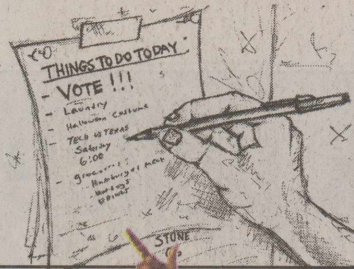


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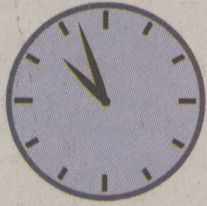


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Woman gets probation in daughter's death

ABILENE (AP) — A woman whose 7-year-old daughter died after she performed surgery on her was sentenced to five years' probation.

Deziree Kay Gideon, who was arrested last year and is thought to be involved with a religious sect called the House of Yahweh, was sentenced Wednesday after she pleaded guilty to injury to a child, according to the Callahan County District Clerk's Office. She faced a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Gideon, 36, used a scalpel to try to remove an infected area off the leg of her daughter, Terri Silas, at a neighbor's home in 2003, authorities said.

NATION

Rumsfeld tells war critics to 'back off'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday that anyone demanding deadlines for progress in Iraq should "just back off," because it is too difficult to predict when Iraqis will resume control of their country. During a Pentagon news conference, an often-combative Rumsfeld said that while benchmarks for security, political and economic progress are valuable, "it's difficult. We're looking out into the future. No one can predict the future with absolute certainty."

WORLD

Police, militiamen fights kill 30, wound 42

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Fighting between police and suspected militia gunmen northeast of Baghdad on Thursday killed 30 people and wounded 42, the provincial police chief said.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital, marked the latest outbreak of bloodshed involving militants believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hard-line anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

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## October deadliest month for U.S. troops in a year

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American troop deaths in Iraq hit their highest monthly total in a year on Thursday but as U.S. forces clamped down on the capital militants struck in a city to the north, where 30 police and gunmen were killed in a series of shootouts.

The latest U.S. deaths — a Navy sailor and four Marines — all were killed Wednesday in volatile Anbar province, west of Baghdad and a hotbed of the Sunni resistance to U.S. forces

and their Iraqi government allies.

At least 96 U.S. troops have died so far this month, equaling the level for the whole of October 2005 — a factor in rising anti-war sentiment in the United States that has prompted calls for President Bush to change strategy. There have been only three months in which more U.S. forces died in Iraq: 107 in January 2005; at least 135 in April 2004, and 137 in November 2004.

However, U.S. officials have linked October's higher death toll to a historical spike in violence during the Muslim holy

month of Ramadan, additional U.S. military vulnerability because of the security drive in Baghdad and the coming American midterm elections.

The U.S. military spokesman, Gen. William B. Caldwell, said the capital's spiraling murder rate had eased since the end of the Ramadan early this week — possibly because of the massive deployment of U.S. troops searching for a missing soldier.

Ramadan ended on Sunday for Sunnis and Monday for Shiites. Since then, murders in parts of Baghdad where security forces

have established a firm presence have fallen by 10-20 percent, Caldwell said at a weekly news briefing.

"We did in fact see a tremendous downturn in the number within our clear areas which we are trying to watch very closely," Caldwell said. "It could be a multitude of things that are bringing down the level of violence."

Fighting shifted on Thursday from the capital to Baqouba, a chaotic city north of Baghdad, where 30 police and militants were killed and

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KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR Facilities Planning and Construction Michael Ellicott speaks to the Board of Regents about upcoming projects on Thursday night in the Administration building.

## ENGINEERING OVERHAUL

Board of Regents approves plans for renovations of Engineering Key

By JOSH HULL  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Engineering Key is several steps closer to receiving a complete overhaul in accordance with the Tech Facilities and Planning Construction's master plan for the university.

The Tech Board of Regents approved budget revisions that will allow several major construction projects on campus to continue forward, including a three-phase plan to expand and renovate buildings used by the

engineering department.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the planning budget increase would help start Phase I of the project, which involves a complete renovation of the Livermore Auditorium. The renovation would create additional classroom and laboratory space in the facility.

"We need to complete the design," Ellicott said. "We complete the

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## Council discusses possibility of visitors center

By NAOMI KASKELA  
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The City Council discussed the possibility of creating a visitors center in the Hub City on Thursday.

The council also discussed water utilities contract resolutions and planning in different areas.

The meeting ended after a work session during which Lubbock Municipal Court operations and a hotel/motel tax were discussed. A brick street removal and repair plan was also on the agenda to be discussed.

Almost all of the items on the

agenda were passed, except for a contract resolution concerning water utilities and Universal Utility Services. A motion was made to reconsider because the utility company decided not to accept the contract.

Issues specifically discussed by the council were a budget amendment ordinance, a right-of-way ordinance concerning an area around 6501 Spur 327, a property offer resolution concerning an area around 34th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, a paving improvements resolution about an area around Avenue P and South Loop 289 and a water utilities resolution amendment.

A storm water contract amend-

ment resolution was voted on 6-0, with Councilman Jim Gilbreath abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

During the work session the council discussed several specific issues that were not voted on.

"I have come to realize that the world has kind of left Lubbock behind in this area," Gary Lawrence said about the possibility of creating a visitors center in Lubbock.

Lawrence, CEO of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, said other cities like San Angelo, Amarillo and Midland have a visitors

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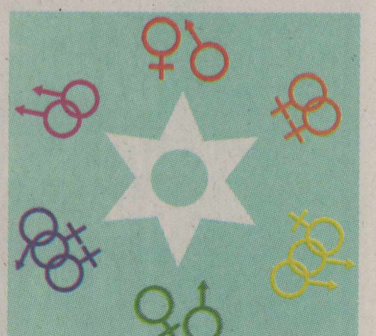
## Diversity at Tech: GLBT life

By ANNA SCHUMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Actor Alexis Arquette, actress Angelina Jolie, women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony and Macedonian King Alexander the Great all fall into a certain category. So do some Texas Tech students.

Several events this month have been geared toward making gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender — collectively known as GLBT — students feel welcome at Tech.

Chris Atwood, a junior public relations major from Salt Lake



BRIAN CVEJANOVICH/The Daily Toreador City, said he believes being gay is no different from being straight.

"It's really not any different, but sometimes I feel I bring a different

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perspective to the classroom, like being any other minority," he said. "Anyone who brings something not in the status quo brings something necessary to the classroom."

Atwood said he believes one thing that will bring the gay community together is fighting stereotypes.

"You see the media focus on one gay stereotype: white men, aged 20 to 30, usually on drugs and having lots of sex," he said. "As far as that stereotype goes, some fit it, but a lot of people don't. One thing about the gay community is, we all come together regardless of age, gender and race and support each other because no one else does."

He said despite the general lack of support he believes the gay community receives from others, he has never felt discriminated against in Lubbock.

"Many people who tend to identify themselves as conservative will often say, 'I'm really conservative but I respect you as a person,'" Atwood said. "When people get to know each other, you stop becoming a demographic, put things aside and can say, 'I'm a person, you're a person, we're going to respect each other as people.'"

Jobi Martinez, assistant director of the Center for Campus Life, said the purpose of events featured in GLBT Awareness month is just that: to help people learn to respect each other.

Events planned as part of GLBT Awareness month include showings of the films "Far From Heaven,"

which played Thursday night, and "Transamerica," which shows tonight. The Kinsey Sicks are scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Allen Theater in the Student Union building. Martinez called the performance by the Kinsey Sicks, which is made up of men who took part in forming gay rights legislation, the "culmination of our activity." The month also includes training for allies, who are supporters of the GLBT community. The members of Kinsey Sicks dress in drag and perform musical selections.

Martinez said she hopes students attend the events and talk about them with their friends.

"I think if we've created conversations about the (gay) community on campus, we've achieved success," she said.

The biggest issue keeping many Tech students from being receptive to the gay community, Martinez said, is uncertainty.

"I think this is an issue that our campus and community sometimes isn't willing to approach," she said. "As a whole, there's an uncertainty in how to approach it. People often remark with insensitivity, but a lot is uncertainty."

Matt Fowler, internal vice president of SGA, said he agrees many students do not discuss the issue of homosexuality because it is not something they frequently deal with.

"I don't think there's a large percentage of homophobia, but apathy's not the right word either," he said. "It's just not the primary issue for a lot of students. It's kind of a 'don't

know, don't care' situation."

Fowler said the SGA and the Center for Campus Life came together to create Tech's Diversity Awareness Team. Fowler said the goal of the team is to promote diversity at Tech.

"To me, every student, we've all got unique needs and we've all got unique circumstances. We all deserve respect," he said. "Our goal is to make sure every student feels at home at Tech and has someone to talk to."

Atwood said he has been happy with the activities Center for Campus Life has hosted for the GLBT community and allies.

"I was really impressed with what the Center for Campus Life did this semester. Having read the Tech diversity findings for class, I think it's great the center is paying attention to the Tech community that has gotten the least support," he said. "The ally training has been valuable and the Gay-Straight Alliance has been great for finding other GLBT students at Tech, people who won't discriminate against me for my sexuality."

Atwood said people might be surprised by the number of gay people in Lubbock and at Tech.

"It's the second most conservative city in the country, but there are a lot more gay people than you'd think," he said. "We're just like everyone else. I go to football games, I go to bars, I go to house parties, I do my homework, I go to class. The only difference is, if I go home with someone, it won't be the girl I pick up at Rocky's."

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# Lubbock police blotter

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Oct. 20

Lubbock police received a report of criminal mischief and harassment in the 2500 block of Frankford Avenue. According to reports, a suspect approached the victim's gold 2001 Pontiac Sunfire and punctured the left front tire. The suspect also scratched the hood and driver's side door. The suspect then called the victim's home phone and left threatening messages on the victim's answering machine. The suspect fled and was not located.

Lubbock police received a report of a theft at the Wal-Mart in the 4200 block of South Loop 289. According to reports, an employee said another employee was stealing from the store. The employee reported the suspect stole almost \$900 in cash and a 20-inch color television worth \$350.

Lubbock police received a report of an assault in the 2200 block of 15th Street. Police said a victim reported being punched in the face and dragged by her hair by a suspect. The victim gave a description of the suspect, but the suspect was not located.

Lubbock police received a report of a theft at the Journey's shoe store in the 6000 block of Slide Road. An employee of the store caught a suspect attempting to conceal boots inside a bag and exit the store without paying.

Lubbock police received a report of an assault in the 4800 block of Avenue Q. Reports state an individual escorted a person out of the bar El Rodeo and beat him up. The victim refused treatment for his injuries. The suspect was released pending the filing of charges.

Lubbock police received a report of a theft at J and B's Burgers in the 2000 block of North Ash Avenue. According to reports, the suspect entered the restaurant and stole a microwave

worth \$50, a cash register worth \$300 and assorted food items worth \$400. The suspect left the scene and was not located.

Oct. 22

Lubbock police received a report of aggravated robbery in the 700 block of 37th Street. According to reports, a victim was driving home with a passenger and pulled into the victim's driveway when an unknown suspect pulled up next to the victim in a vehicle. The suspect exited his vehicle and pointed a handgun at the two victims. The two victims believed they were getting robbed and drove away.

