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STATE

Gang member gets more than 17 years

DALLAS (AP) — A member of the Texas Syndicate gang was sentenced to a federal prison term Monday for orchestrating a smuggling operation that brought cocaine on military transport flights from Colombia to Fort Bliss in far West Texas.

Ernesto Medrano was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey to more than 17 years on charges of conspiracy to distribute, and possess with intent to distribute, five kilograms or more of cocaine, the office of U.S. Attorney Richard Roper said.

NATION

Arctic blast linked to 4 deaths

A bone-chilling cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools for thousands of youngsters Monday, sent homeless people into shelters and put car batteries on the disabled list from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes. At least four deaths were linked to the cold weather. The cold was accompanied by snow that was measured in feet in parts of upstate New York.

WORLD

Iran said to assemble two uranium units

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Shrugging off the threat of tougher U.N. sanctions, Iran has set up more than 300 centrifuges in two uranium enrichment units at its underground Natanz complex, diplomats and officials said Monday. The move potentially opens the way for larger scale enrichment that could be used to create nuclear warheads. Iranian leaders have repeatedly said the Natanz underground hall would house first 3,000 centrifuges and ultimately 54,000 machines.

DEATH TOLL

3098

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Gov. Perry names new student regent

By JOSH HULL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After more than four months of vacancy, the Texas Tech student regent position has been filled.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed Ebtasam Attaya Islam as Tech's second student regent along with eight other student regents Monday in universities across the state.

Attaya Islam, a second-year medical student from Lubbock,

is the first representative from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center to be appointed student regent in accordance with legislation Perry signed into law in 2005.

The student regent position was created to appoint one member of the student body to the board of regents for a one-year term. The student regent is able to provide a voice for student's on the board, though they are not allowed to vote on any issues the board reviews.

Each year the student regent

appointee is to alternate between a member of the Tech student body and the HSC student body.

Tech's first student regent, Chad Greenfield, resigned in October 2006 after plagiarizing a column in *The Daily Toreador*.

Attaya Islam's application is one of three the HSC Student Government Association sent Perry's office for a final decision.

In a statement issued by the Tech office of communications and marketing, Attaya Islam said she is

ready to take on the duties of student regent.

"I'm extremely honored to be selected to serve as student regent," Attaya Islam said in the press release. "I am very much looking forward to representing our students from both universities on the board."

Attaya Islam could not be reached for further comment.

Tracy Hall, president of the HSC SGA, said the appointment of an HSC student to the regent position is important for the university because

it allows for equal representation of the student population.

"We really are very excited to have a Health Sciences Center student as the student regent to represent the Texas Tech University System," Hall said. "We're just really hoping to get her support, and I'm sure we will, in expressing the students' concerns."

Among the issues she said she hopes Attaya Islam will address are

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ABSTRACT ART



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

ARTICLES DEPICTING "SOMETHING to look forward to" are on display in Gallery 2 of the Museum of TTU.

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD
STAFF WRITER

The Museum of Texas Tech University houses more than just dinosaur bones; Tech students and Lubbock residents can visit the museum to see a traveling art exhibition entitled "Something to Look Forward to," which showcases works from 22 African-American artists. The exhibit contains abstract works of art ranging from paintings to sculptures.

Becca Bruce, registrar for Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, the company managing the exhibition tour, said the exhibit

has been traveling for more than two years.

"It's all different types of artwork," Bruce said. "There's different types of 3-D art, some furniture, textiles. I think it's a very good exhibit. The differences of the pieces, I think, is what makes the exhibit so interesting."

The artists who were selected for the exhibition are all more than 60 years of age.

The words of the exhibit's curator, Bill Hutson, are carved into the show's introduction plaque: "Like aging athletes, older contemporary artists are expected to 'throw in the towel,' but creative, visual artists do not retire ... To honor

the endurance of mature artists, the building blocks used in the architecture of this exhibition include style, identity and age."

Taking a sweeping glance of the exhibit, one can see it has many bright, lively colors. On one wall hangs a painting whose canvas is divided into a dark-blue rectangle and a tan, coffee-colored square. According to the history provided on the wall beside the painting, artist Gerald Jackson is "a painter who is very involved with jazz." Indeed, Jackson's untitled

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Bush budget would boost Pentagon, pinch domestic spending

By ANDREW TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush unveiled a \$2.9 trillion budget Monday that rewards the Pentagon with a record \$50 billion budget hike but pinches programs cherished by Democrats, including health research and heating subsidies for the poor.

