar.

The Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya news outlets, the No. 1 and 2 news stations in the Arab world, were main topics during McHugh's lecture.

"The Arab networks are creating a venue for open speech," she said.

Other effects, McHugh said, the news networks are having in the Arab world are state-run media changing methods to stay equal to more popular

networks and changing language standards in the region.

"There really are some significant things happening because of the media," she said. "I'm not here as a proponent or opponent of Aljazeera, I'm just here to give you my impressions of the region."

McHugh also discussed what she said many people view as negative aspects of media.

"Every news outlet anywhere in the world has a blind spot," McHugh said. "The American blind spot may very well be the sensitivity to the American vision."

McHugh said people should be aware of censorship of media both in America and in other parts of the world.

"Every journalist has a bias," she said, "because we're humans just like you."

McHugh said she views much of the censorship in America as self censorship, while news in the Middle East still is changing.

Peter Wood, a freshman political science major from Abilene, said he attended the lecture to learn and broaden his view of the Arab region.

"I'm really a complete westerner, that's how my mind works," he said. "I really wanted to learn about the Arab media."

Wood, who said he plans to work for the State Department, said the Arab media is both an interesting and important topic to him. Although he plans to work in China, he said he sees the need for knowledge about the Arabic world.

"There's a part of China that has a huge Muslim population," he said.

Relationships between the Muslims and others in the region is something Wood said he thinks is interesting.

Also present at the lecture was Melissa Locke, a philosophy graduate student from Oklahoma City, who is working to set up a chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy on campus.

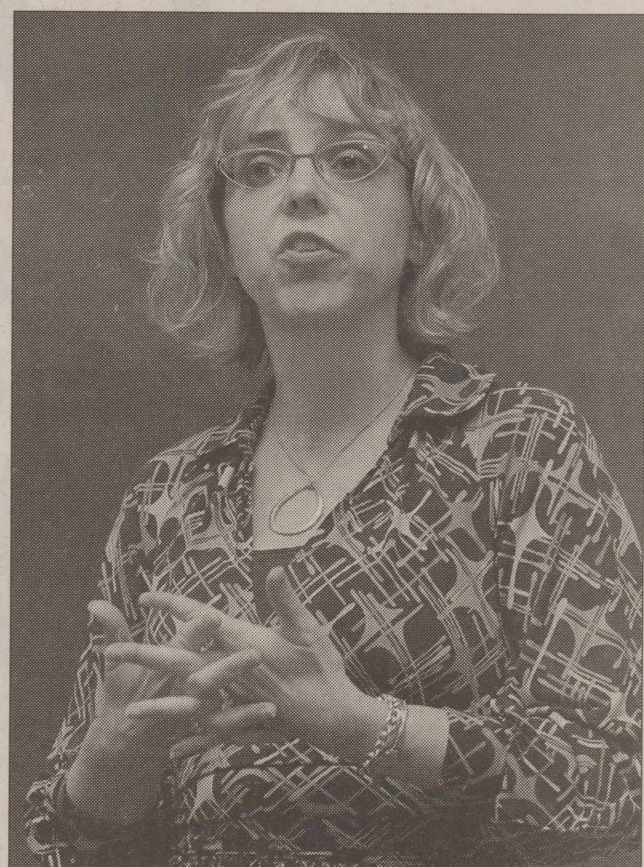
"What spawned the birth of AID was that there is a perception that it's us against the world," she said, "when we really can find common ground."

A way to find common ground is to open up dialogue, Locke said.

"One of our primary goals is to begin town hall meetings on campus to get dialogue started," she said.

Locke said she has seen interest in the organization and hopes to begin spreading the word around campus.

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KRISTIN MCHUGH, PROGRAM officer and senior radio producer for The Stanley Foundation, talks about the Arabic media Monday evening in the basement lecture hall of the English Building.

## Administration takes steps to limit plagiarism growth

By **MICHELLE CASADY**  
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Attitudes about plagiarism growth at Texas Tech vary among faculty and students. The administration is looking into several ways to deter plagiarism, and some students oppose these actions.

Ethan Logan, director of Student Judicial Programs, said there has been an increase in the number of academic integrity violations during the past five years.

"I've seen it go from zero to one violation in a semester five years ago to as many as 12 or more during one semester now," he said.

According to the Integrity Matters campaign material distributed by Student Judicial Programs, academic dishonesty encompasses several violations: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records and misrepresenting facts.