Lubbock police received a report of a robbery at the 7-Eleven food mart in the 2600 block of Avenue Q. According to reports, a suspect entered the store and displayed a weapon demanding money. The suspect left the scene with an unknown amount of money and was not located.

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## Differences between freshman, senior year discussed by students

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When Benjamin Vasquez, a senior architecture major from Corpus Christi, started college he said he had aspirations of making straight A's in his classes, becoming a successful architect and eventually owning his own firm. Since then, however, he said he has gained a truer perspective on life during and after college.

"I feel that I've become more acclimated to the actual world, rather than the world I thought was real when I had just come out of high school," Vasquez said.

Some college seniors, like Vasquez, agree that students' attitudes change drastically from when they are freshmen.

Tim Shetlar, a senior mechanical engineering major from Borger, said his main priorities when he entered college were hanging out with his friends and wasting time

at many of the university's all-you-care-to-eat dining halls.

"I think I tried to arrange it to where I had homework one night a week," Shetlar said. "Now I come home just about every night with the expectation of doing homework."

Both Shetlar and Vasquez agreed increased freedom can be a problem for college freshmen, especially when it comes to showing up to class.

"I think the work load is not what gets freshmen," Shetlar said. "Adapting to life on their own is the biggest challenge."

Abby Satterfield, a freshman history major from Arlington, said time management has been the biggest problem for her since entering college.

"It's not like all-day structured," she said. "Your mom isn't there to tell you to go to class."

This has also been a problem for Diana Ortiz, a freshman biology major from Canyon.

"I registered for an 8 o'clock class because I thought I would be able to get up and go since that's what I did in high school," Ortiz said. "But it's so hard."

Vasquez said another issue he faced as a freshman was the added responsibility of supporting himself financially. He said he thinks it is good for young adults to begin building credit by putting things such as cell phones and credit cards in their own name.

"I've found it to be a great learning experience having to pay for all your stuff," Vasquez said. "It forces you to sort out what is necessary and what isn't, and it also makes you realize that the real world isn't easy."

Ortiz said she has held a job for

two years, and it is often hard to juggle the demands of work and school. She said she thinks it has given her an advantage over other students whose parents help them with money.

"They may have an idea of how to manage that money, but later on they may not know how to make money and support themselves," Ortiz said.

Satterfield agreed that relying on parents for total financial support can inhibit someone later in college and in life. Although she does not currently have a job, she said she feels like she has learned how to budget from previous work experience.

Vasquez said having a job has taught him experience is more important than his GPA. He said for architecture, as well as for other majors, it's more about the quality of your work and the skills you develop over the course of college.

"Graduating with a C average can get you the same kind of job as with an A average," Vasquez said.

Shetlar had other advice for college freshmen. He said making friends with older students can help freshmen learn the ins and outs of college, such as choosing professors and classes. He said he believes it is who freshmen hang out with that can make or break them.

"You have to surround yourself with people that have similar goals scholastically," Shetlar said.

Shetlar, Vasquez, Ortiz and Satterfield all said they have noticed a change in themselves since entering college, and they are more outgoing.

"I think it is strange how people can change so much in four years," Vasquez said.

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## Long names cut short on voting machines

AUSTIN (AP) — After all the early campaign banter about how names of the independent candidates for governor would appear on the ballot, some Texas voters won't even see the full name when double-checking their choices.

The summary portion of the electronic ballot chops off names longer than about 15 letters, so voters choosing Kinky Friedman see "Richard Kinky F." Carole Keeton Strayhorn becomes "Carole Keeton St." And Texas' senior senator? Just call her "Kay Bailey Hutch."

The problem won't be fixed before the election, but voting machine manufacturer Hart InterCivic Inc. eSlate, and local officials, stressed that every candidate's name appears correctly on the voting screen, the Austin American-Statesman reported Thursday.

The glitch occurs only on the last screen, when voters are given the option to see a summary of their choices.

The names of Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Chris Bell are intact.

The votes are not affected and still count, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said. But it does require additional voter diligence.

For instance, if voters want to

double-check that they've picked the Republican or Democrat of their choice, it won't be obvious from the summary screen. A voter would have to know that "William E. 'Bill' " is Democrat Bill Moody, a Supreme Court Place 2 candidate. The summary screen doesn't list party affiliation.

The cutoff of names is frustrating for election officials, DeBeauvoir said.

"I don't like it. We've been asking the vendor to address this issue for a couple of years now," she said.

The names are cut off because of the size of the letters on-screen, Hart InterCivic Vice President Phillip Braithwaite said.

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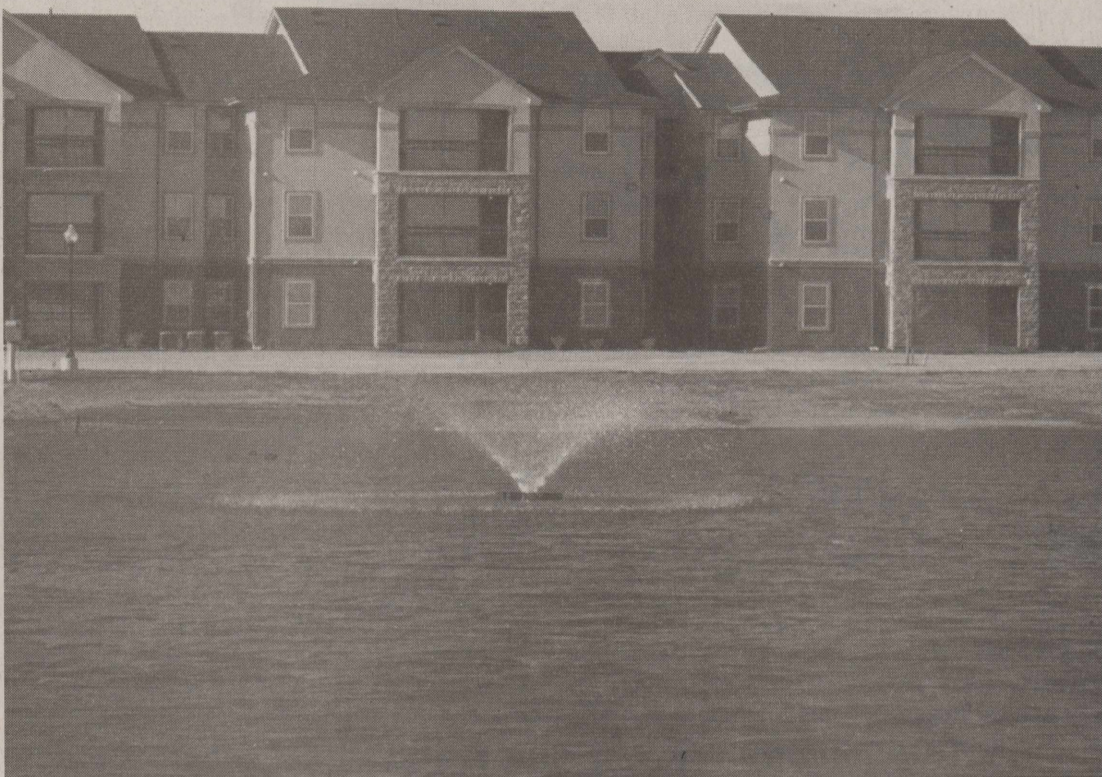
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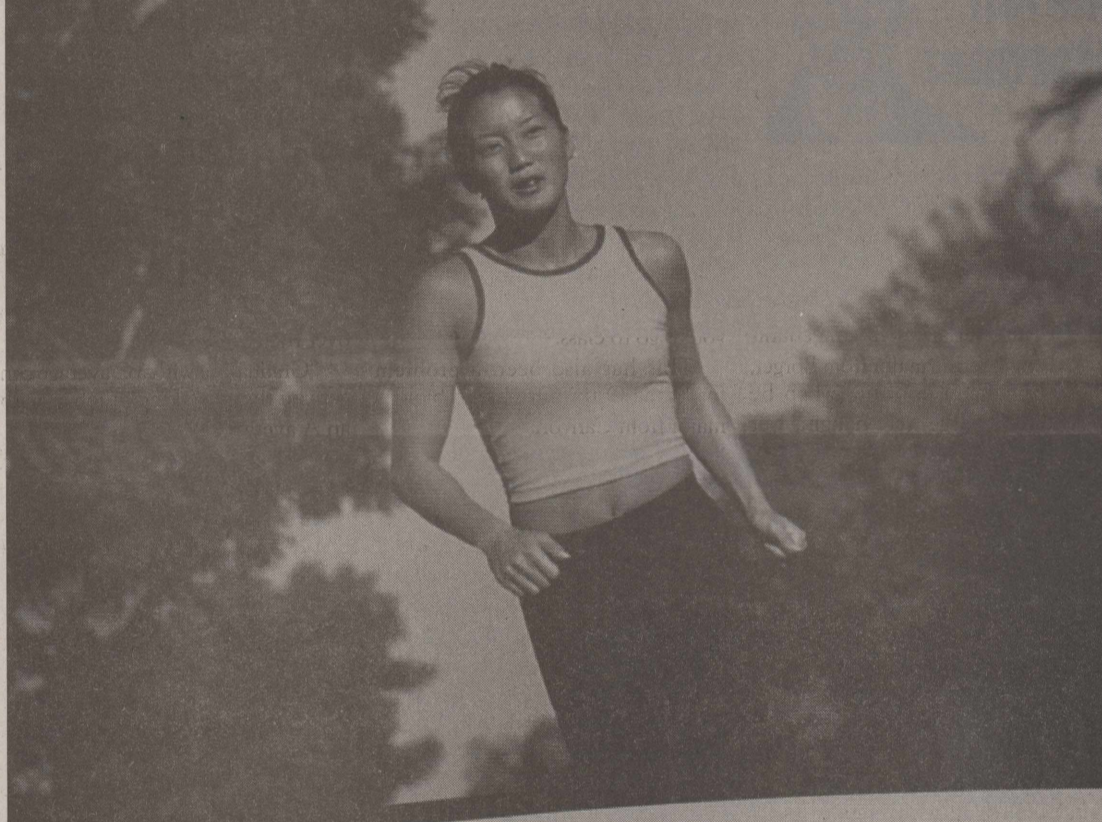
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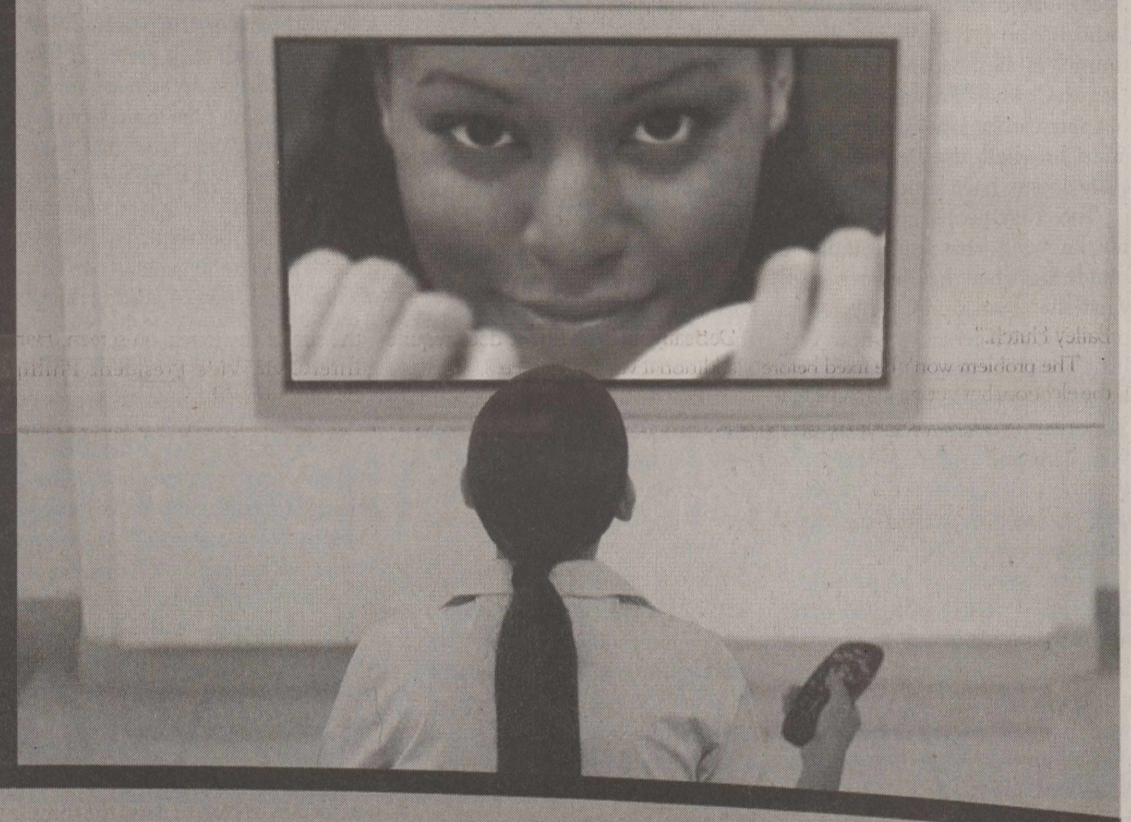


