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One of five escapees turns self in to agents

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — One of the five illegal immigrants who escaped from a privately run South Texas jail along with a former police officer surrendered to federal agents at a border checkpoint, officials said Monday.

Joel Armando Mata-Castro, a 31-year-old Mexican citizen, walked up to the checkpoint Sunday night and identified himself to Customs and Border Protection Officers, who identified him as a fugitive on federal escape charges, CBP spokesman Felix Garza said.

"As I understand it, there were no problems," Garza said. "He was cooperative."

Mata-Castro was being held at the Cameron County jail Monday.

NATION

Explosion kills 1 in Pennsylvanian coal mine

TREMONT, Pa. (AP) — A coal mine explosion killed a miner Monday, but four others escaped, authorities said.

The blast happened at the R&D Coal Co. anthracite mine in Schuylkill County, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

"We have one confirmed fatality," said Kurt Knaus, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. "I believe it is a recovery and not a rescue operation."

WORLD

Shiite militiamen re-emerge in Amarah

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite militiamen loyal to a fiery anti-American Shiite cleric re-emerged in the troubled southern city of Amarah on Monday, dragging four policemen aligned with a rival Shiite militia from their homes and killing them.

Witnesses said the Iraqi army was doing nothing to stop the resurgence of Shiite-on-Shiite violence.

DEATH TOLL

2797

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

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Former Enron CEO sentenced

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, the most vilified figure from the financial scandal of the decade, was sentenced Monday to 24 years, four months in the harshest sentence yet from the energy trading giant's collapse.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake ordered Skilling, 52, to home confinement, wearing an ankle monitor, and told the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to recommend when Skilling should report to prison. Lake recommended no date, but suggested Skilling be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C., for his role in a case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America.

Skilling, insisting he was innocent yet remorseful in a two-hour hearing, was the last top former official to be punished for the accounting tricks and shady business deals that led to the loss of thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in Enron stock and more than \$2 billion in employee pension plans when Enron collapsed.

Lake denied Skilling's request for bond. Skilling's term is the longest received by any Enron defendant; former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow was given a six-year term after cooperating with prosecutors and helping them secure Skilling's conviction. It falls just shy of the sentence imposed on WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers, who received 25 years for his role in the \$11 billion

accounting fraud that toppled the company he built from a tiny telecommunications firm to an industry giant.

Skilling stood with his hands clasped below his waist, with attorney Daniel Petrocelli at his side. He gave no visible reaction to the sentence. After court adjourned, Skilling hugged Petrocelli.

Skilling's arrogance, belligerence and lack of contriteness under questioning made him a lightning rod for the rage generated by the collapse of Enron in 2001.

"Your honor, I am innocent of these charges," Skilling told Lake. "I'm innocent of every one of these charges."

"We will continue to pursue my constitutional rights and it's no dishonor to this

court and anyone else in this court. But I feel very strongly about this, and I want my friends, my family to know that."

Skilling also disputed reports that he had no remorse for his role in the fraud that led to Enron's collapse in 2001, which wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans.

"I can tell you that's just the furthest thing from the truth," he said. "It's been very hard on me, but probably, more important, incredibly hard on my family, incredibly hard on employees of Enron Corp., incredibly hard on my friends and incredibly hard on the community."

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REACHING OUT



SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

JESSE MORRELL, FOUNDER of the Open Air Outreach Ministry, preaches to students in the free speech pavilion Monday outside the Student Union.

Evangelists' teachings leave some Tech students bothered

By **NAOMI KASKELA**
STAFF WRITER



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

FROM LEFT: OPEN AIR OUTREACH Evangelist Ely Brayley debates with Aashish Patel, a pre-pharmacy student from Arlington, about the differences in Islam vs. Christianity Monday at the Free Speech Pavilion in front of the Student Union Building.

Students walking around the "free speech zone" on Monday were greeted by the five members of Open Air Outreach, an organization that travels around the country preaching on college campuses.

The organization, based out of Tyler, visited the Texas Tech campus last year when focus was first placed on college students. Originally, the founder of the Open Air Outreach, Jesse Morrell, said he preached in parks, bus stops and similar locations.

"It is kind of the last stand for the next generation," said Jeffrey Oliver, another member of the organization. "The students who have genuinely listened, they tell us that the preaching has done some good."

Not everyone in the crowd was impressed by the message or the method by which the message was delivered.

"He (Morrell) needs to talk about Jesus in love, not about condemnation," said Whitney Harrington, a senior sociology major from Kermit.

Harrington said she heard people saying if Morrell's message is what Christianity is about, they do not want to be a part of it because of the constant judgment.

Brandon Lynn Smith, a junior history major from Petersburg, agreed with Harrington's observation about

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Iran testing equipment for uranium enrichment

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran is expanding its uranium enrichment program even as the U.N. Security Council focuses on possible sanctions for its defiance of a demand to give up the activity and ease fears it seeks nuclear weapons, diplomats said Monday.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge the information to media, told The Associated Press that within the past few weeks Iranian nuclear experts had started up a second pilot enrichment facility.

While the 164 centrifuges were not producing enriched uranium, even the decision to "dry test" them showed Iran's defiance of the Security Council. The council had set an Aug. 31 deadline for Tehran to cease all experiments linked to enrichment. It may start full deliberations on sanctions as early as later this week.

Iran produced a small batch of low-enriched uranium — suitable as nuclear fuel but not weapons grade — in February, using its initial cascade of 164 centrifuges at its pilot plant at Natanz. The process of uranium enrichment can be used to generate electricity or to create an atomic weapon, depending on the level of enrichment.