Logan said of all the possible violations, plagiarism is the most prevalent.

"We especially see a lot more reported incidents toward the end of each semester," he said.

Logan speculated the reason for the increase to be the number of students studying for final exams and writing term papers.

Attempts have been made by the Tech administration to curb the growth of plagiarism. The most recent attempt comes in the form of the turnitin.com trial, which is being conducted by the information and technology department.

Sam Segran, associate vice president for information and technology, is co-heading the venture.

"This is something we've been working on for a while," he said. "More than 40 faculty members volunteered to help test the program."

Turnitin.com is a Web site that, by its own definition, identifies unoriginal material in a paper once it is compared to papers in the site's database.

Segran said the trial-run announcement yielded no negative feedback from faculty.

"We found that a number (of faculty members) have been using it on their own," he said. "Several were asking for it because they had heard of it being used at other universities."

The earliest Tech could fully implement the program would be the fall of 2007, Segran said.

Some students, however, do not want to see the program implemented at Tech.

"I had to use turnitin.com at my junior college," said Claire Williams, a junior agricultural and applied economics major from East Bernard. "Stuff would come back as plagiarized when I had not

plagiarized it. There are only so many ways to say the same thing over and over again."

Williams said she believes when students should take honor codes more seriously when signed in their classes.

"I wish they (honor codes) would go into more detail about what exactly it (plagiarism) is, and what the consequences would be," she said. "I do think they help curb plagiarism."

Sam Dragga, professor and chairman of the English department at Tech, said he believes the problem of plagiarism at Tech needs more than one solution.

"The honor code is one way to help prevent plagiarism because it raises awareness," he said. "I also think it is incumbent on the instructors to make assignments more difficult to plagiarize."

Dragga said instructors should make assignments more engaging to lower the risk of plagiarism.

"Students will be less likely to plagiarize if they think it is something they will need to know," he said.

Dragga also recognized turnitin.com as a viable solution.

Though the figures show an increase in plagiarism at Tech, Logan, director of student judicial programs, said he believes it is not simply because students are more dishonest than they used to be.

"As easy as it is now for students to plagiarize," he said, "it's just as easy to catch."

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## Test

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edly has said it has no plans to invade North Korea and military action appeared unlikely. But the U.S. proposed stringent U.N. sanctions on Monday, including a trade ban on military and luxury items, the power to inspect all cargo entering or leaving the country, and freezing assets connected with Pyongyang's weapons programs, according to a copy of the draft obtained by *The Associated Press*.

North Korea's U.N. ambassador Pak Gil Yon said the Security Council should congratulate his country instead of passing "useless" resolutions or statements.

Iranian state radio, meanwhile, blamed North Korea's reported nuclear test on U.S. pressure, saying the test "was a reaction to America's threats and humiliation."

Iran has said it will not abandon uranium enrichment despite the threat of international sanctions over its disputed nuclear program, which Tehran insists is purely for peaceful purposes.

Bush said the United States was still attempting to confirm that a nuclear test had actually

taken place. Still, he said, "such a claim itself constitutes a threat to international peace and security."

A U.S. government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the political sensitivity of the situation, said the seismic event could have been a nuclear explosion, but its small size was making it difficult for authorities to pin down.

South Korea's National Intelligence Service chief Kim Seung-kyu reportedly told lawmakers signs of suspicious movement were spotted at another suspected test site.

The current members of the nuclear club are the United States, Russia, Britain, France, India, Pakistan and China. Israel is widely believed to have the bomb but has not publicly declared.

Reports about the size of the explosion were conflicting. Only Russia said the blast was a nuclear explosion but the reaction of world governments reflected little doubt that they were treating the announcement as fact.

"We have no doubts that it (the test) was nuclear," Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said.

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- Commandment verb
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# OPINIONS

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## Abstinence education needs to be valued

Earlier this month, as part of its annual "Back to School" report, the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S., in association with the National Education Association and its Health Information Network, released its reviews of three federally funded abstinence education programs. The Sexuality Information Council of the U.S., or SIECUS, attacks WAIT (Why Am I Tempted?) Training, Why kNow and Heritage Keepers for their "messages of fear and shame, gender stereotypes and medical misinformation." Yet, the examples from these courses, which SIECUS provided in their press briefing, contradict each of those statements.