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## Vote or die

Election day has rolled around, and it's time to once again make our voices and opinions heard by exercising the right to vote.

By "our," I mean the collective body of Texas Tech students. I don't mean Republicans or Democrats, independents or Libertarians. I just mean "We the people."

Designations like Republican or Democrat are a little arbitrary and end up dividing people rather than pushing our governments forward. Political parties rarely, if ever, truly perfectly encompass a person's belief system.

Though some may disagree, I argue that we all basically want the same things: freedom, good health care, good education for our children (when we have them) and an opportunity to make a decent living and pursue happiness.

Sure, the two main parties may bicker about how to get to these lofty goals, but if we spent less time slandering the other half of the nation that doesn't happen to belong to our own political party, we might actually have a fighting chance of achieving real progress.

That said, to run for an election, a candidate must at least claim to be a member of a party. This year, we have a lot of interesting choices. There's Rick "Good Hair" Perry in the Republican corner, Carole "One Tough Grandma" Keeton Strayhorn (who is also a Republican, but is running as an independent), Kinky "Jewish Cowboy" Friedman (who I'm not sure can be labeled effectively) and Chris Bell, the Democrat who sadly doesn't have a nickname.

Too often, people go to the polls not knowing what each candidate stands for, what they believe in or what they plan to do if elected to office. People generally know very little about the people they vote for beyond the sound-bites heard on 30-second television ads. If a voter is Republican, he or she votes for the Republicans. If he or she is a Democrat, the votes go to the Democratic candidates, and so on.

These actions are based on the assumption that a political party will represent and act on a set of ideals, rather than the individual candidates. A political party doesn't work for you or represent you; a person does — so it's important to know the values and the plan of the person you vote for.

To be a savvy voter, a little research is required. It makes sense

**Sarai Brinker**



to write out the things that are really important to you, whether it's protecting the environment or lowering taxes. Also, think about how you'd solve these problems if you were king. Then take a quick perusal of the candidates' Web sites and read about their positions on the issues you find most important. You might be surprised.

The League of Women Voters has compiled a lot of this information on its Web site, <http://www.lwvlubbock.org>. Here you can quickly read responses from candidates about their positions on various issues and see how they compare to your own.

Sometimes it can be discouraging to think that out of the millions of the votes cast in the state of Texas, yours is just one. How can one vote possibly make a difference?

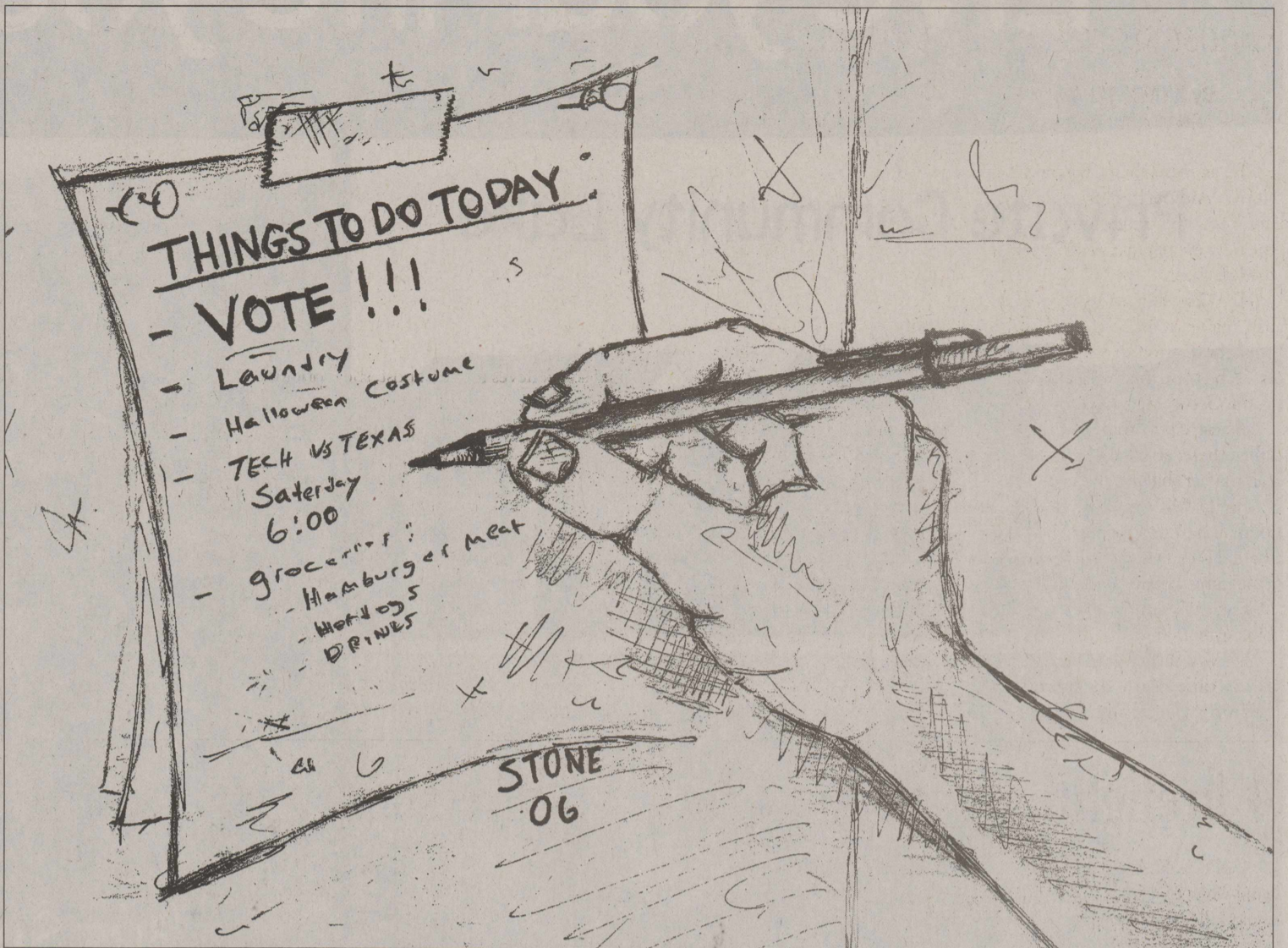
The answer is, one vote doesn't make a bit of difference, most of the time. Only collectively do groups of people make votes count.

And, collectively as Texas Tech students, we are a group. We are a demographic, one that historically doesn't turn out to the polls in great waves. That all can change, though.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, starting at Memorial Circle, we can bike to the polls together and collectively make our votes count. It's an informal, nonpartisan way to simply get college students to the voting booths at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Of course, you can vote there any time between now and Thursday. On election day, Nov. 7, the Student Union Building will have voting booths for all Lubbock residents.

Democracy is a funny thing. Although the majority rules, there's no guarantee that the majority is right. The best we can do is to educate ourselves, vote accordingly and keep working towards improvement.

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## Regardless of outcome, Tech should be supportive

As I'm sure you are all aware, a mob of angry, burnt-orange-clad weirdos from Austin soon will be gracing this peaceful West Texas town with their presence. Just saying that makes my stomach lurch. Yet at this point, I am less concerned with the Longhorn fans than I am with our own. And, while many of us might be secretly (or not so secretly) cursing Mike Leach or the entire football program in general, our lack of faith might only be making things worse.

Take Baylor, for example. Sure, they've begun to be competitive in this difficult conference, but there was a time not too long ago when Baylor was known as the conference tackling-dummy. It was near impossible for any game in Waco to be sold out, even when tickets were quite often being given away. It made the opposing teams feel more like they were walking into a neutral zone than a threatening road-game environment. Imagine what this would do for recruiting.

I realize that things around here are nowhere near that bad, but it's important for fans to keep in mind the thing we can do to help the team most is create a tough game-day environment. You might think you're doing your part,



**Adrian Martinez**

but simple shifts in game momentum multiplied by tens of thousands of onlookers can inspire drastic changes in the energy on the field.

It seems like whether the team is doing really well or really badly, it's never good enough. If we score four touchdowns in the first quarter, we lose interest and start doing the wave. Eventually, even the wave gets boring, and we have to start doing it at different speeds to prolong our entertainment. If we fumble the ball five times and go scoreless for a half, we curse our own starting quarterback and head to the parking lot, assured that things will never get better.

But our detrimental actions don't stop there. We take things a step further to ensure the world is aware of our dismay. We even spend precious hours coming up with puns to put as headlines in this newspaper. And when we're finished doing that, we run to tell the next week's opponent how

they're going to clobber us.

Before last week's contest with Iowa State, a topic appeared on the message boards of CycloneNation.com titled, "Is this the Depression Bowl?" The thread consisted mainly of ISU and Tech fans arguing about why and how their own team would manage to embarrass themselves more than the opposing team. While many of the comments were pretty funny, as a whole the discussion was, in a word, depressing.