Iran said it plans to install 3,000 centrifuges at its enrichment plant in Natanz, central Iran, by the end of this year. Industrial production of enriched uranium in Natanz would require 54,000 centrifuges.

Although it is nowhere near that goal, successful testing of other "cascades" would indicate that Tehran is slowly mastering the complexities of producing enriched uranium.

A U.N. official said that even a "dry-run" allows Tehran "to develop the technology, to make sure that things work."

Another U.N. official said Iran had the technical means to start the second cascade several months ago, but apparently had decided to wait until the recent collapse of EU attempts to revive negotiations on an enrichment freeze with the Islamic Republic.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, which has taken the lead in probing Tehran's nuclear program since the existence of a clandestine enrichment program was revealed more than three years ago, could not be reached for comment and issued no official confirmation.

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Tech police blotter

By LIZ BOYD
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Oct. 22
A nonstudent was arrested by Tech police for driving with an invalid license following a traffic stop in the 3000 block of Main Street. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was towed by Lubbock Wrecker Services.

Two Tech officers investigated an alleged sexual assault of a female student in Murray Hall.

Popcorn burning in a resident's room in Chitwood Hall activated the fire alarm. The building was evacuated and the Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

A student was arrested for public intoxication on the east side of Coleman Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Oct. 21

Two students were detained for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and for consumption of alcohol by a minor following a traffic stop in the 3000 block of 18th Street. The student driving under the influence of alcohol was released pending the filing of charges, and his vehicle was towed

by Lubbock Wrecker Services. The other student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

A nonstudent was arrested for driving with an invalid license and three Lubbock County citations following a traffic stop in the 2500 block of Eighth Street. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a nonstudent for driving with an invalid license and three Lubbock County citations following a traffic stop in the 3200 block of Brownfield Highway. The woman was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and her vehicle was released to her mother.

A nonstudent was arrested in the R1-5 parking lot for public intoxication. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was towed by Lubbock Wrecker Services.

Oct. 20

A student was arrested for public intoxication and possession of a fictitious driver's license in the Z5-B parking lot. Tech police responded to the scene following a report from a traffic and parking employee that a person was slumped over inside a parked vehicle. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was parking in a

24-hour reserved space and Lubbock Wrecker Services towed the vehicle.

A towel rack and paper towel dispenser were torn from the wall in the men's restroom in Hulen Hall. Tech police investigated the criminal mischief.

A student passed out in Holden Hall. Tech police responded to the medical emergency, and the student refused transport by Emergency Medical Services.

Tech police arrested a student for public intoxication in the lobby of Chitwood/Weymouth Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was detained for public intoxication near Coleman Hall. The student was released to a responsible party pending the filing of charges.

Tech police detained a student for consumption of alcohol by a minor near Coleman Hall. The student was released after the issuance of a Lubbock County citation.

A student was arrested for public intoxication in the lobby of Chitwood Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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Bell supporters march to Capitol to boost campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of cheering Chris Bell supporters marched to the state Capitol on Sunday to bolster the former congressman's run for governor and honor the memory of Ann Richards, the last Democrat to hold that office.

Carrying a banner that said "The People of Texas Are Back," Bell and his wife joined several other Democratic candidates and about 400 supporters walking down Congress Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare.

Bell smiled broadly as the crowd cheered "We want Bell!" and "Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho, Rick Perry's got to go."

Outside the Capitol, Bell thanked the crowd for its support and urged everyone to get their friends and family to vote. Early voting starts Monday, and Election Day is Nov. 7.

"Today they stopped us here at the Capitol gates," Bell said, flanked by his wife and two young sons. "In January of 2007, we go all the way inside, my friends."

Independents Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman and Libertarian James Werner are also

challenging Perry.

The Sunday rally was a reprise of Richards' 1991 march down Congress Avenue for her inauguration, when 20,000 people joined her to "take back the Capitol for the people of Texas."

Bell's candidacy may have hit a turning point after Richards died last month.

At the memorial service, Bell jumped into Houston trial lawyer John O'Quinn. Shortly after that, Quinn donated \$1 million to Bell's campaign, signed a loan for another \$1.5 million, and promised to raise millions more.

Bell's campaign advisers say he has been gaining ground now that he can afford to air television ads alongside those for Perry and Strayhorn.

One of the most recent polls showed Bell with support of 15 percent of likely voters, behind Perry's 38 percent and Strayhorn's 18 percent. The poll for The Dallas Morning News was released Oct. 5, before O'Quinn's donation injected momentum into Bell's campaign.

Bell also has frequently spoken of Richards' legacy at recent campaign rallies.

Since Richards left office after losing to George W. Bush in 1994, the concerns of working Texans have been "shoved to the back burner," Bell said. He charged that lobbyists and the wealthy have been the government's top priority.

"In the very diverse Texas of today, it cannot be about big people versus little people, the haves versus the have-nots, rich versus the poor," Bell said. "At some point in the Texas of today we are going to have to recognize that we are all in this together and, by God, start acting like it."

The message resonated with Helen Bland, a 72-year-old retiree from Austin who considered herself an independent until recently, when she decided her ideals were more Democratic than Republican.

Bland said people are getting sick of the status quo. She is active with a group called Women for Good Government, which started as a lunch club for five "lonely Democrats" and has grown to 50 or 60 members in the past year.

"People are tired of complaining and they want to do something about things they're unhappy about," Bland said.