SIECUS had problems with the WAIT Training curriculum being described as "designed to help teens comprehend all of the consequences — not just the physical ones — of premarital sex including the intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual and financial ramifications." They objected to Why kNow calling real love "patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, or not rude" because it paraphrases 1 Corinthians 13:4. How dare they call love patient or kind.

The entirety of their attacks against these programs came to head when they mentioned research by the Economic and Social Research Council which "concludes that fear-based health messages are ineffective." SIECUS fails to mention the important fact that the Economic and Social Research Council is an organization located in the United Kingdom and that several surveys here in the United States by reputable organizations show the exact opposite of the claims made by SIECUS in their report.

Among the accusations made include the assertion that "no sound study exists that shows these programs have any long-term beneficial impact on young people's sexual behavior. More than a dozen states have completed evaluation of their federally funded abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, and still none have found [it] to be effective."

A recent study by the University of Pennsylvania conducted among 662 sixth- and seventh-grade students in inner-city Philadelphia found that students who were taught abstinence-only education were less likely to have sex in a two-year period following their education as opposed to students who were taught "safe sex" education. I'd call that pretty effective.

Moreover, the study contradicted the belief that abstinence education hurts condom use. The study found no difference in contraceptive use from either study group. While SIECUS may not consider research by the University of Pennsylvania to be sound, the information presented by the Ivy League school does present an interesting foil against the "fear-based messages" hypothesis.

Perhaps along with their abstinence education these inner-city youths also have the real-life experience to back up those teachings. A 2003 National Center for Health Statistics study showed that inner-city youth are two to four times as likely to face teenage pregnancy as suburban youth. Any child will be

**Trey Caliva**



more likely to listen to their teachers when they include real-world examples to back up their teachers' claims.

SIECUS wants to have a negative connotation with the words "fear-based" when in actually it's "fact-based." They want abstinence education to be lobotomized into obscurity so that they may peddle their education/pornography.

Contrary to their belief, abstinence education should illustrate to students the absolute horrors which could await them if they choose to have sexual intercourse prior to a responsible time. We shouldn't sugarcoat and sanitize the truth. Effective abstinence-education should scare the hell out of our children, not make them feel warm and fuzzy inside.

It's time to get real about abstinence education in America. Opponents cite the failure of abstinence education in preventing children from having sex, but as the study in Philadelphia as well as a 2005 study by the Department of Health and Human Services shows, that simply isn't the case. If there's one point where abstinence education is lacking, it's that it's not tough enough.

Making abstinence education work relies on many key elements falling into place, which clearly they are. However, to really succeed in teaching children the virtues of abstinence, other steps must happen.