I might expect something similar from say the University of Toledo, or a school like that. But with the amount of talent and opportunity that our team still has on its side, I think we owe our Red Raiders more. You might not think you owe the football team anything. However, when the game clock expires, and Tech comes out on top, you owe the resulting inexplicable feeling of vindication to the players and coaches. Nobody else.

You might still think there is nothing you can do to cure this plague of self-loathing that has swept Jones AT&T Stadium, but you're wrong. Think about it. When was the last time you heard every last person in that stadium make all the distracting noise they can on an opposing team's

third down. While many of you are naturally annoying, when the time comes for that annoyance to actually have a purpose, many of you simply abstain.

If the football team isn't all on the same page, and if everyone isn't completely committed, then you get lackluster performance. Likewise, our game-day environment, our house, will never be as difficult for opposing teams to play in as it could be if we don't all give it everything we've got. You can't do much about the older people on the west side of the stadium, but that's only reason to cheer all the louder, no matter what the scoreboard says.

You might take my opinion as discard it along with this paper, and you might be calling me all sorts of foul names for scolding you. But, when the defending national champions roll into Lubbock this weekend, you can expect them to mean business. Nothing would give them more resolve than to silence a stadium full of rowdy Tech fans. It would be great not to give them that satisfaction, regardless of whether things go our way or not.

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### VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

## Report on caffeine stretches truth

By EMILY BRELAND  
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(U-WIRE) POMONA, Calif. — When you're forced to rise before the sun, do you find a cup of coffee helps you cope? Does reaching for a soda help you study?

You're not alone. More than 50 percent of Americans drink coffee everyday. Three to four cups on average.

More than 90 percent of Americans consume caffeine daily and while research has shown that the reason we need caffeine to start the day is due to dependency, the American Beverage Association says that just isn't true. The ABA stated that caffeine, despite prior research, is not addictive. From the ABA's Web site, I discovered that in 1919, they were founded as the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages and were renamed the National Soft Drink Association in 1966. Today, the ABA represents hundreds of beverage producers, distributors, franchise companies and support industries.

The ABA claims that when people say they're addicted to caffeine, they're using the term loosely — like some say they're addicted to chocolate or video games.

Astrid Nehlig, Ph.D., research director at the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research, agrees with the ABA. Dr. Nehlig says that at one to three cups of coffee a day, caffeine has no effect on the area of the brain involved with addiction, dependence and reward.

Due to the fact that the ABA's business is soft drinks (many of which contain caffeine), I find myself a bit skeptical. If Nestle proclaimed that chocolate doesn't add inches to the waist, would you believe them? Would they be any less credible than a scientist, even with evidence? In the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, caffeine is specifically excluded from the category of substances classified as causing substance dependence.

However, doctors at Johns Hopkins University have confirmed that true caffeine addiction can occur even when small amounts (equaling about one cup of coffee per day) of caffeine are consumed. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada's leading addiction and mental health teaching hospital, lists caffeine as the most widely used psychoactive substance in the world.

With conflicting evidence and The ABA's possible bias, I decided to talk to students dealing with early mornings and late nights, homework and social lives.

Christine Ruby, a student at Cal Poly, believes caffeine is addictive.

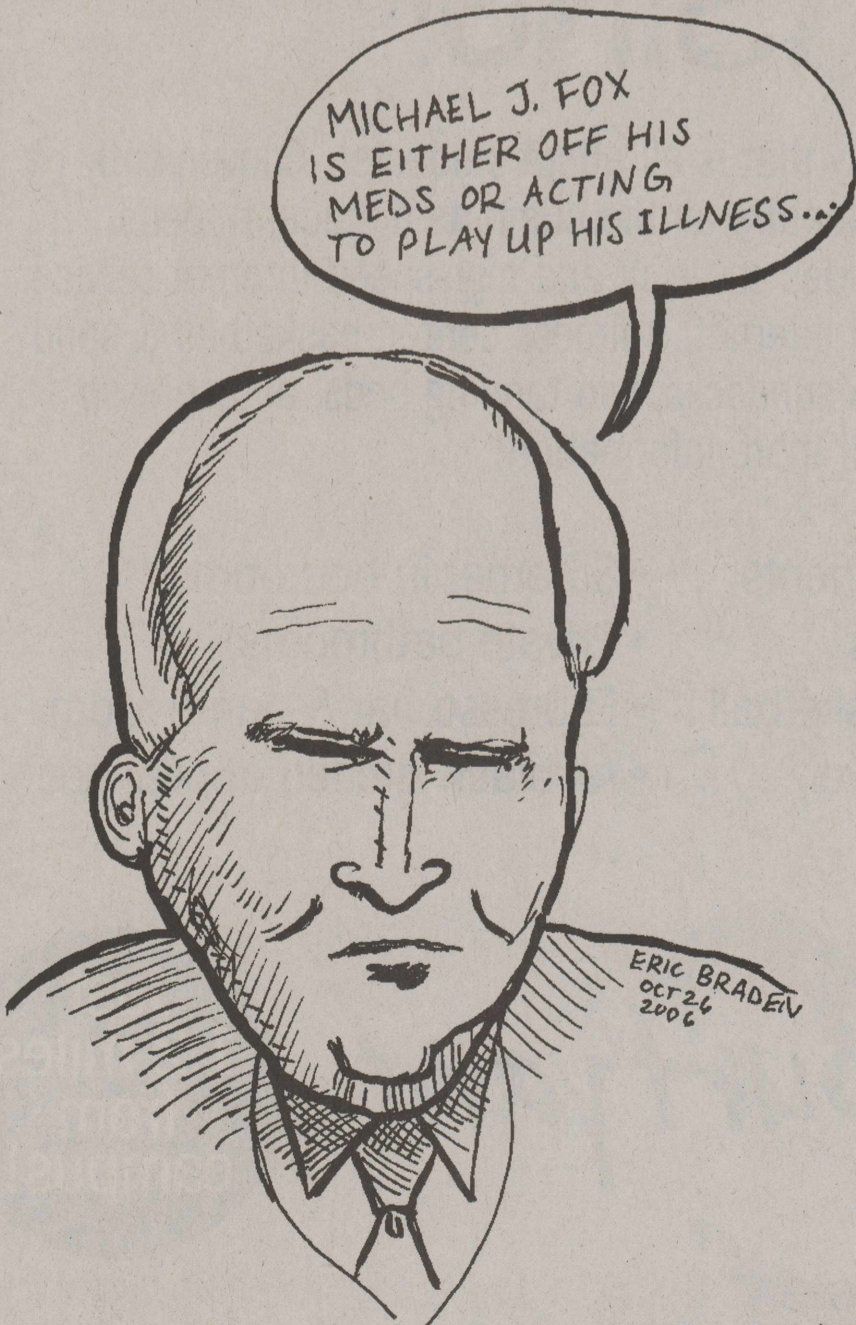
"I believe your body can become dependent on substances that contain caffeine, such as coffee, tea and soda. That's why I refrain from being a user," Ruby said. "If it wasn't so addictive, it wouldn't be hard for people to give it up."

Another Cal Poly student, Dara Spadier, had a slightly different view.

"I choose to drink it," Spadier said. "I don't have to drink it. As soon as I open my eyes, I look forward to my grande black drip. I would like to think it isn't addictive, but you start to depend on an early morning or mid-day kick."

While I personally don't drink coffee and consume very few soft drinks, I feel caffeine is addictive. Remembering tasting my mother's bitter black coffee as a child, I realize that something must be bringing people back to the 'pot.' Could it be an excuse to socialize? A genuine love for the taste?

Whether caffeine is addictive or not, it has 90 percent of Americans hooked.



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# School of scares

Ghost stories haunt minds, halls of university as Halloween approaches

By KYMBERLI MAY  
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Texas Tech is home to many ghost stories. Although many students do not know the origins of the stories, the tales are popular, especially close to Halloween.

Trey Downer, a sophomore English major from Lubbock, said the only ghost story he has heard about at Tech is one involving an incident in the Geosciences building.

"I just heard that a woman was killed there, and at certain times you can see her shadow," he said.

Freda McVay, a retired Tech journalism instructor, was working for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* when a cleaning woman was murdered on Dec. 4, 1967, in what was then the Biology building.

McVay said a graduate student at the time nearly decapitated the cleaning woman in a third-floor

laboratory while attempting to steal the answers to a final exam. He was caught months later while using the woman's stolen set of master keys to enter biology professor Kent Rylander's office in another attempt to steal an exam. Published reports at the time confirm McVay's version of the story.

"The whole community was just stunned at the whole thing," she said.

Downer said his parents told him that a ghost appears in the top middle window of the Geosciences building just before the Christmas lights come on during Tech's annual Carol of Lights, which is just around the time the cleaning woman's murder happened.

Downer said he has never been to Carol of Lights, but the possibility of seeing a ghost might be enough to make him attend.

Megan Trenck, a sophomore music

performance major from Richmond, said she attended Carol of Lights last year and saw something unusual in the window.

"It was like the outline of a man, but with no features or anything," she said.

Contrary to the common telling of the ghost story, Trenck said she saw the shadowy figure just after the lights came on. Though she said she is not sure if she believes it was a ghost, she definitely saw something that night and plans to attend the event again this year to look for the "ghost."

McVay said the graduate student who murdered the cleaning woman was sent to prison but was released in the 1980s and has not been heard from since.

"Maybe it's his shadow that we see during Carol of Lights," Downer said with a laugh.

According to the Web site <http://www.theshadowlands.net>, there are

many other haunted places on the Tech campus. The attic in Horn/Knapp Hall is thought to be home to the ghost of a young boy, whom one can hear throwing a ball down the stairs.

Another tale found on the Web site states that on the coldest night of the year, one can see the ghosts of five or six young men walking the catwalk atop the clock tower on campus. The origins of the story are unknown, but the Web site states there have been reports of this every year since 1949.

Trenck said she has heard these ghost stories while at Tech but does not necessarily believe them. She also said she has heard another story about the ghost of a former Texas Tech professor who haunts Holden Hall.

The shadowlands.net also reports that Thompson Hall and a building at the Ranching Heritage Center are haunted by spirits.

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## Troops

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42 people were wounded in gunbattles.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles from the capital, marks the latest outbreak of bloodshed involving militants believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hardline anti-American cleric Muqtada

al-Sadr.

Ghassan al-Bawi, police chief of surrounding Diyala province, said those killed included 12 police officers and 18 gunmen.

The clashes followed fighting this week between the Mahdi Army and police aligned with a rival Shiite militia, the Badr Brigade, in the southern city of Amarah. At least 31 people were killed, including six police officers who were dragged out of their houses.

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## 4 firefighters killed in Calif. wildfire started by arsonist

POPPEY FLAT, Calif. (AP) — A wind-whipped wildfire started by an arsonist killed four firefighters Thursday and stranded up to 400 people in an RV park when flames burned to the edge of the only road out, officials said.