In control of Congress for the first time in a dozen years, Democrats accused Bush of trimming domestic programs, using smoke and mirrors to predict a balanced budget in five years and ignoring a hidden tax threat to middle-class families. His \$245 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan has given lawmakers sticker shock.

Despite common agreement that something must be done soon about the spiraling cost of benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare, Bush recommended mostly modest steps — while refusing to consider tax hikes that could draw Democrats into negotiations.

\$2.9 TRILLION BUDGET PROPOSAL

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- \$211 BILLION** SPENT TO EXTEND TAX CUTS
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- 141 FEDERAL PROGRAMS** ELIMINATED OR SHARPLY REDUCED
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SOURCE: ASSOCIATED PRESS

"There's a lot of skittishness on both sides about coming to the table," said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee. "The White House is afraid of taxes and the Democrats are afraid of controlling spending."

Democrats went on the attack. "The president has simply offered more of the same, proposing a budget that cuts ... from Medicare and Medicaid, while sending \$240 billion more in American taxpayer dollars to Iraq," said Rep. Rahm Emmanuel,

D-Ill. "This is not a tradeoff the American people want."

Bush touted his fiscal blueprint as "protecting the homeland and fighting terrorism, keeping the economy strong with low taxes and keeping spending under control." He said after meeting with his Cabinet, "Congress needs to listen to a budget which says no tax increase, and a budget, because of fiscal discipline, that can be balanced in five years."

Bush said \$245 billion is needed for military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan over the next year and a half, bringing total Pentagon funding for the wars to \$662 billion. But his budget assumes, at least on paper, that no additional war funding will be needed after 2009.

Bush also proposed modest cuts to the rapidly growing Medicare and Medicaid health care programs, but failed to address chronic shortfalls in future years that

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Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Jan. 31

Texas Tech police responded to a fire alarm in the Animal Sciences Building. After the building was evacuated, police discovered the alarm was sounded because of a faulty smoke detector in one of the first-floor rooms. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

A male student was transported to the University Medical Center after suffering from kidney stones in the Student Wellness Center.

Tech police investigated a theft in the S1 parking lot. Police said unknown suspects stole a back-right tire and rim from a student's vehicle.

Tech police investigated a theft of a victim's purse and its contents in Holden Hall. Police said the purse was left unattended in an unsecured room when it was stolen.

A non-student was injured in the United Spirit Arena when she fell

and hurt her knee. Police said the non-student was treated on the scene by the first-aid staff.

Tech police arrested a non-student on the east side of Tech's library for public intoxication. Police said the non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail and was issued a criminal-trespass warning.

Tech police responded to a fire alarm in the Art Building. According to reports, a fire-alarm technician was called to the building to check the alarm. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

A Tech student was arrested by police for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Weymouth Residence Hall. Police said the student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Feb. 1

Tech police investigated a theft in the Health Sciences Center Medical Office Plaza. Police said an unsecured binder of personnel time sheets were stolen from a room in the HSC.

Tech police responded to a welfare check in a first floor bathroom of Holden Hall. Police said a female student was having an allergic reaction to prescribed medicine. The student was transported to the University Medical Center for treatment.

A non-student was arrested by Tech police for criminal mischief in a room of the HSC neurology department. According to reports, the suspect was issued a criminal trespass warning from the HSC.

Tech police investigated a water leak in Chitwood Residence Hall. According to reports, a water main for the tenth floor fire sprinkler system burst. Police said an undetermined amount of damage was caused on the first ten floors of the building.

Tech police investigated a burglary of a vehicle in the C1-North parking lot. Police said an unattended and unsecured tool box was stolen from the back of the vehicle.

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U.S. report shows rise in youth suicides after decade of decline

CHICAGO (AP) — New government figures show a surprising increase in youth suicides after a decade of decline, and some mental health experts think a drop in use of antidepressant drugs may be to blame.

Suicides climbed 18 percent from 2003 to 2004 for Americans under age 20, from 1,737 to 1,985 deaths. Most suicides occurred in older teens, according to the data — the most current to date from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By contrast, the suicide rate among 15- to 19-year-olds fell in previous years, from about 11 per 100,000 in 1990 to 7.3 per 100,000 in 2003.