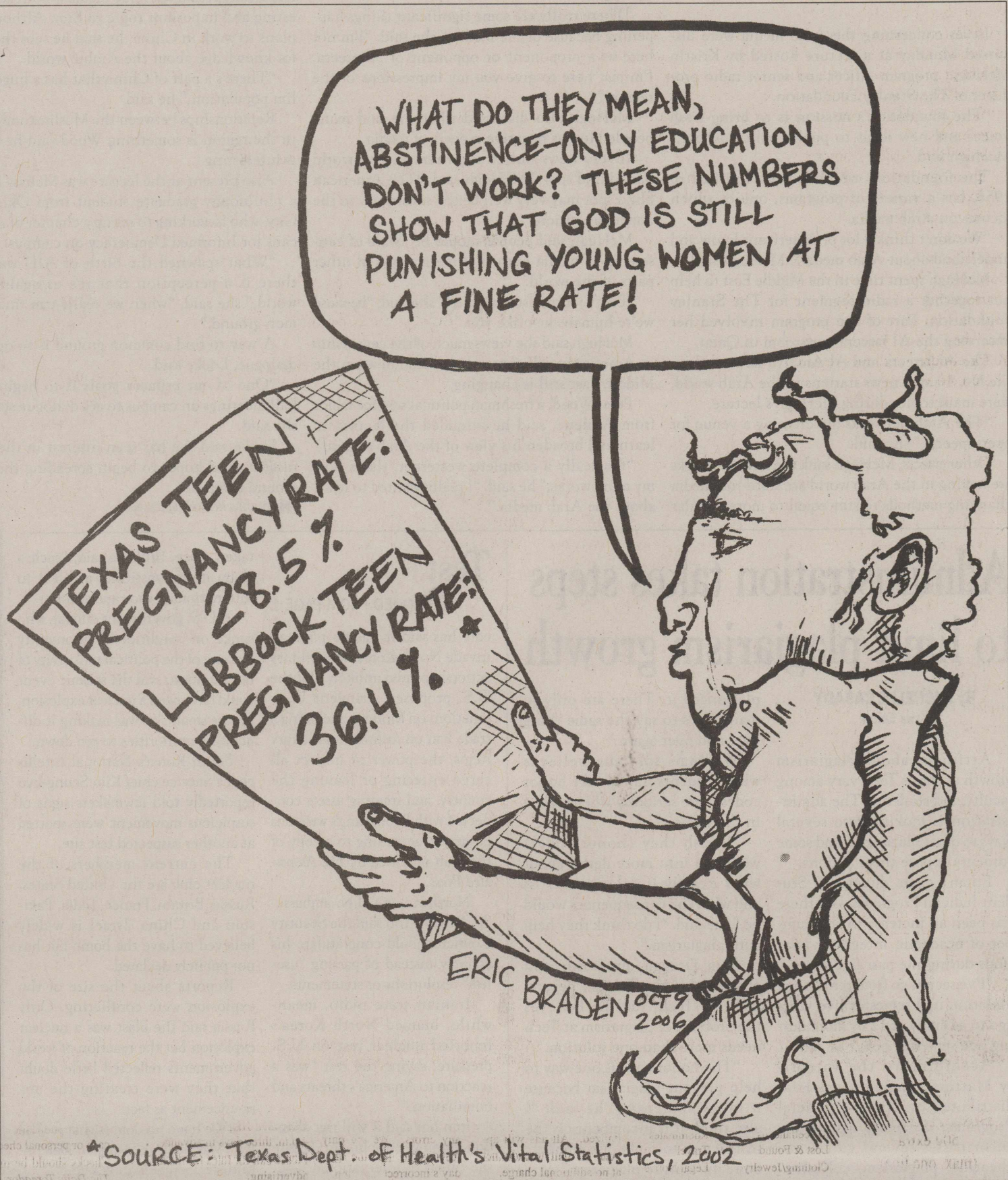
First, you must repeal Roe v. Wade and restrict the use of birth control. It's pointless to warn about the dangers of premarital sex when the wonders of science offer women a limitless undo button for their uterus.

Second, the use of so-called "safe sex" methods of sex education early in a child's development must cease. Teaching a child in elementary school how to put a condom on isn't just ridiculous, it's sick.

Finally, tough words must be used in abstinence education. As with any form of education, just to hear something isn't good enough. Children must be exposed to the bad side of nature even if it conforms to "fear and shame" tactics. It's ridiculous to call pregnancy a "fear and shame" tactic when using it as a possible outcome of premarital sex.

Groups like SIECUS seek to breakdown the last threads of morality this country has by spreading their false and malicious "reports." Abstinence education is a good thing for students to learn; it provides for their future and sets them off on the right foot to life. After all, isn't that the point of education in the first place?

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\*SOURCE: Texas Dept. of Health's Vital Statistics, 2002

## Post-debate, Bell emerges as strong candidate

I know many of you probably did not watch the Texas gubernatorial debate this weekend. Heck, I didn't even get to watch it until Sunday. But boy, you missed a good one. Everybody knew that with those four in the ring, we'd have one bizarre event on our hands, but nobody could have predicted it would so clearly define the choices that Texans have in November.

The four candidates for Texas governor each had a goal before Friday night's debate. Republican Gov. Rick Perry needed to defend his record and look like a strong leader. Democrat Chris Bell needed to show the Democratic base that he was a strong, intelligent candidate. Independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn's goal must have been to look like a brilliant reformer who would take on the Austin establishment, and the other independent, Kinky Friedman, needed to show Texans that he wasn't just a jokester.

Two outta four ain't bad. Now that Carole Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman totally embarrassed themselves in the debate, Texans have two different yet capable choices remaining: Rick Perry and Chris Bell.

As a "yellow dog" Democrat, I can't imagine voting for Gov. Perry, but if Bell were to drop dead on Nov. 6, I might just have to do so. Kinky and "One Tough Grandma" had performances on Friday that could at best be described as disastrous. At least Perry held his ground.

Strayhorn preached about being an outsider while getting crushed by the panel of journalists on her record as an insider. She held back from the hard attacks she threw at Perry during her early campaign, and when asked simple but important questions about Texas, drew a complete blank. Strayhorn showed that she may be just as incompetent as Friedman when she was unable to name the newly elected president of Mexico or say how long unemployment benefits

**Chris Kellerman**



extend in Texas. She rambled through every question and never showed Texans the strong, ethical leader they want.