"Everybody is hunkered down here. They're fighting the fire around us. It's across the street from us," said Charles Van Brunt, a ranger at the station at the entrance to Silent Valley Club, the recreational vehicle park near Palm Springs. The residents were in no immediate danger, he said.

Authorities asked people in the RV park to stay put to leave the roads clear for firefighters. Hundreds of others in the area were forced from their homes.

Fire officials said the fire was deliberately set around 1 a.m. and had blackened 10,000 acres within 12 hours. Fire Chief John Hawkins said

the arson "constitutes murder."

It was the deadliest wildfire fire-fighting disaster in the United States since July 10, 2001, when four firefighters were killed in Washington's Okanogan National Forest. They died after becoming trapped by flames on a dusty dead-end road in a remote canyon.

The Forest Service crew was trying to protect a house as dry desert winds of 25 mph or more blew a wall of flames down on them in the hills northwest of Palm Springs.

"They had left their truck to do structure protection when the fire overran them," said Forest Service spokesman Pat Boss, adding the flames came down so quickly they had no time to retreat to their engine or use protective sheltering.

Three firefighters died at the scene and two were hospitalized in critical

condition. One of those two died several hours later. The other had burns over 95 percent of his body, Boss said.

Thursday's deaths brought to 19 the number of California firefighters killed in the line of duty over the past year, according to statistics kept by California Professional Firefighters, a lobbying organization.

One other firefighter in the burned-out fire engine was critically injured, Boss said.

He said the Forest Service pulled all its personnel off the fire after the deaths so they could "gather their thoughts, say their prayers."

Another official believed Thursday's blaze was set just as the winds picked up in order to maximize destruction. Riverside County Sheriff Bob Doyle dispatched homicide detectives to the scene to work with FBI agents during the investigation.

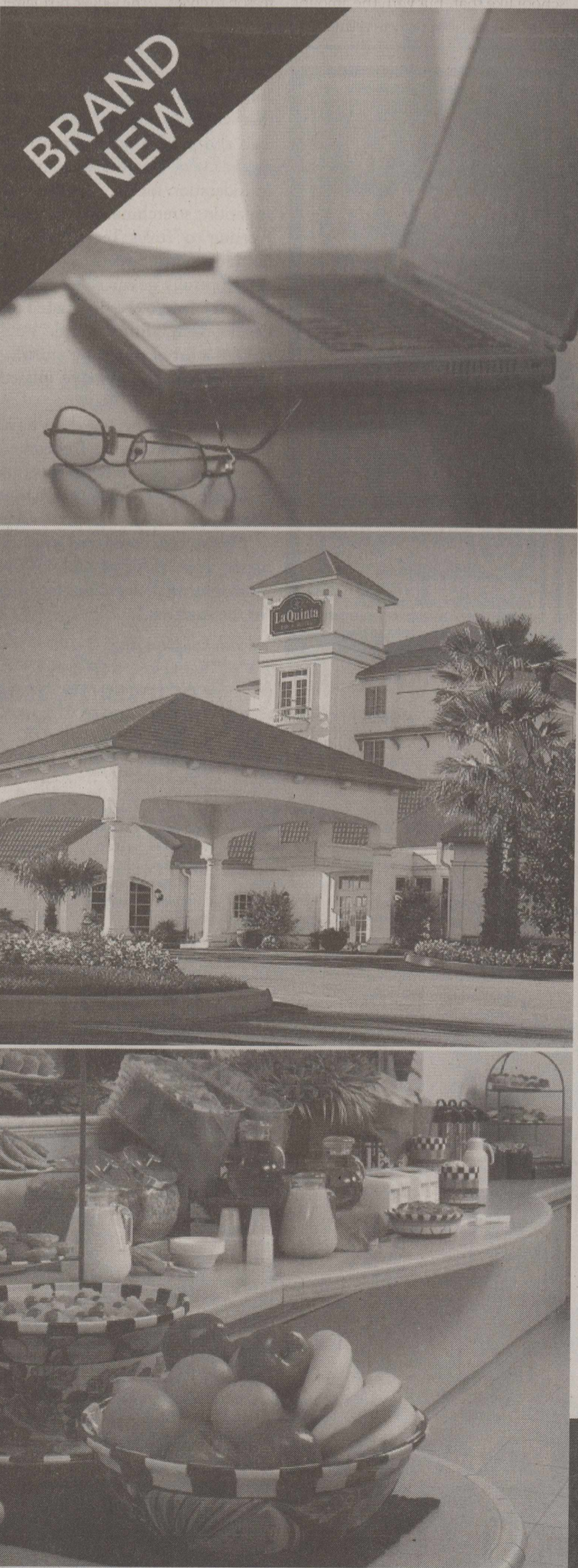
Authorities planned to offer a \$100,000 reward in the case.

The fire quickly blackened more than six square miles and destroyed at least three homes. The weather service had issued a "red flag" warning for extreme fire danger because of the high winds and dry conditions.

Thick smoke blanketed the small RV park off Highway 243, where as many as 400 people were stranded, authorities said. TV footage showed some vehicles racing through flames and smoke just before firefighters closed the road.

Van Brunt said people were advised to "watch the news and stay comfy."

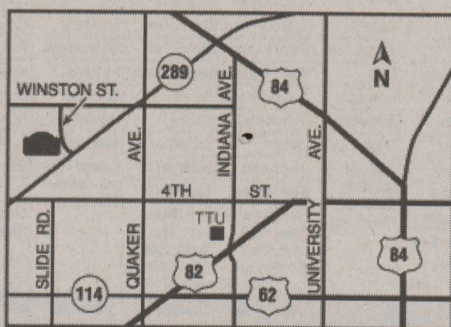
The fire started early Thursday, burning in a valley with a few scattered ranch homes. The hamlets of Poppey Ranch and Twin Pines were evacuated along with a juvenile detention center, Twin Pines Boys Ranch.



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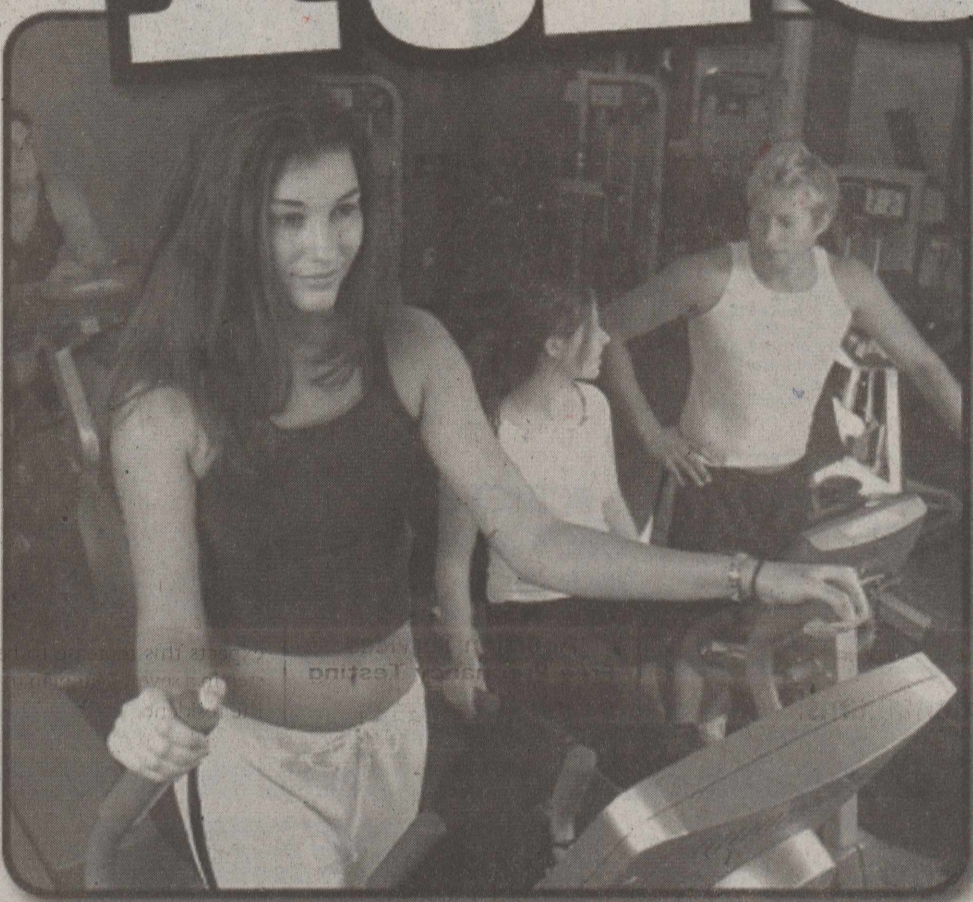
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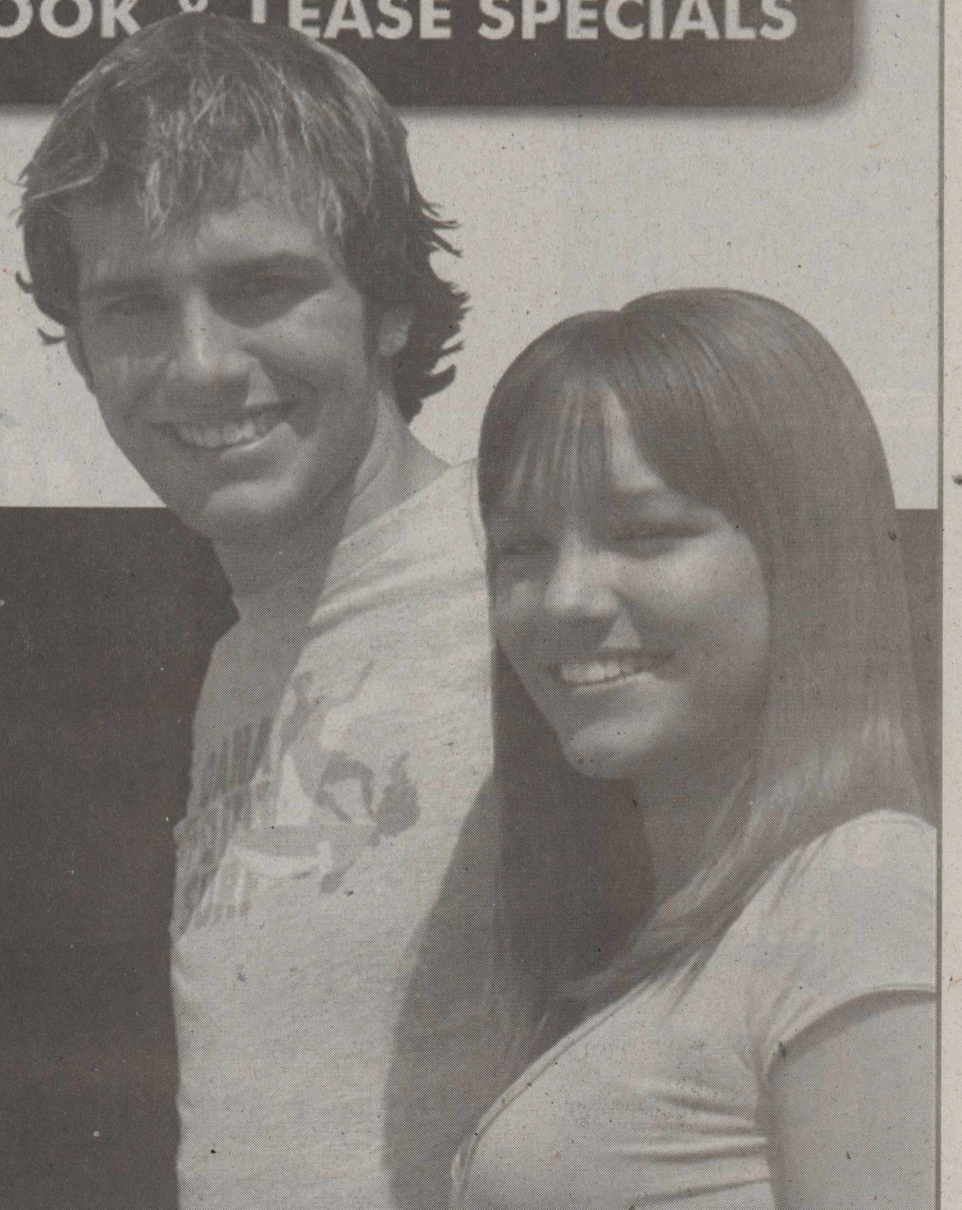


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centers that benefit them greatly.