Suicides were the only cause of death that increased for children through age 19 from 2003-04, according to a CDC report released Monday.

"This is very disturbing news," said Dr. David Fassler, a University of

Vermont psychiatry professor.

He noted that the increase coincided with regulatory action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that led to a black box warning on prescription packages cautioning that antidepressants could cause suicidal behavior in children.

Fassler testified at FDA hearings on antidepressants during 2003 and 2004 and urged caution about implementing black box warnings. The agency ordered the warnings in October 2004 and they began to appear on drug labels about six months later.

Psychologist David Shern, president of Mental Health America, called the new data "a disturbing reversal of progress."

Other research has linked certain antidepressants with decreasing suicide rates, Shern said, adding, "We must therefore wonder if the FDA's actions and the subsequent decrease

in access to these antidepressants in fact have caused an increase in youth suicide."

The advocacy group receives funding from makers of antidepressants, government agencies and private donations.

The suicide data are in a report on vital statistics published in February's Pediatrics.

Antidepressant use among children decreased during the same time period. Data from Verispan show 3 million antidepressant prescriptions were written for kids through age 12 in 2004, down 6.8 percent from 2003. Among 13- to 19-year-olds, the number dropped less than 1 percent to 8.11 million in 2004. Steeper declines in both age groups occurred in 2005, according to the prescription tracking firm.

The suicide data are preliminary and don't show whether suicides might have been concentrated in one region or among one gender or ethnic group, said the CDC's Dr. Alexander Crosby.

"It's something that we want to look a little bit closer into," Crosby said. "It's probably too early to say" if declining use of antidepressants had anything to do with it, he said,

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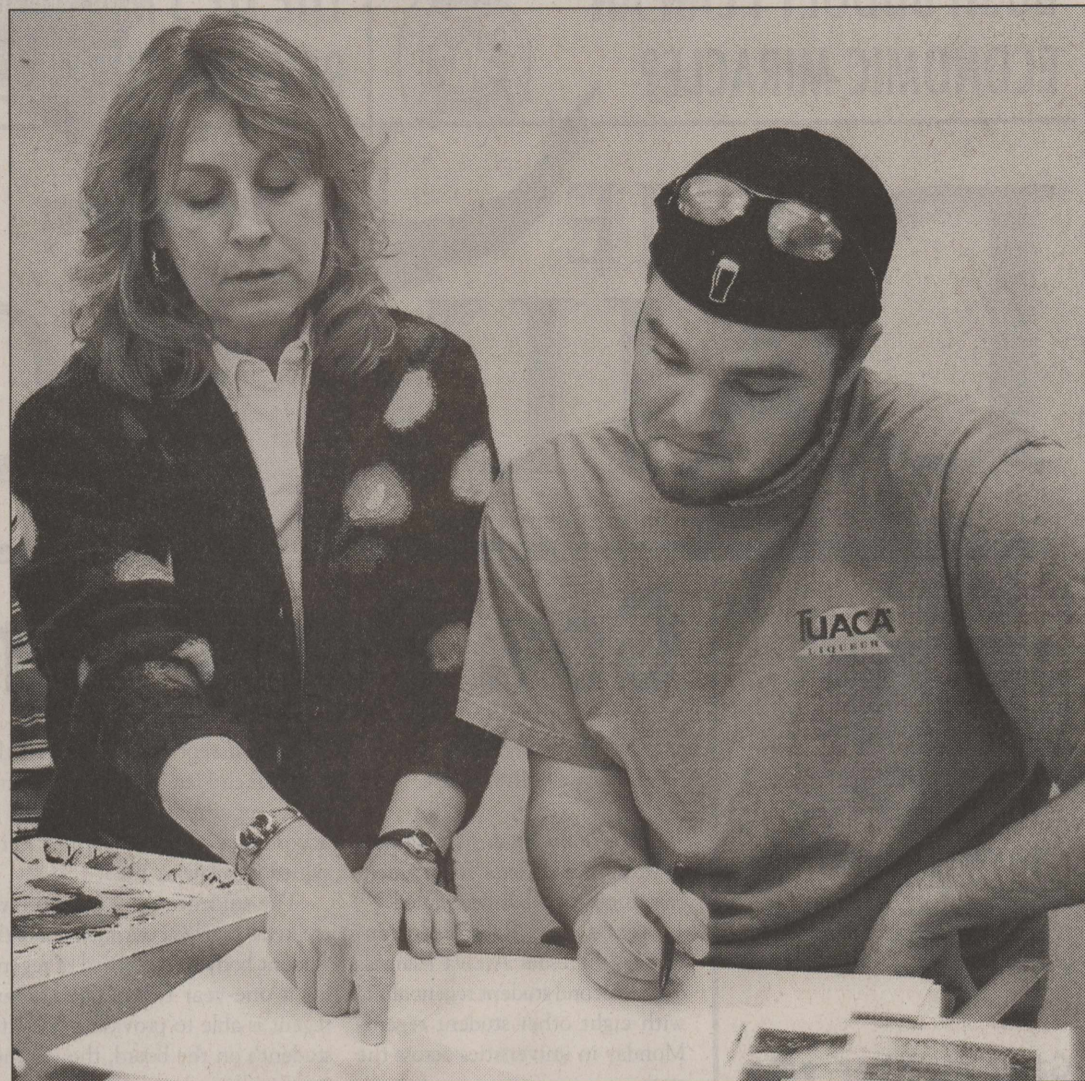