Friedman, while trying to paint the other three as career politicians, dodged every tough question with worn-out jokes and tired one-liners. When Wayne Slater of the *Dallas Morning News* grilled him on using completely inaccurate facts, Friedman seemed upset and offended. He offered no consolation to those voters who wanted to see a candidate who could handle the job as governor. He could not name an African-American on his staff and admitted he had "very little to do with selecting" his staff. When Slater asked Friedman about some

of his racially insensitive remarks, he responded: "I'm not a racist, I'm a realist." How charming. I'm sure the Klan would say the same.

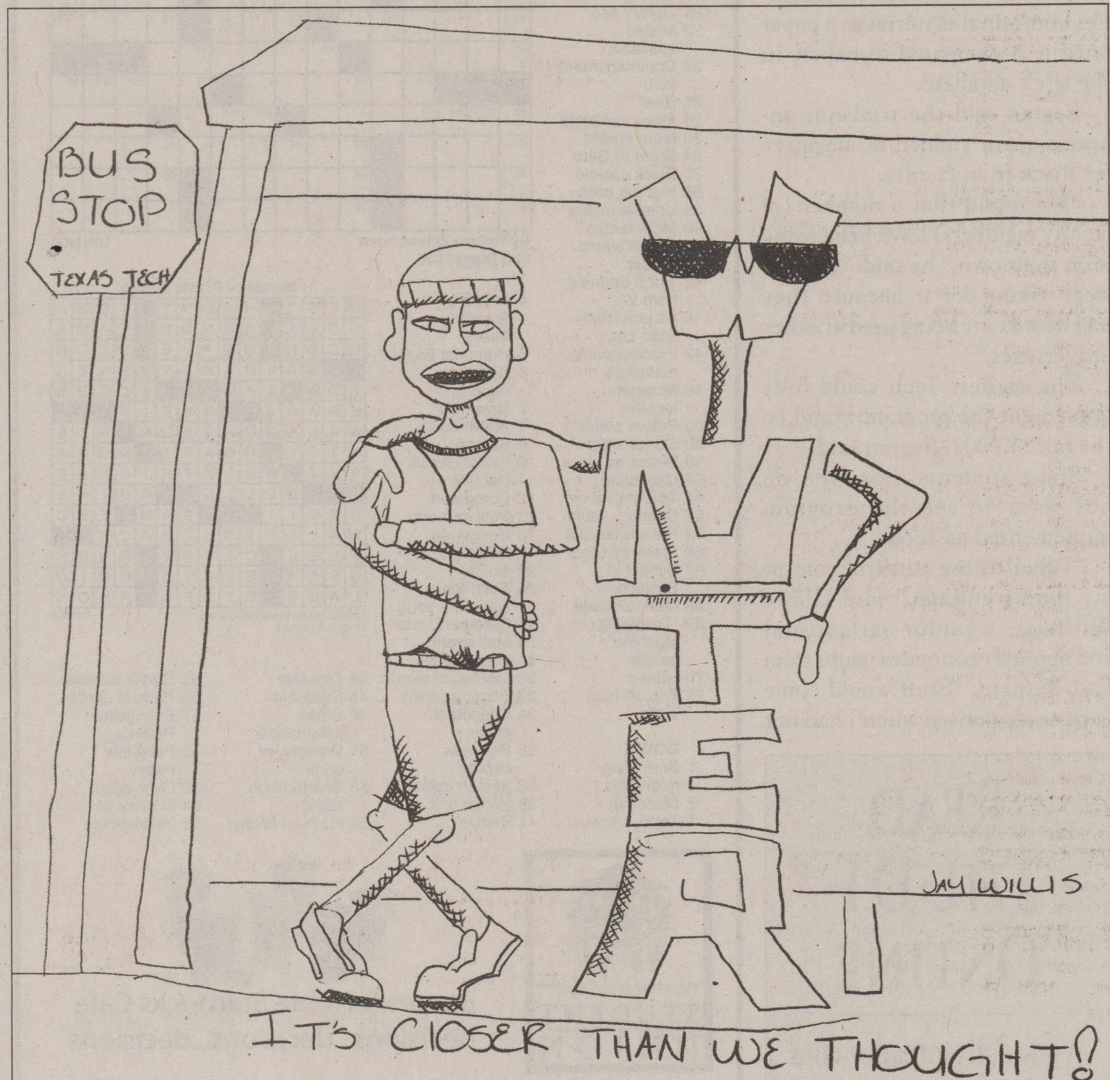
While Rick Perry may not have inspired any undecided voters to vote for him, he certainly couldn't have lost many supporters. He answered every question with a strong, well-polished answer. Of course, his record is much less impressive. His talk on education must have had every Texan's eyes rolling. Everybody knows the Perry education record or lack thereof. Throughout the course of the debate, however, Perry could tell that he only had one real opponent on his hands. In his closing statement, he used the entire minute to contrast himself with Bell. Bell was a knockout in the debate. Every analysis of the debate that I have read agrees that Bell answered every question with a strong, intelligent and competent reply. When the other candidates talked about deporting illegal immigrants, Bell responded, "Does anyone seriously