Attempted robbery at strip club leaves two dead, one injured

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock police continue to investigate a double homicide after a shooting early Sunday morning at a Lubbock strip club left two dead and one in serious condition. Lubbock Sheriff's Office said 48-year-old Gilbert Richard Victor and 25-year-old Anthony Noel Lopez died after being shot at around 4:30 Sunday morning. Victor and Lopez were both employees of the Boom Boom Cabaret, a strip club off U.S. Highway 87. Victor was a manager and Lopez was a bouncer of the strip club. A female employee of the strip club was also shot and is in serious condition at the University Medical Center, but

her name cannot yet be released because she is the lone witness of the homicide.

Capt. Don Carter of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said the three victims were shot during an attempted robbery at around 4:30 a.m.

"There was a theft to some degree," Carter said, but could not elaborate because the homicide is an ongoing investigation.

Carter said law enforcement officers are investigating the incident as a double homicide, which means the suspect can face a capital murder charge with a potential punishment of a death sentence.

Carter said there are no current suspects, but they are chasing

leads and waiting for the female employee's condition to improve so they can interview her and get a description of the suspect.

The female victim was rushed to the UMC after the incident for emergency surgery for her multiple gunshot wounds.

"As of now she is the only witness of the homicide," Carter said. "It is just a matter of her recovering. Hopefully we will be able to speak to her in the near future."

During the time of the incident early Sunday morning the strip club was closed, Carter said. The three employees were leaving the club when the homicide occurred and no customers were inside the club.

Carter said the current progress

in the homicide investigation consists of law enforcement developing leads and awaiting an interview with the female victim.

"Leads so far are being pursued," Carter said. "Autopsy results will provide for additional clues, but we do know the cause of death to both victims was multiple gunshot wounds."

Carter said one element of the investigation is checking video surveillance of surrounding businesses.

"Boom Boom Cabaret does not have any video surveillance cameras, but we are checking those of neighboring businesses," Carter said. "That might give us a few leads."

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said if anyone has information relating to the homicide, call the sheriff's office at 806-775-1400.

Town without police after department fired

TROY, Texas (AP) — Residents of this Central Texas city are making do without police after the City Council decided to fire the entire department.

City officials said the chief and three officers were fired over the past two months for reasons including insubordination and poor performance.

"I just hope the citizens of Troy know that we're doing what they elected us to do," Mayor Sammy Warren said. "We are not going to let that department just run by itself. We're going to have a police department to be proud of again."

The 1,400 residents of Troy, located about 70 miles north of Austin, have relied on the Bell County Sheriff's Office since the officers were fired. But the six

deputies per shift also are responsible for the rest of the county's 240,000 residents.

Assistant Troy schools Superintendent Neil Jeter said he has not noticed much of a change but is concerned that in an emergency, the first call for help would be to the county.

But Robert Teer said car parts have been stolen from his auto repair shop four times in the past month, which had not happened the first seven of the eight months his business has been open.

Warren, however, said he thinks the town is safer than with the old police force.

Police Chief David Seward was fired in late August for poor performance or misconduct in the areas of department finances, record keeping, communication with superiors, supervising officers and maintaining the department office, according to a city news release.

Seward did not return phone calls for comment.

Warren said Seward is under investigation by the Bell County sheriff and the Texas Rangers. Warren said he is restricted from discussing specifics about the matter.

The city's remaining three officers were fired in September.

The city accused former officer Jack Comeaux, 59, of insubordination, disrespect and keeping an unauthorized work schedule.

Comeaux disputed the allegations and said the officers were fired without a solid explanation or just cause. They are considering suing the city.

"I worry that the citizens don't have the level of protection that they had," he said. "We know the people. We know which kid belongs to which house. The deputies don't have that one-on-one personal knowledge like we do."

The City Council is reviewing applicants and hopes this month to hire a new chief, who will hire three new officers.

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Bioenergy conference attracts many disciplines

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

People from across Texas, the nation and the world will be in Lubbock for a conference on bioenergy today through Thursday at the United Spirit Arena.

Conference speakers include Paul Dickerson from the Department of Energy and the undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Discussions and lectures are to include "Policy and its Impact on Renewable Energy Markets," "Biomass Technologies: Future Opportunities" and "Financing the Future in Renewable Energy" as well as case studies on how Austin has moved forward with energy and how it is commercially possible to live "green."

The event is sponsored by 38 companies and groups including General Motors, Texas Parks and Wildlife and four Texas Tech colleges: the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Rawls College of Business, the College of Engineering and the School of Law.

Dick Auld, Rockwell Professor for the department of plant and soil sciences, said the conference brings growers, scientists and entrepreneurs together and includes speak-

ers from industries, the government and from academia.

"Anybody who's anybody in bio-fuels will be there. Anybody who wants to be anybody in biofuels will be there," Auld said.

The conference is free to Tech students with a student ID, Auld said, and students are encouraged to go. Students must register today at the United Spirit Arena between 7:30-8:30 a.m. Auld defines biofuels as "fuels derived from biologically produced materials that are renewable," such as alcohol and biodiesel.

He said he believes the use of biofuels can solve many global problems.

"Biofuels are good for the environment, economy and world peace," he said. "We need better crops that grow more energy."

Auld said Tech committed the efforts of 40 researchers across campus.

Naz Karim, chairman of the chemical engineering department, said the conference is a follow-up to the energy summit the College of Engineering hosted in September.