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PROFESSOR LAGINA FAIRBETTER instructs Phillip Rose, a sophomore architecture major from Plano, how to apply water colors to achieve a 3-D effect Monday afternoon in the Architecture building.

Tapes show Cheney was early focus in leak questioning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, in tapes played Monday in the CIA leak trial, pressed Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff on whether Cheney had directed him to leak the identity of a CIA operative to reporters.

The audiotapes showed that Fitzgerald, just two months into his leak investigation, was asking pointed questions about the highest levels of government.

The first 90 minutes of audiotapes, recorded during the 2003 grand jury testimony of top Cheney aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, were played for jurors in Libby's perjury and obstruction trial. More than six hours of additional tapes were to be played Tuesday.

Fitzgerald began his questioning by determining what he already knew to be true — that Libby was not the source of syndicated columnist Robert Novak's story re-

vealing that the wife of an outspoken Bush administration critic worked for the CIA.

Almost immediately after that, however, Fitzgerald steered the discussion toward Cheney and how his office responded to the growing criticism from former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who claimed to have led a fact-finding mission that refuted some prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Cheney's former spokeswoman, Cathie Martin, has testified that Cheney's office viewed Wilson's criticism as a direct attack on the president's credibility and was focused on beating it back.

During that effort, Libby said, Cheney mentioned in an offhand way in June 2003 that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, worked for the CIA. Fitzgerald asked whether Cheney was upset by the apparent "nepotism" in the fact Plame may have arranged the trip. Libby said he did not recall.

Fitzgerald, who questioned Libby

in a non-confrontational, sometimes even casual manner, also asked whether Cheney expected Libby to share that with reporters, specifically Walter Pincus of The Washington Post. Libby said he did not.

Fitzgerald asked four times and in four different ways whether Libby could be absolutely sure he did not disclose the information to Pincus. Pincus never revealed Plame's identity.

"The vice president obviously thought it was important enough to share with you or interesting enough to color the background, correct?" Fitzgerald said.

"Yes," Libby replied.

Fitzgerald never brought a leak charge. Libby, who is accused of lying about his conversations with reporters regarding Plame, is the only person charged in the case. Fitzgerald believes Libby lied to protect his job and reputation. Fitzgerald has never accused Libby of lying to protect Cheney.

Prosecutors say Libby learned about Plame from Cheney, passed it on to reporters, then concocted a story about learning her identity from NBC reporter Tim Russert. Defense attorneys say Libby forgot the information after hearing it from Cheney and learned it again from Russert as if it were new.

Defense attorneys have said they'll call Libby and Cheney to testify once Fitzgerald wraps up the prosecution's case.

Fitzgerald has presented several witnesses, including former State Department Undersecretary Marc Grossman and CIA official Robert Grenier, who say they spoke to Libby about Plame well before he could have learned about her from Russert. In his grand jury testimony, Libby said he had no recollection of such conversations.

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World Changes of Lubbock wins national award

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

The national volunteer organization World Changers received its first Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award in an award ceremony held Jan. 25 in Washington, D.C.

Cory O'Guinn, associational coordinator for World Changers Lubbock, said the award was given by the National Community Development Association because of the Lubbock branch's work.

"The award is presented annually to communities and programs that exemplify outstanding achievement in service to low-income people and neighborhoods," according to the NCDA Web site.