"It is really an investment. Where we come up with the money is a question," he said.

A visitors center would be beneficial in that it would educate people about

what is offered around the Hub City and would attract more visitors to the city throughout the year, he said.

Lawrence said he heard someone say it took them at least an hour to find the Buddy Holly Center, and that with a visitors center, problems like this would disappear.

"Lubbock will be left behind in dollars and cents if we don't do

this," he said.

Councilwoman Phyllis Jones said she is impressed by the way the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance works, especially when dealing with visitors and other individuals.

"I think the experience you talk about is so important from the time you get the inquiry through the visit," she said.

The development alliance presented figures on the number of inquiries the organization gets each year from potential visitors.

According to the presentation, in 2004-05 there were 19,944 inquiries, and about one-third of those inquiries resulted in actual visits to the Hub City. In 2005-06, the numbers rose to 32,319 inquiries.

Another issue discussed during the work session concerned the Lubbock Municipal Court.

Robert A. Doty, presiding municipal court judge, talked about advances at the Lubbock Municipal Court since he arrived in 1997.

He said he made an assessment in 1997 about the facilities, procedures, and other aspects of the court, but did not focus on technology at the time. Now, he said, that has changed.

Doty said with future improvements, police officers no longer will have to write tickets by hand, Internet capabilities will be expanded and an automated phone system may be put in place.

He said the Lubbock Municipal Court receives around 1,600 to 1,800 phone calls a week. With the implementation of an automated phone system, it would be easier for everyone, he said.

Another issue he brought up was the possibility of creating remote locations to allow people to take care of transactions without having to go to the Municipal Court building.

"We hope to increase people's access," he said.

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# Bill

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will add more money each year to erect the fence.

"Within about three years, we should have about 370 miles," said Kyl, whose state would be virtually sealed from Mexico through fencing and other barriers.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Ralph Basham said the fence could take many forms, from chain link to solid wall, depending on where it is placed. The shape will be determined with the help of Boeing Co., which was awarded a \$67 million contract to install a high-tech "virtual fence" along 28 miles in Arizona.

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## Hollywood horror: makeup master offers tips for Halloween

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
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Jamie Kelman kills someone every day.

He's strangled women, decapitated men and blow-torched U.S. Marines. Most recently, he's had the pleasure of torturing Penthouse magazine's "second-most beautiful actress in Hollywood," Jamie Alexander.

But even Kelman's most brutalized victims make full recoveries — their wounds wash off. Kelman works as a makeup artist in Hollywood and has worked his magic in 2004's "Dawn of the Dead," "The Haunted Mansion," "Windtalkers" and "Planet of the

Apes." His most recent project was the horror film "Rest Stop," and he said he enjoyed working on that movie because it offered him a chance to do different effects.

"I was trying to come up with something we haven't seen before," Kelman said.

For the film, Kelman created the special effects for the deformed child and the torture scenes, including a scene in which a character has his fingers bitten off.

Kelman said his job has changed in the last few years. Horror movies, along with television shows, have begun leaning toward body horror instead of monster horror, he said.

"People aren't so into fantasy and monsters right now," he said. "They're into their own mortality — that '70s horror culture trend where people are getting killed in more realistic ways. You're obligated to come up with something interesting."

In light of the new trends in horror films, Kelman said his methods have become bloodier.

"I do think it's a good time for horror movies," Kelman said. "The world has changed. There's a lot more fresh material that's in line with the world we live in."

Kelman not only works in films, he said he also does the occasional work for television series like "Nip/Tuck," "Navy NCIS" and "CSI."

Kelman said his job as a special effects artist has become harder over the years because of how many movies audiences have seen. Most horror movies feature some kind of torture scene, so when Kelman went to plan the

torture scene for "Rest Stop," he said he had to think of something new.

"The script said, 'Jessie gets tortured on the bus,'" he said. "The director of the movie hadn't thought of what that included by the day of the shoot."

Kelman said he had to think of something on the fly for the scene. He said that is when he remembered a scene from the television series "The Three Stooges."

"The killer held Jessie's nose until he couldn't breathe and then took Jessie's tongue in a pair of pliers and cut it off," Kelman said.

One of the harder jobs for the makeup artist is continuity, Kelman said. Most movies are not shot in sequential order, so Kelman said he has to pay attention to the scene and remember what bruises, scrapes and blood stains his characters have at that point of the story.

In "Rest Stop," Kelman said the hardest character to create was Scotty, the deformed child Alexander meets on the bus.

"He was the most time-consuming," Kelman said. "I did a doodle of him and then told the director if he held off on shooting this character until the end, I could do something interesting."

Kelman said he worked on Scotty's makeup for 24 hours during a single weekend, and the end product is a young child who looks as if he has been mutated by some kind of radiation.

"I had to create everything for



THE MAKEUP WORK shown in the picture above was done by Jamie Kelman, a makeup artist for Hollywood motion pictures, such as "Dawn of the Dead," and "The Haunted Mansion."

this movie," Kelman said. "I created the fake leg that got drilled into, I created the tongues that got cut out, and I created the finger-biting effect."

With Halloween less than a week away, Kelman said he is disappointed because instead of being at home and going to Halloween parties, he will be in North Carolina working on the David Ellis ("Snakes on a

Plane," "Cellular") horror film "Asylum."

"I always go all out for Halloween," he said. "It's my favorite day of the year. It should be a holiday for makeup artists. I often do

something really elaborate; I like to spend the whole day applying makeup, and then I have to sneak out of the house so my kids won't see me."

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### Makeup tips for Halloween from Hollywood makeup artist Jamie Kelman:

1. Go to the grocery store and buy gelatin.
2. Melt the gelatin in warm water.
3. Apply gelatin to face and hands while it is still warm.
4. While the gelatin is drying, pull apart cotton balls and push them into the gelatin.
5. Use Popsicle sticks to cut wounds in the gelatin along face and hands.
6. Next, apply the blood.
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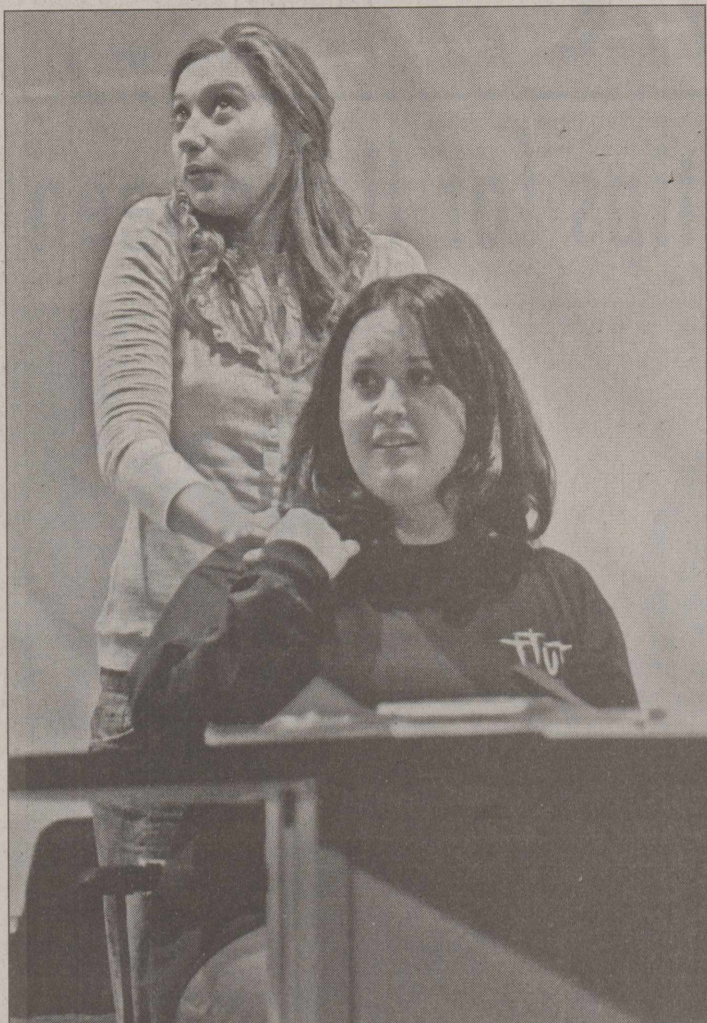
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JACKIE PETRAK, LEFT, a sophomore theater major from Houston, acts the role of Harriet, as Mary Housewirth, a second-year doctoral student of arts administration and theater history from Grand Island, Neb., acts the role of Theresa, during the rehearsal of "Boy Gets Girl" Wednesday night in the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.

# Ghosts in the Gallery

By JESSICA HENDRICKS  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Museum will be teeming with ghosts and little creatures in costume on Saturday as it hosts Ghosts in the Gallery, a Halloween celebration geared toward children ages 6 to 10.

Children and their families have the option of wearing their costumes, making crafts, touring galleries and seeing a laser show at the two-hour event starting at 1 p.m.

The museum has had several Halloween events in the past, but Whitney Livingston, a student assistant in the Museum Education Department, said this year's event is more educational.

"We're actually doing gallery tours where visitors are introduced to a ghost who will tell them about objects and artifacts and give them a little history about the museum," she said.

There will be eight galleries in all, each containing its own ghost and tour guide. The tour guides will also be dressed in costume, Livingston said.

"Then we'll have crafts for the younger children that go along with the gallery or just Halloween," she said.

There are several different types of art included in the galleries, such as Southwest art, the dinosaur exhibit, African art, petroglyphs and rock art. Some of the crafts that coincide with the galleries are story-telling dolls, dinosaur fossils and story illustrations.

"It's a wide range of different topics," Livingston said.

Other crafts are Halloween-themed, ranging from spooky pumpkin and spider crafts to scary masks and puppets.