Karim has studied biofuels and, in particular, the process of converting lignocellulosic materials — things like wood and sewage — to ethanol for more than 20 years.

The ethanol created from the lignocellulosic materials can then be used as a biofuel.

He said the conference was not so much an opportunity to share his research, but to inform others about the opportunities within the field of bioenergy. The exchange of ideas, he said, is what he is most looking forward to.

"I'm looking forward to meeting people and seeing public opinion and answering questions for people," he said. "It's a choice individuals and the city of Lubbock have to make: Do we want this energy here?"

Karim said he believes students studying many different subjects should be interested in attending the conference.

"I advise not everyone but people who are interested in doing research to go," he said. "I think every student should be interested in it because it's the right thing to do. Law school students can learn, political science students can study the good and bad things, and chemistry students can learn. It's a good thing for all students to know about."

For more information, visit the conference Web site at <http://www.bioenergytexas.org/fullconference>.

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Republicans worry they will pay heavy price for unpopular war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans worried about losing Congress are challenging President Bush on Iraq, eroding his base of support for the unpopular war just two weeks before midterm elections.

Increasing calls from restive Republicans for new ideas to extricate the U.S. come as the White House itself seems to struggle for a better course, or at least a better way to describe the current course.

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, seemed to open the floodgates to GOP criticism this month when he warned after a trip to Iraq that the war was "drifting sideways" and a course correction might soon be warranted.

In recent days:

— Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said she would not have supported the invasion had she known there were no weapons of mass destruction, and she has proposed splitting Iraq into three parts.

— Virginia Republican Sen. George Allen, in a difficult reelection battle with Democratic challenger James Webb, dropped his stay-the-course mantra to assert, "We cannot continue doing the same things and expect different results. We have to adapt our operations, adapt our tactics."

— Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in an interview with The Associated Press that both U.S. and Iraqi officials should be held accountable for the lack of progress: "We're on the verge of chaos and the current plan is not working."

— Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., said in a debate last week with Democratic challenger Jon Tester that he agreed with Warner's call for a change in strategy — and believed Bush already had a plan to win the war but for now was keeping it quiet. That remark drew ridicule from Democrats who likened it to Richard Nixon's "secret plan" to end the war in Vietnam.

Also challenging Bush's Iraq policy have been former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Republican Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, and several House Republicans.

More and more, the issue is dominating election campaigns and altering the political landscape. That, and the historic pattern of midterm losses for the party holding the White House, has cast a heavy gloom over rank-and-file Republicans, particularly those on the ballot.

The GOP doubts, coupled with widespread Democratic opposition to Bush's strategy, put intense

pressure on the White House to do something differently, and momentum for that will build if Republicans lose the House or Senate. Bush has stopped saying he is staying the course because that suggested he was locked into a losing policy. Now Bush asserts that he is constantly switching tactics.

James A. Baker III, a former secretary of state who has a long history of loyalty to the Bush family, has said the Iraq Study Group — which he leads with former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana — will wait until after the Nov. 7 elections to present its recommendations.

But he has suggested the panel will present Bush with options somewhere between the extremes of "stay the course" and "cut and run."

Michael O'Hanlon, a foreign policy scholar at the Brookings Institution who is part of the Baker-Hamilton study group, deemed it unlikely that Baker would lend his support to a phased withdrawal such as some Democrats have advocated. "Baker's not a political novice," O'Hanlon said.

Still, he said, the Iraq government could be told that "you've got to make some big changes" and that U.S. military backing was not forever. Might Bush announce a change in strategy before the election? "Who knows? I wouldn't rule it out," said O'Hanlon.

Bush could portray it to the world "as being not about the election but about the failed Baghdad security plan, and give his party a little boost before the midterms," O'Hanlon said.

Mindful of the political ramifications, the White House sought on Monday to tamp down the growing GOP criticism by portraying the president as engaged — and flexible.

He met over the weekend with his generals, and on Monday with

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

White House officials said U.S. and Iraqi leaders had established "milestones" and "benchmarks" to gauge security, economic and political improvements — but that the U.S. had not issued ultimatums nor withdrawal targets.

"What we aren't doing is sitting there with our heads in the ground," said White House counselor Dan Bartlett as he made the rounds of five morning television news shows. He said that the administration was "making tactical changes on a week-by-week basis as we respond to the enemy's reactions to our strategies."

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters that two Republicans — whom he declined to name — had told him they would demand a new policy on Iraq after the election. He said the GOP lawmakers were told not to make waves before then because it could cost the party seats.

Biden predicted many GOP defections on Iraq if Democrats win control of one or more chambers of Congress. Polls suggest there is a likelihood Democrats could take at least the House.

As to Bush's oft-repeated statement that U.S. troops will stand down as Iraqi ones stand up, Biden said, "The reason we cannot stand down is that they aren't standing together. They're killing each other."

"I don't see a big surprise with respect to Iraq that turns it around, and that's the only thing that would help the Republicans," said James Thurber, an American University political scientist. "I think it just keeps getting worse and worse, and that is not good news for the president and the incumbent party in the House and the Senate."

Sentenced

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"And I want my friends, my family to know this."

Skilling's second wife, former Enron corporate secretary Rebecca Carter, was in the courtroom.

Skilling was convicted in May on 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors. He was acquitted on nine counts of insider trading.

On Monday, Lake set investor loss tied to his actions at \$80 million, which he will rely on to set the sentence under new, tougher federal guidelines. With that figure, Skilling faced between 24.3 years to 30.4 years in prison.