believe we can deport 12 million people when we couldn't even successfully evacuate New Orleans?" He set forth an immigration plan quite similar to that of President Bush, and his answers on education, taxes and ethics were brilliant. After the debate, I was actually excited about Bell. Democrats have a reason to head to the polls this year.

The best line of the evening in both truth and humor did not come from the funny man with the cigar. When asked in a lightning round of Texas trivia what term limit is placed on the Texas governor, Bell fired back, "There is no term limit for Texas governor, and that's why people should be horrified." Even Perry had to smirk at that.

To watch the complete debate, visit <http://www.wfaa.com>.

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# Student organizations promote action

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
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About 400 student organizations exist on the Texas Tech Campus, though that number randomly fluctuates throughout each year.

Some organizations are designed to give students something to do with free time, while others are for a larger cause.

Baylie Hurt, student director of the Up 'til Dawn group, said student organizations can have a huge impact on other people's lives with the work that is done.

Up 'til Dawn is a student organization on the Tech campus designed to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The hospital provides medical care for children and does research to help cure various diseases, Hurt said.

"Student organizations can make a huge impact," she said.

The hospital is a free clinic and does not turn anyone away, Hurt said. It costs almost \$1.4 million a day to run the facilities.

"Every little bit we can raise helps," Hurt said.

Up 'til Dawn has a fundraiser every February, and last year, the group raised \$15,000. Hurt said she hopes to triple that amount this year.

Michael Gunn, director of student organizations, said becoming a student organization is one of the easiest processes in the world, and students can make a difference by joining a organization.

"I think student organizations are a great thing," Hurt said. "You go home and you feel like you've helped someone."

Sarah Short, student organizer for the Best Buddies group, said her organization is about matching students

up with someone in the community who has intellectual disabilities.

The group does not match up students with younger children that have this problem. The match-ups are with older adults who can no longer go to school, she said.

"There has been a lot of positive things that have happened and a lot of positive relationships that have been made and lasted," she said.

The program started four years ago and has 10 students involved, Short said.

"It's fairly new and just getting started," she said. "But each year it gets better and better."

Short said the people the students are matched up with do not have much contact with others and have few friends.

"It's a big deal for them to have a friend they're matched with," she said. "They really enjoy it."

Short is a junior majoring in special education, which is what attracted her to the group in the first place.

"I didn't know much about it, and I wanted to get more experience with people who have intellectual disabilities," she said.

Stephen Hunsaker, student director of the Red to Black group, said student organizations are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

Red to Black is a financial service organization ran by students to help people organize their money.

"We help students take preventative steps before they find themselves in problems," Hunsaker said. "We have one of the lower default rates on student loans in the country."

There are only a handful of programs like Red to Black in the country, Hunsaker said.

The program is not just for students at Tech. Hunsaker said the Red to Black program is available to faculty and staff members, as well as other citizens of Lubbock.

Last year, the organization did between 60 and 70 one-on-one counseling sessions, he said.

The program is open to anyone who has questions regarding taxes, credit card debt and planning for the future.

*"I think student organizations are a great thing. You go home and you feel like you've helped someone."*

— BAYLIE HURT  
Student Director of the Up 'til Dawn group

• Steps to become a student organization:

There are meetings at 2 p.m. every Tuesday where someone can get all the papers to get started.

—An online form has to be filled out.

—Fill out paperwork from the meeting.

—Find a faculty adviser for the group.

—Draft a constitution for the group.

—Turn all paperwork in.

Michael Gunn, director of student organizations, said the process takes about two weeks from start to finish.