In addition to crafts and galleries, a "FrightLight" laser show will begin at 2 p.m.

"The laser show is a musi-

cal concert with Halloween-type songs, like 'Time Warp' or 'Monster Mash,'" she said. "It's a fun laser show on the dome to the music."

Patrice Fay, educational specialist at the museum, said she has been a facilitator to the students putting the program together. She said she also coordinated the volunteers for the celebration, many of which are Tech museum science students.

Fay said one interesting craft available is a "retablo," which is a form of art found in Mexico and Central America. It originated in Catholicism and Native American religions.

Fay said there also will be a few outdoor activities available, weather permitting. Attendees will have the chance to use oil pastels outside to illustrate portions of a book, such as Harry Potter or a work by Edgar Allan Poe.

"They'll get a couple of sentences or a paragraph, and they'll draw a picture of it," she said.

Stacie Peterson, a graduate student in museum science from Harlan, Iowa, said she has been assisting with writing scripts for the gallery tours and designing crafts. She will also be assisting as a ghost.

"We did mostly the Halloween crafts, like spiders made out of clothespins," she said.

Livingston said the event is fun for everyone, but the galleries are geared toward older children and the crafts are more for the younger ones.

"I'm excited about the gallery tours because it's something we have never done before in one of our big Saturday programs," she said. "I'm interested to see what kind of response we get to that — actually using the galleries and making it educational. It's kind of something new that I'm excited to see."

All events are free of charge, and refreshments will be provided. [jessica.l.reaves@ttu.edu](mailto:jessica.l.reaves@ttu.edu)

## The Mountain Goats hike to peak of Lubbock music scene

By IAN KLUMPP  
STAFF WRITER

The Mountain Goats are slated to bring "Rocktober," as the month was dubbed by KTXF-FM, to a close in Lubbock this weekend.

The band is in the beginning stage of a fall tour which will wind around the southern parts of the country before ending in November in North Carolina; the two some will then head to Australia for The Falls Festival.

Fans in the Hub City will get a chance to see the band tonight at

Jake's Back Room when it shares the stage with Jennifer O'Connor; entrance to the all-ages event will be \$10 and doors open at 9 p.m., according to the KTXF-FM Web site, <http://www.ktxf.net>.

The Mountain Goats is the musical project of John Darnielle, the singer, songwriter and guitarist for the band. He has released nine full-length albums under the name The Mountain Goats as well as singles and a variety of songs that fans can only access through compilations or during live shows, according to the band's Web site.

Kim Griffith, a junior electronic media and communication major from Carlsbad, N.M., said the show should be fun and laid-back thanks to the band's mellow demeanor.

Griffith said the band's lyrics tend to be melancholy and deal with dark issues such as divorce and its repercussions; she said the band is worth listening to and should be a new experience for most of Lubbock.

She said a perk of the event is that it provides an opportunity to socialize and meet the KTXF-FM crew.

Kyle O'Neal, a senior Spanish major from Houston, said the show should be entertaining because the KTXF-FM shows are more like social gatherings. He said he prefers the smaller-type shows that feature groups such as The Mountain Goats because they tend to be more of an open experience with the band.

"It's like a party with a kickass playlist," O'Neal said.

For more information on the band, visit its Web site at <http://www.mountain-goats.com>.

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## Bahamian officials launch probe of Smith's permanent residency

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Authorities are investigating whether Anna Nicole Smith legally obtained permanent residency in the Bahamas, the country's immigration director said Thursday.

The probe centers on a \$1 million house that Smith's law firm said she had purchased, meeting a requirement for permanent residency in the island chain, said immigration director Vernon Burrows.

Gaither B. Thompson, a developer from Myrtle Beach, S.C., has told *The Associated Press* that he owns

the house where the 38-year-old reality star moved while pregnant with her daughter. Thompson declined to comment further.

Smith's daughter, Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, was born Sept. 7. Three days later, Smith's 20-year-old son, Daniel, died while visiting her in a Nassau hospital.

"Of course the only thing that would have qualified her for permanent residence was the home, so if that's no longer the case then of course we would probably ask her to show cause why it should not be revoked," Burrows said.

A Bahamian lawyer for Smith has said the former Playboy Playmate

owns the home.

"I've physically seen the document that showed the property being conveyed to her," attorney Wayne Munroe told *The Associated Press*. "It's not something where I'm depending on what someone told me. It was something I saw."

Hubert Ingraham, head of the main opposition Free National Movement, called on the government Wednesday to investigate whether Smith has legal residency status in the Bahamas.

Daniel Smith was buried Oct. 19. The results of official toxicology tests and a police investigation have not been publicly released.

## Chip Davis releases Halloween tunes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chip Davis has some Halloween ear candy.

The creator of the New Age band Mannheim Steamroller usually comes to mind at Christmastime with the onslaught of holiday airplay.

But over the years he's turned Mannheim's uplifting instrumentals into music for all seasons: romantic tunes for Valentine's Day, patriotic selections for the Fourth of July and, now, another album for All Hallow's Eve.

Davis, who defines Mannheim's music as 18th-century rock 'n' roll, said it only took him 20 years to realize there was another holiday besides Christmas.



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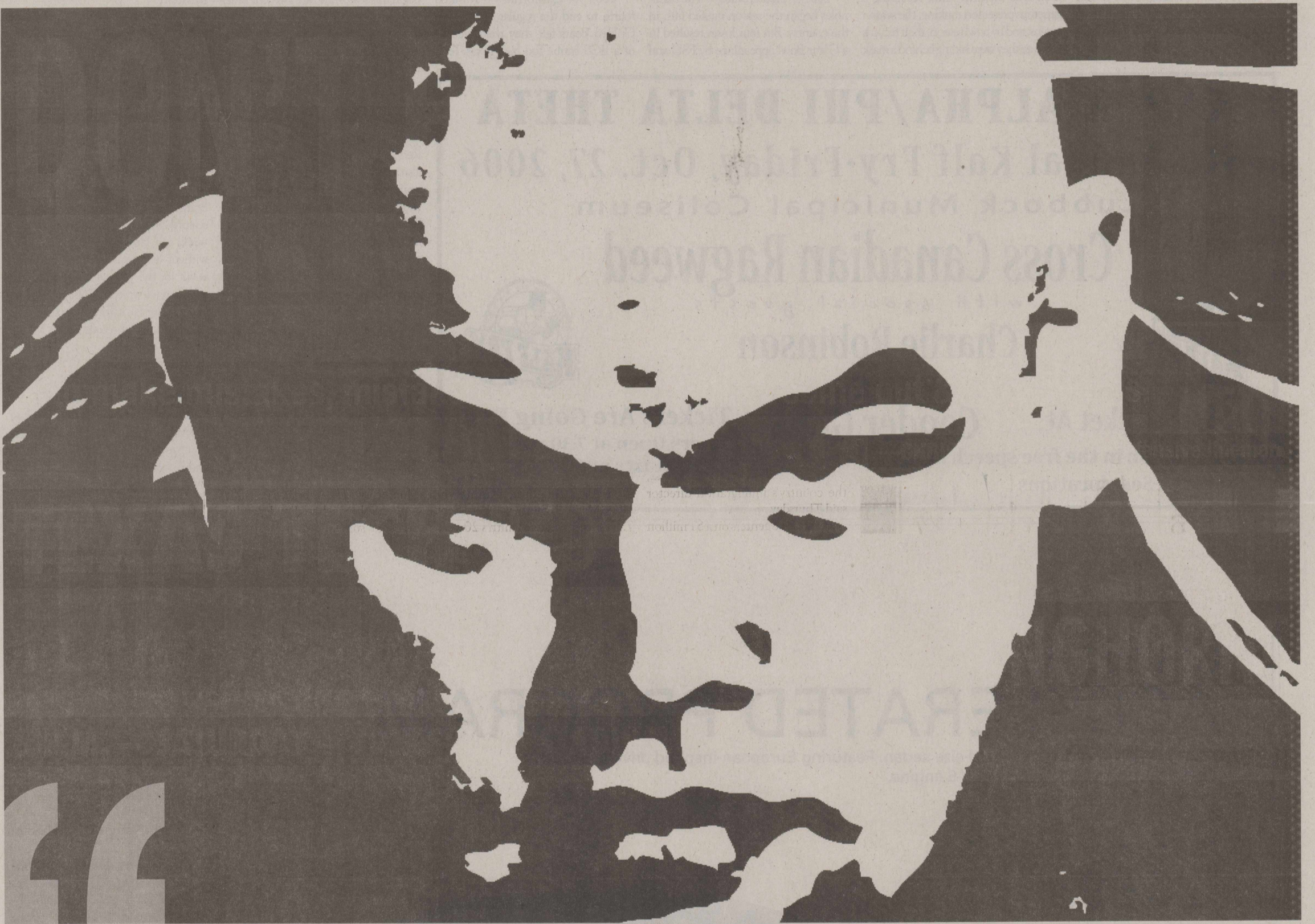
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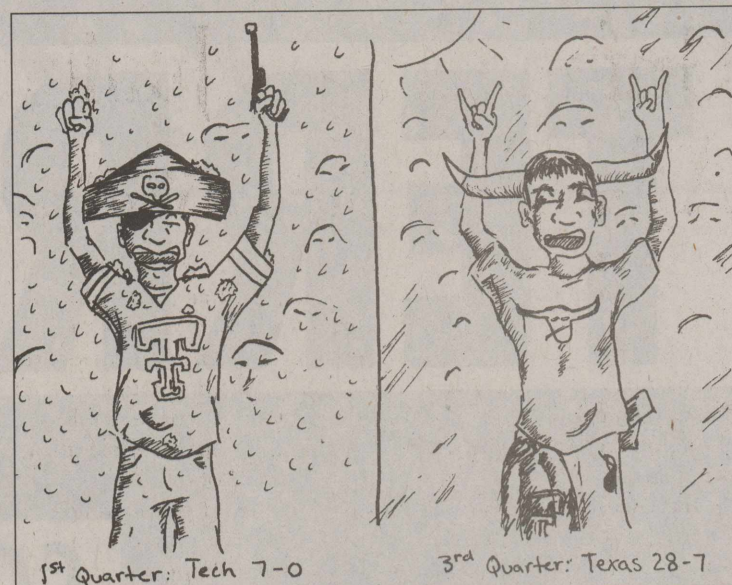
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# NCAA masquerade: College football's most overrated teams of the decade

I know I am a master of disguise. In past Halloweens, I've mimicked Donald Duck, Peter Pan, Sting the wrestler (in his colorful and not-so-Crow-like days) and a drowned victim of the Titanic disaster. I've even succumbed to cross-dressing as a cheerleader (imagine Chris Farley in a skimpy uniform).

Hey, even my picture next to this column doesn't really show my true form.

But many college football teams over



**Stephen Monahan**

recent years have been good at hiding their true identity. After receiving a generous preseason ranking, the season begins, and by bowl season, their records indicate they were hiding behind a mask

all along.

Because of their conniving and enigmatic pretense, I must unveil the most overrated team of each year since the 2000 season.