Skilling also faces more than \$18 million in fines for his crimes.

Victims unleashed nearly five years of anger on Skilling and begged Lake to send Skilling to prison for life.

"Mr. Skilling has proven to be

a liar, a thief and a drunk, flaunting an attitude above the law," said 22-year Enron employee Dawn Powers Martin. "He has betrayed everyone who has trusted him. Shame on me for believing the management of Enron."

Two chose not to vilify Skilling, however.

"I can't state strongly enough, during 20 years, have I seen or heard anything that he was leading a massive conspiracy to mislead Enron shareholders and employees," said one of them, Sherri Sera, a former administrative assistant. She said she too had lost thousands in Enron stock and benefits but took blame for her own failure to diversify.

Skilling's co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, died from heart disease on July 5. Lay's convictions on 10 counts of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks in two separate cases were wiped out with his death.

Jurors decided Skilling and Lay repeatedly lied about Enron's financial health when they knew an

illusion of success was propped up by accounting maneuvers that hid debt and inflated profits.

Enron's crash and the subsequent scandals roiled Wall Street, sent investors fleeing, prompted stiffened white collar penalties and upped regulatory scrutiny over publicly traded companies.

Skilling maintained his innocence before, during and even after his trial, insisting no fraud occurred at Enron other than that committed by a few executives skimming millions in secret side deals, and that had press and poor market confidence combined to sink the company.

Skilling never endeared himself to co-workers, or even the city, the way Lay had with his affable demeanor and charity work.

Since his indictment, Skilling has had two run-ins with the law for public drunkenness.

Skilling has asked that he be allowed to remain free on bail pending his appeals in the case. Lake will rule on that request Monday.

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Lubbock County Elections Office
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8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Oct. 28)
1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Oct. 29)
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Oct. 30 to Nov. 3)

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Temporary Branch Locations:

Ventura Place
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Cornerstone Courts
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Bush's broken promises

When George W. Bush was running for president in 2000, he made a lot of promises. I understand having to break some of them because of Sept. 11. The invasion of Afghanistan contradicted his statement, "I don't think our troops ought to be used for what's called nation-building," and rightfully so.

Soon, however, President Bush wasn't just making an exception to nation-building — he was actively pursuing it. The list of trashed promises grew. George W. Bush abandoned all of his principles faster than he abandoned the search for Osama bin Laden, and unfortunately, we still have 27 months left of his disastrous reign.

Let's start off with "compassionate conservatism." This slogan drove Democrats up the wall, mainly because it sounded so good. The prospect of having a president with conservative values who still cared about those who often get left behind by Republican policies was absolutely masterful. Unfortunately, Bush has been neither compassionate nor conservative. Expanding the executive powers is not conservative. Increasing the size of the federal government is not conservative. Running up the debt and budget deficit is certainly not conservative.

And as for compassion? I suppose he thought ripping the phrase "culture of life" out of Pope John Paul II's mouth, eliminating portions of its meaning and using it to his own advantage would qualify. If someone can show me where compassion can be found in promoting the death penalty, ignoring the failing health care system, forgetting the poor and engaging the nation in a useless war that causes dozens of deaths each week — I'd appreciate it.

"A reformer with results." Not a chance. Bush has been in the pocket of Big Oil since the day he strolled into the Oval Office, and how convenient that gas prices dropped a month before the midterms. According to the Center for Public Integrity, the Bush campaign accepted \$1.8 million in campaign contributions from more than 1300 registered lobbyists during the 2004 campaign, including the true beacon of reform in America today — Jack Abramoff.

"Restoring honesty and integrity to the White House." If seeing the vice president's chief of staff indicted isn't enough to disprove that statement, a wealth of other Bush lies remain. Every Democrat can't help but laugh at Republicans who repeatedly mention the Lewinsky affair in a desperate attempt to shield the world from Bush's complete lack of integrity. He told us that Saddam Hussein sought uranium from Africa. He defended Tom DeLay amid his scandals and Dennis Hastert for protecting a pedophile. He promised to continue the search for

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bin Laden. From the secret energy task force to breaking the Geneva Conventions, this president cannot be trusted.

Perhaps the most damaging abandoned slogan, however, was used repeatedly in the Bush campaign of 2000. "I'm a uniter, not a divider." Unless he was referring to uniting the Democrats against him, I think he pretty much missed the mark on this one. He was barely re-elected with about 51 percent of the vote (and somehow thought this was a mandate) by using vicious scare tactics.

He and his cronies can't stop telling Americans that a vote for a Democrat is a vote for a dangerous America. Vice President Dick Cheney actually said Ned Lamont's defeat of Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman in the Democratic primary would encourage "al-Qaida types." He only seeks to be president of those who agree with him, and he couldn't care less about the rest.

Bush and the Republicans are leading us into darkness. They want a fearful America. They want an America that will treat Bush's decisions like the word of God. If you criticize George W. Bush, then you are simply unpatriotic. Anybody who says a bad word about the Bush administration is suddenly a tool of the so-called liberal media. After Dixie Chick Natalie Maines said she was ashamed the president was from Texas, she received death threats. Frankly, I'm ashamed George W. Bush is from America, because the country his administration wants is absolutely appalling.

Thankfully, Americans aren't fooled. Polls show his approval rating hovering around 35 percent with about 61 percent of Americans disapproving of his job performance. On Nov. 7, they'll vote for Democrats to take back the Congress and for more Democratic governors because, frankly, they're sick of it.