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# Shooting

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the house and would not reveal specifics about the search.

The shooting happened about 7:45 a.m., 10 minutes before the start of classes.

"A lot of the kids were scared," said eighth-grader Deron Moore. "After they said on the intercom that there was someone with a gun, I kind of went into shock."

A woman who was dropping her son off at the school said she saw Gilbreth "waving crazily" and police cars pulling up behind her.

"Police were heading into the school with weapons drawn, and the principal was pointing to the east side of the school," Blake Spivak told The Joplin Globe.

Spivak, former advertising director for the newspaper, said she and her son, Cooper, stayed in the car while Gilbreth walked back into the school flanked by armed officers in protective jackets. She said an officer told her to get down or get her car away from the scene.

Joplin, which has about 40,900 residents, is in southwest Missouri, about 140 miles south of Kansas City.

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to start his own perfume store.

Matt Hixson, who attended the exhibit with his family, said he found the exhibit to be amazing.

Hixson was lured to the exhibit by a general interest in the history of the ship, and he also wanted to educate his children on the subject.

"It's a physical realization of what the passengers might have went through that night," he said.

Near the end of the corridors of artifacts, a list hangs with the names of first-class passengers, second-class passengers, third-

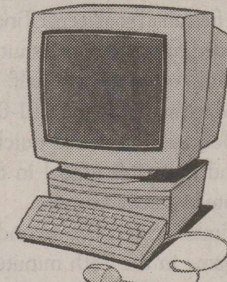
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## MISCELLANEOUS



## Tech basketball to begin practice Friday

BY JAY LANGLEY  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech men's basketball team kicks off the 2006-2007 season with the team's first official practice 7 p.m. Friday at the United Spirit Arena. A highlight for the upcoming season is coach Bob Knight's chase to become college basketball's all-time winningest coach. Knight needs 11 more victories to pass Dean Smith on the all-time list.

Last year's 15-17 record marked only the second time in Knight's 40-year

coaching career that his team finished with a losing record. Junior guard Jarrilus Jackson looks to lead the Red Raiders to a winning season. Jackson's 20.5 points per game led the Big 12 last season.

Jackson will be joined in the backcourt by junior Martin Zeno who is Tech's second leading returning scorer with 13.5 points per game.

Joining Darryl Dora and Jon Plefka in the frontcourt are newcomers Rog-drick Craig, Jay Mitchell and Esmir Rizvic who will be counted on to provide an instant impact.

The Red Raiders open the season

Nov. 11 against Sam Houston State at the USA. The team will be tested early in the season as part of the 16-team CBE Classic with possible match-ups against Duke, Marquette or Stanford. Other non-conference games include Stanford, as part of the Pete Newell Challenge, a trip to Arkansas and three consecutive home games with Bucknell, UNLV and New Mexico.

Tech opens the Big 12 season Jan. 6 by hosting Oklahoma and finishes the season at Iowa State March 3.

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## Tech soccer falls to Nebraska, South Dakota

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

Despite an 11-save weekend and only two allowed goals, the Red Raiders ended the weekend with an overtime scoreless tie Friday to South Dakota State and a 2-1 loss Sunday against Nebraska.

On Sunday, the Red Raiders recorded the first goal of the game against Nebraska, but it was not enough as Nebraska senior forward Brittany Timko scored two goals to finish the game.

Tech scored early in the first half when Big 12 Newcomer of the Week Britney Harrison found the net in the 19th minute. The goal marks Harrison's eighth goal of the season, a team high.

Tech freshman goalkeeper Tina Rincon recorded four saves and shut out the Cornhuskers in the first half. The half ended with a Tech lead of 1-0.

Nebraska answered quick in the second half with a goal in the 54th minute by forward Timko.

Timko scored her second goal of the game in the 78th minute to give the Cornhuskers the lead. Tech goalie Rincon got a hand on the shot, but the ball still got through. The goal is Timko's eleventh of the season. She ended the game with nine shots, three on goal.

Nebraska tallied a total of 30 shots in the game, nine of them on goal. Tech finished with 12 shots, five on goal.

Tech goalkeeper Rincon had seven

saves in the game.

On Friday, Tech faced South Dakota State in Brookings, S.D., and ended with a double-overtime scoreless tie. The Red Raiders played in 20- to 30-mph winds and could not find the net, despite having 22 total shots and 14 shots on goal. South Dakota recorded 24 total shots and four shots on goal. South Dakota State goalkeeper Nicole Lograsso had 14 saves in the game.