2000 — Alabama — Ranked third in the nation to start the season, finished 3-8 overall with its only three wins within the SEC conference.

2001 — Florida State — The Seminoles began the season ranked fifth in the country. But four losses resulted in a Gator Bowl appearance by FSU and

eventually an 8-4 finish

2002 — Florida — Began the season sixth in the nation, but Steve Spurrier left after the 2001 campaign and Florida finished 26th at bowl season.

2003 — Auburn — Coach Tommy Tuberville garnered a high ranking, sixth to be exact, but five losses later, Auburn fell from the ranks.

2004 — California — Ranked fourth to end the regular season, the Golden Bears felt they were victims of a BCS snub. Too bad Texas Tech

proved the BCS right for a change in the Holiday Bowl

2005 — Oklahoma — Seventh-ranked OU fell to TCU to open the 2005 campaign, then lost to UCLA, then Texas to start the 2-3, then received its fourth loss against Tech late in the season.

2006 — Miami — Ranked 11th to begin this season and are 5-2 with losses to Louisville and FSU, but a classless brawl with an inferior team and near misses against Duke and Houston give them this spot.

**No. 5 Texas at Texas Tech**

I firmly believe TCU, Missouri and Colorado overachieved against the Red Raiders earlier this season, but I also firmly believe Tech underachieved against those teams. At Iowa State, (not that many of us saw it) the Red Raiders appeared to become a cohesive unit. Leach has been giving his players Sunday nights off and introducing ice cream into the post-practice curriculum. The players have brought back traditions such as four-square and trips to Mr. Gatti's. Before the season began, I thought Texas would be 5-3 (with losses to Ohio State, Oklahoma and Nebraska) at best at this point in the season, but the Longhorns have shown why they could compete again for the National Championship, if they continue to win. Quarterback Colt McCoy has yet to really have a terrible game, but Tech QB Graham Harrell has struggled with consistency issues in recent weeks

(with the exception of Iowa State). I went against Tech once this season and the opposite occurred, but I can't go against the Longhorns who have one of the best defensive coordinators in the nation — Gene Chizik.

Winner: Texas

**No. 19 Oklahoma at No. 23 Missouri**

Rhett Bomar gone. Adrian Peterson gone. Linebacker Rufus Alexander arrested. Insert Paul Thompson at quarterback and Allen Patrick at running back to fill in the holes on offense and what do you get? A 24-3 victory over Colorado last week. OU visits Columbia, Mo. this week to face the Tigers. Chase Daniel and company got back to their winning ways with a 41-21 victory at home over Kansas State after suffering their first loss of the season on the road to Texas A&M two weeks ago. However, the Tigers will be without sack specialist Brian Smith who is out for the year with an injury. But with Daniel, wideout William Franklin and running back Tony Temple leading the offense, what do you get? A Mizou victory of course.

Winner: Missouri

**Iowa State at Kansas State**

Iowa State can't get it together. Last season, the combination of quarterback Bret Meyer, running back Stevie Hicks and 6-foot-5 towering wideout Todd Blythe helped the Cyclones to a 7-5 record after TCU squeaked by 27-24 in the Houston Bowl. This season ISU is 3-5 after a 42-26 beating by the Red Raiders and have yet to win a conference game (0-4 in Big 12 play). Kansas State, under first-year coach Ron Prince, has shown they can compete with the nation's elite, holding one of the nation's most potent offenses, Louisville, to just 24 points in a loss. However, they have shown weaknesses after falling to Baylor and barely edging out Division I-AA Illinois State 24-23 in the season opener. Iowa State can't stay this bad all season can they? Maybe coach Dan McCarney should call Tech coach Mike Leach for some ice cream eating tips.

Winner: Iowa State

**No. 20 Nebraska at Oklahoma State**

Both of these teams were shafted in their games last week. Nebraska lost a late lead because of a lost fumble by wideout Terrence Nunn after getting first-down yardage during a drive that would have led to a Cornhusker win, but Texas drove down the field and kicked a late field goal to prevail 22-20. Oklahoma State had its extra-point attempt blocked in overtime to fall 34-33 at home to the Aggies. Both will be hungry for wins and it will come down to whose offense will be more potent. Nebraska's senior quarterback Zac Taylor will need to use his maturity and experience to lead his team by OSU in a tough road test in Stillwater, Okla.

Winner: Nebraska

**No. 22 Texas A&M at Baylor**

The Aggies blocked a crucial extra-point attempt against Oklahoma State last weekend to seal a 34-33 victory to maintain its one-loss record. Five of the Aggies' eight games have ended with six-points-or-less differential between their opponent. In those games, the Aggies are 4-1 with their lone loss to Tech. After a 73-10 shellacking by the hands of A&M in 2003, the previous two contests have gone to overtime with the Bears and Aggies tied 1-1. Baylor has showcased its newly arranged "Bear" Raid offense (actually, it's the same as Texas Tech's Air Raid attack) and have a 4-4 record to show for it. The Aggies have shown many weaknesses, while Baylor put up a 31-spot on the defending National Champion Longhorns two weeks ago and rallied to defeat Kansas last weekend. Another overtime thriller is in store, and Baylor may just have the confidence to take down the Aggies.

Winner: Baylor

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# GAME DAY

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# HUB CITY SCARE

Tech looks to upend fifth-ranked 'Horns

By **TRAVIS CRAM**  
MANAGING EDITOR

With Halloween only four days away, there is a feeling of eeriness in the air around Lubbock and Jones AT&T Stadium.

Practices have been intense this week with a looming meet between No. 5 Texas and Texas Tech. After suffering two consecutive losses, the Red Raiders' offense was able to break out last week with a win against Iowa State, racking up 42 points on offense thanks to a steady game plan and performance by sophomore quarterback Graham Harrell.

Harrell tossed for 368 yards and a career-high six touchdowns, three of them ending up in the arms of senior wideout Joel Filani. What might have been even more impressive than the touchdowns for the first-year play caller was the fact that Harrell was able to stay away from turning the ball over for the first time since the win in College Station.

After a week of outings perhaps to help build more trust and confidence between the players last week, Tech senior defensive lineman Chris Hudler said overcoming any fear the players may have in the game against the defending national champions will be an important factor.

"Before Iowa State, we had been coming out kind of tight and afraid to make mistakes. Last week we came out ready to play and had fun," he said. "So, this week I think we are just looking to do the same. Have fun, don't be afraid to make mistakes. Mistakes will be made. Just come out

and make plays."

Tech (5-3, 2-2 Big 12) showed little fear defensively last week against the Cyclones, with senior defensive end Keyunta Dawson becoming a constant ghoul in the ISU backfield — sacking quarterback Bret Meyer twice to move into a tie for fourth all-time in sacks for Tech with 18.5.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he was happy with the team performing at a level they are capable of, especially his older players, and who the Raiders are playing Saturday should not affect how much better they can perform.

"I don't think who you play should have much to do with it at all," he said. "Your best is your best, what's the best you can block? Well, you block the best you can, and it shouldn't matter who you're against. The less that you let all of the external stuff contaminate your thinking on it, the better you'll probably play."

Texas (7-1, 4-0) has plenty of external distractions with a plague of injuries haunting the team over the last few weeks. The latest injury report came Monday, with defensive tackle Derek Lokey out indefinitely after breaking his leg in the Longhorns' 22-20 win over No. 17 Nebraska.

One question answered thus far this season was how good freshman quarterback Colt McCoy is and whether he was going to be able to work in the UT offense with the presence departed quarterback Vince Young had last season on the football field.

Barring the lone loss at home against No. 1 Ohio State, McCoy has been able to lead the offense and



TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Joel Filani tries to break free from Colorado defenders during the Red Raiders' 30-6 loss in Boulder, Colo., Oct. 14. Tech hosts No. 5 Texas at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

manage games well, Hudler said.

"From what I have seen, he is doing really well," he said. "He is making his checks and doing his offense. He understands the system a lot better. He has come into his own this season."

McCoy has tallied more than 1,400 yards through seven games this season with 20 scores as well. The first-year starter has also proven himself in frightful situations like Saturday's come-from-behind win in Lincoln, leading the 'Horns to their game-winning field goal after a Husker turnover

late in the fourth quarter.

With Tech's rushing defense struggling over the last four weeks against opponents, except for holding ISU to 75 yards, McCoy said it will be an important factor for UT to establish a running game against the Raiders, something the 'Horns could not do last week against the 'Huskies — especially scoring inside the 20-yard line.

If I could change anything about the game last week, it would be scoring points in the red zone because we got down there, and then we ended up not putting points up on the board," he said. "So we've got to do a better job of that this week, and I feel like

we'll establish a running game early on and be able to run the ball this week."

Hudler said the defense will be prepared for the Saturday night thriller, and it will be important to eliminate mistakes and penalties in hopes that the Raiders will wind up with more treats than tricks.

"There is no room for error," he said. "Some teams you might be able to make mistakes and make up for them later. But they (Texas) have some of the best athletes in the country. That is why our goal is to not worry about mistakes, just fly around and try to make plays."

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## QUICK INFO

**TIME:** 6 P.M.  
**DAY:** SATURDAY  
**LOCATION:** JONES AT&T STADIUM  
**SEATING CAPACITY:** 52,882  
**TV:** TBS, SUDDENLINK  
**CABLE CHANNEL:** 23  
**RADIO:** KKAM-AM, 1340  
**SERIES HISTORY:** TEXAS LEADS THE SERIES 40-14 ALL-TIME. THE LAST TIME TECH DEFEATED TEXAS WAS IN 2002 BEHIND QB KLIFF KINGSBURY.

## PLAYER TO WATCH TEXAS TECH



GRAHAM HARRELL / QB

Harrell threw a career-high six touchdowns last weekend in Tech's win over Iowa State. Before the ISU game, Harrell had accounted for nine of Tech's 10 turnovers the previous two games. This could be a benchmark game for him or a game to be benched.

# Halloween BASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

3 CLUBS

AN EXTRA HOUR TO PARTY  
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS -

SAFE RIDE SHUTTLE  
10pm - 2am

\$1,500 - CASH AND PRIZES  
- COSTUME CONTESTS -

1 COVER

**BASH RIPTROCK**  
2419 MAIN STREET  
(LUBBOCK'S OLDEST COLLEGE GRILL & BAR)

Live Music Performed By:

Ryan T. Briggs

Live Music Performed By:

Elvis T. Busboy & The Blues Butchers

**Bash Riptrock's**  
In The Depot  
620 19TH STREET

**Bleacher's Sports Cafe**  
1719 BUDDY HOLLY AVE

Live Music Performed By:

The Electric Gypsies

## GRILL BEVO

### Tailgate Party!

Location: United Supermarkets, 112 N. University Location  
Date: Friday, October 27th Time: 3 PM - 7 PM

Join us to rally our Red Raiders to a victory over the Texas Longhorns. As you stock up for all of your game day supplies, you can participate in a host of pre-game festivities. We'll have games and prizes to help you get into the spirit!

We're giving away free "Grill Bevo" T-Shirts while supplies last!

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Delicious Hot Dogs

**2 for \$1**

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Tasty Brisket Burritos

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