They're sick of the scandals, the broken promises and the lies. They're sick of a president who actively divides America along economic and cultural lines. Most importantly, they're sick of a man who must have forgotten that he twice solemnly swore to faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States.

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Embracing cultural identities leads to segregation

Liberals love to preach about the wonders of diversity and multiculturalism. They paint grandiose pictures of diversity bringing people together in understanding. Unfortunately, that vision remains nothing more than a fanatical pipe dream. By definition, diversity means social inclusiveness, variety or difference.

Yet since the 1960s, diversity has come to mean something else entirely. Diversity now divides people. It threatens the very idea of the American melting pot. The image of a giant "pot" or amalgamation consisting of the various people, cultures and ideas of America is quickly changing into one of individual groups divided from each other with high walls. Instead of a melting pot, America is slowly turning into a TV dinner.

Modern diversity began in 1965 as U.S. Executive Order No. 11246 issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson. In the order, President Johnson aimed "to correct the effects of past and present discrimination." At the time this was called an innovative strategy for dealing with the problems of civil rights in America. During a speech that same year, Johnson coined the phrase "affirmative action" to describe his new program. His order required specific organizations that accepted federal money to use affirmative action to

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"increase employment of members of preferred racial or ethnic groups and women."

The programs put in place by the Johnson administration have grown a long way since their inception in the 1960s, yet are still just as fundamentally flawed. Not only has affirmative action been used to determine promotions in companies, admission into colleges and universities, and in the hiring procedures among the general public — it has grown into the intellectual segregation we now know as "diversity."

Think back to your elementary school, middle school or even high school education. How many times were you subjected to months dedicated to histories of the various races and/or groups that constitute America? Black History Month, National American Indian Heritage Month, Women's History Month. Nearly every major ethnic or racial group has laid claim to a month celebrating their history. Do you think your ethnic group has been discriminated against? Don't worry, we'll just slap a label to your favorite month, tell

teachers to do a few fun activities and voila! You can feel special again.

Our educational landscape is littered with the garbage of political correctness that, ironically, places labels on everybody although everyone is supposed to be the same. Every race or ethnicity that has their own celebrated history is integral in the history of not only this country but this continent. Are Fredrick Douglas, W.E.B. Du Bois and George Washington Carver not integral persons in American history? How about Susan B. Anthony, Sacagawea and Betsy Ross? Would you not expect to see them in any decent American history course?

This perversion of education doesn't cease after high school, though. It continues even into higher education. Here at Tech we're required to take three semester hours of a "multicultural" class. Is our administration so faithless as to not think that in the 12 years we've been in school, we don't understand people are different?

Diversity thrives not because it works or is good. It continues to be a cornerstone of education because people are too afraid to criticize it. If you're against diversity education you're simply a white, misogynistic, male racist who wants to further suppress minorities, women and ethnicities other than your own.

That's a generalization which simply isn't true. Countless people

throughout America are subjected to this reverse discrimination. Every time I hear about Black History Month, Latino pride or women in the workplace, am I not supposed to feel ashamed for myself because I am a white male? I'm tired of being treated like a second-class citizen in my own country. I'm tired of being judged differently because my ancestors might have discriminated against your ancestors.

Proponents of diversity speak of the historical wrongs done to people who must now have society lift them back up. In the process, however, you divide people. Where these various groups would have once labeled themselves as Americans, they are now African-American, Italian-American, Irish-American and so on. American history is one of diversity; you don't need to stress the differences for that to be apparent.

The outcome of diversity isn't racial and ethnic equality, it is segregation. It's time to stop the government-sponsored rape of the American psyche. We need to return to the time when cultures added something unique to American culture, not the other way around. It's time to bring back the melting pot because I'm tired of TV dinners.

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A COMMON ENEMY: CENSORSHIP

STAFF EDITORIAL
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(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. — Battles over academic freedom, censorship and free speech are common at universities, where political correctness is sometimes made more important than Constitutional rights.

The latest free speech controversy comes from Marquette University, where a quote by humorist Dave Barry posted on a doctoral student's door rubbed a professor the wrong way.

The quote from Barry — a Pulitzer Prize winning humor writer — is as follows:

"As Americans, we must always remember that we all have a com-

mon enemy, an enemy that is dangerous, powerful, and relentless. I refer, of course, to the federal government." Any fan of Barry would probably get a chuckle out of the line. And put into context, it would probably be one among many funny lines in a column that may or may not have ended up being about the problem with toilets in the United States.

But the fact that the professor in question failed to see the humor in Barry's quote is not the point. Even if the quote were serious, it would not be right to remove it.

The professor in question, philosophy department chair James South, disagrees. In an e-mail to the student, Stuart Ditsler, he wrote that while he is a "strong supporter of academic freedom ... hallways and

office doors are not 'free-speech zones.'" He added: "If material is patently offensive and has no obvious academic import or university sanction, I have little choice but to take note."

The issue began to make headlines when the non-profit Foundation For Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE, drafted a press release last week. FIRE wrote to the university's president asking for a response. No response came.

A university spokeswoman told The Associated Press that because the Barry quote was not attributed, those who complained did not know it was meant to be satire. But like any good public relations specialist, the spokeswoman dodged the real issue.

FIRE ties the incident in to a wider trend of universities cracking down on free speech. In its press release, the organization says it is reminded "of the attitudes that several universities adopted during last February's Mohammed cartoon controversy." It said that at one university, after a professor posted copies of the cartoons behind a curtain, a rule was enacted requiring profs to clear items before they could be posted.