The Red Raiders end the weekend with an overall record of 5-8-1 and 1-4 in Big 12 play. Tech stays home for the game Tuesday night against Texas State at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

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## Volleyball ready to host Sooners

By SARAH WHETSTONE  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team is prepared to face No. 25 Oklahoma Wednesday, Tech assistant coach Beth Karasek said. The game will be at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Karasek said after a weekend off from games, the team has had time to rest and focus on the game that lies ahead.

"I think our team is ready," she said. "They came in today prepared and ready to go. Oklahoma is having a great year so we know this is not going to be easy."

The home team advantage and the Tech crowd, Karasek said, affect the women's performance on the court and get under the skin of the opponents.

"It's a mind game at this point," she said. "Oklahoma is coming to our place. We've had the crowd the past few home games, and they have really helped us."

An even balance of offense and defense will be used to keep the Sooners in check, she said.

"Our defense is definitely going to have to be on," Karasek said. "But we also have to be able to put away balls too. It's going to come down to who wants it more and who is going to work harder."

Karasek said one way to get in game mode is to run drills that reflect real game scenarios.

"This week we have been working a lot on blocking and team drills," she said. "We're putting the starting lineup out there in situations they would be in a game, and hitting balls at them, serving at them and giving them out-of-system balls. It comes down to their mentality on game day and coming out to win."

Game day rituals start long before the women take the court to warm up for the game — the team spends most of the day together, Karasek said.

"We get them here early, usually around 2 p.m., and we have an easy practice at 3," Karasek said. "They go to the media room where a pre-game meal is provided, and they all eat together, and then we start warming up at 6, an hour before the game."

Karasek said the Raiders have their work cut out for them as Oklahoma has a conference record of 6-1. The Sooners' only loss came from Nebraska, currently undefeated. Texas Tech is standing at 2-5 in conference and 9-7 overall.

As the end of the first half of conference games nears, Karasek is hopeful about the remainder of the season.

"It's almost the half mark of the Big 12 season, and it is slowly getting better from here," Karasek said. "We're ready for anything."

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Tech vs. Texas State, 7 p.m.  
Men's Golf  
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Soccer (R.P. Fuller Stadium)  
Tech vs. Oklahoma State, 1 p.m.

## T.O. won't be getting a new QB this week

IRVING (AP) — Like it or not, Terrell Owens will still be catching passes from Drew Bledsoe this week.

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells stood by his quarterback Monday, instead blaming the offensive line for most of Bledsoe's mistakes in a 38-24 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm not switching the quarterback," Parcells said. "I don't think that's the answer right this minute. ... Let's try to get some of the things corrected (on the line) and we'll go from there."

Bledsoe threw three interceptions Sunday, the last on a pass to the end zone that could've tied the game in the final minute, but wound up going 102 yards the other way.

He also set up an early field goal for the Eagles with a fumble. That turnover came on the first of his seven sacks.

"He was under pretty good duress," Parcells said. "The majority of the easy sacks they had were mental mistakes."

Owens was none too pleased with the way things went in what he expected to be a breakout game against the team and town that dumped him last season.

After months of anticipation, Owens had to wait until the third quarter for his first catch. He finished with three receptions for 45 yards. More notable were his antics on the sideline, although his jawing at teammates and coaches supposedly involved shouts of encouragement.

"He was just trying to get us going," said right guard Marco Rivera, among those Owens was seen yelling at. "He basically said, 'We're going to win this game.' ... I just feel that he really wanted to show the world what T.O. was all about and he didn't get that chance."

Parcells' explanation for Owens' lack of activity? Double coverage.

"They were taking him out of the game and so we didn't get him involved as much as we would have liked to," Parcells said. "They put two guys over there. It's hard to force the ball over there."

Parcells said Philadelphia had two defenders committed to Owens a "pretty good percentage" of the game, more than other teams Dallas (2-2) has faced.

He added that Owens is still adjusting to the offense, which is why his timing with Bledsoe may still be off.

"I think there's some things he is trying to still gain an understanding of here," Parcells said.

After the game, Owens ran into the locker room yelling and asking why the Cowboys bothered signing him in the offseason, according to a stadium employee who witnessed the tirade but didn't want to be identified because he is not authorized to talk about team matters. He later told reporters, "I'm just out there doing my job. I'm not trying to point any fingers at anybody."

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