The trend has to stop. Universities, of all places, should be mandating free speech zones. Meanwhile, Prof. South at Marquette should learn from his mistake and apologize for disregarding free speech. Plus, he should probably start reading Dave Barry.

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Dirty Little Secret?

DETROIT (AP) — Now you see it. Now you don't.

Whatever was on Kenny Rogers' hand, even after he cleaned it off, the St. Louis Cardinals couldn't hit him.

Virtually untouchable this October, Rogers shut down the Cardinals on two hits over eight shutout innings, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 3-1 victory on a chilly Sunday night that tied the World Series at one game apiece.

But the real substance of the matter was this: What was on the left-hander's pitching hand that caused a first-inning flap? It appeared to be something dirty or dark, and umpires brought Cardinals manager Tony La Russa out to the field at the end of the first for a brief discussion.

In the middle of the second, Detroit manager Jim Leyland talked to three umpires near the third-base line. Whatever was on the Tiger pitcher's paw, it was gone when he came out for the second.

Rogers extended his scoreless streak to 23 postseason innings this year and 24 1-3 postseason innings overall, a streak that began in 2003 with Minnesota. It is the longest streak since Curt Schilling tossed 25 scoreless innings in 1993 and 2001.

Rogers struck out five and walked three.

Todd Jones came on in the ninth and allowed Scott Rolen's two-out single, then misplayed Juan Encarnacion's comebacker

for an error that put runners on the corners. Jim Edmonds blooped a double down the left-field line that scored Rolen, then Jones hit Preston Wilson with a pitch, loading the bases.

After a visit from pitching coach Chuck Hernandez, Jones retired Yadier Molina on a force-out, preserving the shaky save.

Craig Monroe got the Tigers started by homering for the second straight night, a solo shot off Jeff Weaver in a two-run first, and Carlos Guillen and Sean Casey also drove in runs for Detroit. Guillen had three hits falling a home run short of the cycle.

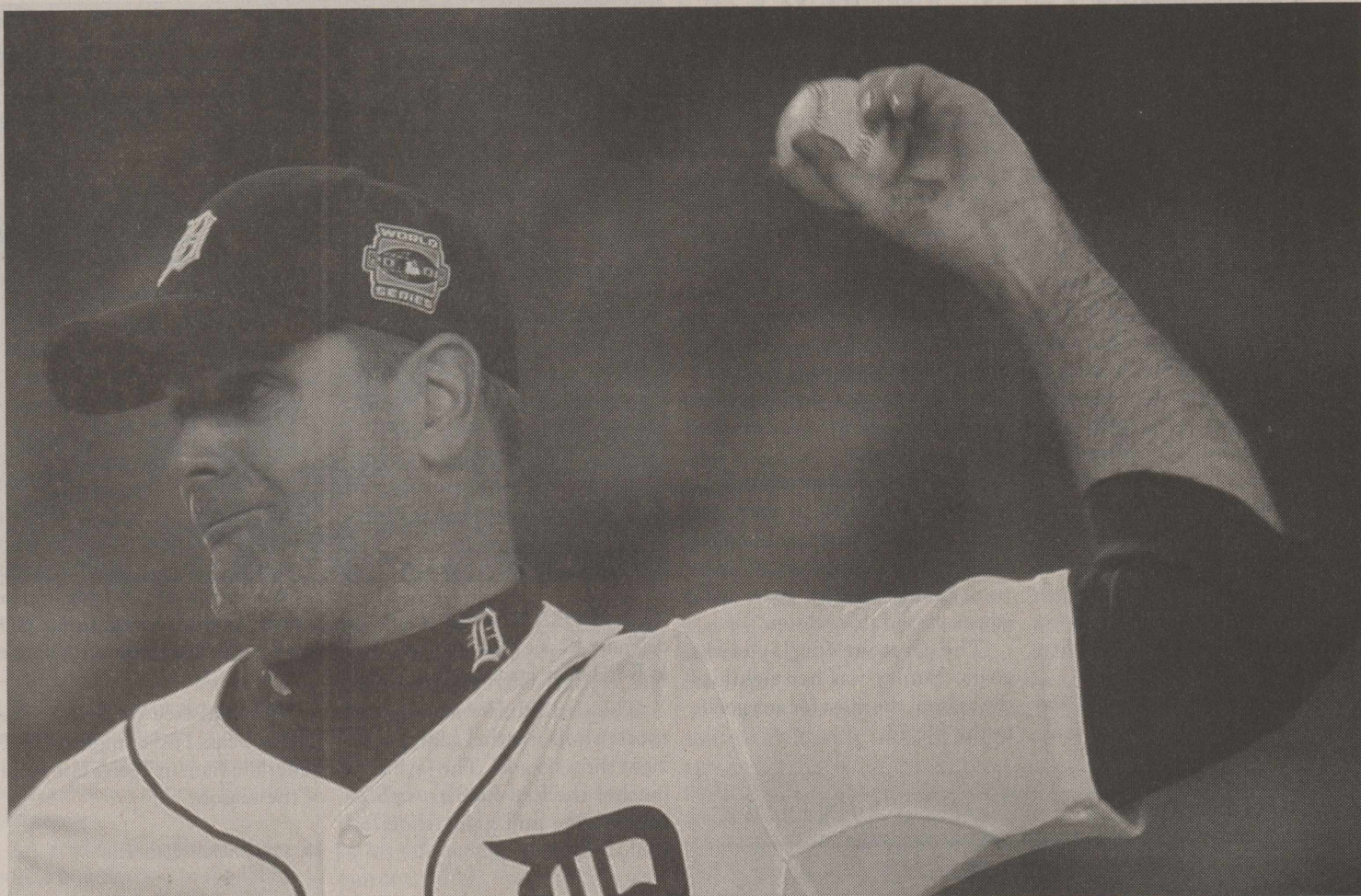
He allowed an infield single by Rolen in the first that third baseman Brandon Inge could only knock down. He didn't give up another hit until Molina singled to right leading off the eighth.

In a battle of starters who flopped with the New York Yankees, Weaver struggled and allowed at least two runners in every inning. He left after five, having allowed three runs and nine hits.

A night after St. Louis got the National League's first Series win since 2003, Detroit made sure one record won't fall this year: There have never been three straight Series sweeps.

Following a travel day, the new Busch Stadium in St. Louis hosts its first Series game Tuesday night, with Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter pitching against Nate Robertson.

One day after losing 7-2 in its



DETROIT TIGERS PITCHER Kenny Rogers has some dirt on his hand during the 1st inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich. MLB rules officials stated that the dirt was not a rules violation.

first Series game since 1984, the Tigers got off to a quick start on a chilly night, when the gametime temperature with 44 with a threat of rain.

Monroe hit Weaver's sixth pitch into the seats in left-center for his second homer in the Series and his fifth in the postseason, tying Hank Greenberg's Tigers career record. One out later, Magglio Ordonez singled, and Guillen doubled him home with a drive to left, a drive that short-hopped the wall

Weaver escaped further trouble when Ivan Rodriguez grounded to third and he wiggled out of trouble in the next three innings. Curtis Granderson hit into an inning-ending double play in the second, and Rodriguez ended the third with a groundout. With runners at second and third and one out in the fourth, Monroe popped out and Placido Polanco grounded out.

But the Tigers broke through in the fifth when Guillen tripled down the right-field line — En-

carnacion, a former Tiger, had trouble coming up with the ball — and Sean Casey singled him home with two outs.

Rogers pitched with emotion once again, spinning off the mound when he walked Scott Spiezo, making huge hops over the World Series logo when he walked from the mound back to the Tigers dugout on the third-base side.

St. Louis has languished against lefties this year — the Cardinals were 23-24 against southpaws

during the regular season and had trouble against the Mets' Tom Glavine and Oliver Perez in the NL championship series.

Rogers' biggest out came in the first, after he walked Albert Pujols with two outs and Rolen singled off Inge. He got ahead of Encarnacion 0-2, then snared a comebacker on the third-base side of the mound and shot-putted the ball to first for the easy out.

That started a string of 10 straight outs until he walked Edmonds leading off the fourth.

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Lokey's broken leg latest for Texas' list of problems

AUSTIN (AP) — The wins are piling up for No. 5 Texas and so are the injuries.

The latest is a broken left leg for starting defensive tackle and short-yardage fullback Derek Lokey, who is scheduled to have surgery this week and is out indefinitely.

Lokey was injured in the second quarter of Texas' 22-20 win Saturday over No. 20 Nebraska. He will be the sixth defensive starter this season to miss at least one game for the Longhorns.

And of all the twisted ankles, torn tendons and bruised knees that have sent starters to the sidelines, Lokey's broken leg hits the hardest.

The Longhorns (7-1, 4-0 Big 12) need a deep rotation on the defensive line when they play pass-happy Big 12 rival Texas Tech (5-3, 2-2) on the road Saturday night.

"He's the heart and soul of the defensive line," senior defensive end Tim Crowder said Monday. "He didn't get a lot of credit, but he was the anchor."

Texas avoided injury problems last season in winning the national cham-

ionship. Defensive end Brian Robison was the only defensive starter to miss a game and he only sat out one.

Texas has now lost two starters — Lokey and offensive tackle Cedric Dockery — for what is likely the rest of the season.

"It seems like every week someone is getting hurt," Crowder said.

No position has been more banged up than the secondary, which has been a gimpy patchwork all season.

Twin brothers and safeties Michael and Marcus Griffin have struggled with leg injuries and starting cornerback Tarell Brown has had a sore foot.

About the only healthy defensive back is cornerback Aaron Ross, the Longhorns' best playmaker on defense. But even he showed up to meet reporters Monday with his right hand bruised and wrapped.

The result is Texas ranking 84th in the pass defense this season.

"I've never seen so many secondary guys get hurt," said coach Mack Brown, who is in his ninth season at Texas and 23rd as a head coach.

And now Lokey goes down. A rock in the middle of the line, he was a key reason Texas ranks second in the nation against the run, giving up just 46.5 yards per game.

He also played fullback in short-yardage situations, using his 280 pounds in the Longhorns' "jumbo" package to smash holes for tailbacks Selvin Young and Jamaal Charles.

"Derek was road grading people," Brown said.

Fans may be sympathetic about injuries but that usually disappears with a loss, Brown said.

He remembers when his favored Longhorns went to Lubbock in 2002 and by early in the game were missing four defensive starters. The Red Raiders threw the ball all over the field in a 42-38 victory.

"We didn't play nickel or dime defense. I looked in the press guide this morning (and) it's still a loss," Brown said. "Nobody cares. It's a fact."

"I used to talk about injuries all the time. It does nothing good for your team," he said. "This team and this coaching staff have done one of the best jobs I've ever seen to hang in there with this many injuries and still be positive."



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