"NCDA is a national nonprofit organization comprised of more than 460 local governments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development, housing and human service programs."

The project in Lubbock is one of 11 that received the award this year, according to the NCDA Web site.

In the summer of 2006, almost 300 individuals from sixth grade through the college level came to the Hub City to work on substandard housing. The students came with their adult sponsors as part of the program, said O'Guinn, who is also the associate pastor to students at Calvary Baptist Church.

The participants in the program

came from across the nation, he said.

"Basically, World Changers is a national organization to mobilize volunteers to work on substandard housing," O'Guinn said.

This is the third year the World Changers program has been in Lubbock, but O'Guinn said he has been involved since 1995.

According to the NCDA Web site, World Changers was founded in 1991 and is a "national volunteer mobilization program that works with cities to repair and refurbish substandard owner-occupied homes."

During the 2006 event, 11 Lubbock homes were repaired, according to the NCDA Web site.

For the 2007 event, organizers

are planning on repairing from 15 to 20 homes, said Bill Howerton, the community development director for Lubbock.

"There are, as of right now, 250 young people signed up to volunteer," he said.

The week planned for the project is June 9 to June 16, O'Guinn said.

Future plans concerning the program in Lubbock include expanding the program and extending the time frame from one week during the summer to two weeks, he said.

The award should help World Changers Lubbock reach this goal, he said.

"Hopefully, it will kind of put us in the forefront and we can pull

volunteers here," O'Guinn said.

The resources and number of volunteers right now are limited, O'Guinn said, but some day he said he hopes to be able to help hundreds of people.

Howerton said the summer's project was a huge deal, and he expects the program to grow.

"We are proud to receive the recognition and we are thankful for the involvement of partners in the community," he said.

Local churches and various businesses around the Hub City provided food and other supplies to the volunteers who came to work, O'Guinn said. These donations were one thing that made the project successful, he said.

"So you have the cities that are

providing the homes and materials, and you have World Changers providing volunteers," he said. "The community has been really receptive of us."

Volunteers with the program do a variety of tasks, including painting and putting up roofs, he said.

The funding for the World Changers program in Lubbock come from Community Development Block Grants which the City of Lubbock began providing in 2004, according to the NCDA Web site. In 2006, \$50,000 was used to repair the 11 Lubbock homes.

Individuals who are interested in having their homes worked on should contact the city, O'Guinn said.

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U.S. takes initial steps toward Baghdad crackdown

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bombings and mortar attacks killed dozens across Baghdad on Monday as Iraqi troops set up new checkpoints and an Iraqi general took command — indications that the much-awaited operation to restore peace to the capital is gearing up nearly a month after it was announced.

With little sign of an end to the carnage, many Iraqis have begun complaining that the security drive has been too slow in starting, allowing extremists free rein to launch spectacular attacks that have killed nearly 1,000 in the past week.

Monday's death toll supported their frustration. At least 74 people were killed or found dead across the country — all but seven of them in Baghdad.

With so much at stake, U.S. commanders have moved methodically to plan the operation and assemble the force, eager to avoid the mistakes that accompanied two failed crackdowns last year.

The U.S. military officials said Monday they consider the operation to have been under way ever since Bush signed the order last month to start moving troops to Iraq. U.S. officers offered assurances that once the operation gets rolling, Iraqis will

begin to see a difference.

"It's going to be much more than this city has ever seen and it's going to be a rolling surge," Col. Douglass Heckman, the senior adviser to the 9th Iraqi Army Division, said of the operation.

But Iraqi politicians — Shiite and Sunni alike — urged the government to speed up implementation of the plan, which President Bush announced Jan. 11. The operation would put thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops on the street to protect civilians against sectarian bombers and death squads.

In a sign that the crackdown is near, Iraqi troops manned a major new checkpoint Monday at the northern gate to Baghdad, searching cars and trucks heading to and from Sunni insurgent areas to the north. Soldiers and police said the checkpoint was set up as part of the security plan.

Elsewhere, Rahim al-Daraji, a senior official in Sadr City, said police were already moving into the capital's sprawling Shiite slum, stronghold of the notorious Mahdi Army militia.

And Lt. Gen. Abboud Gambar, who will direct the operation, took charge of his still-unfinished command center Monday in a former Saddam Hussein palace located inside the

American-controlled Green Zone.

Gambar, who was taken prisoner by U.S. troops in the 1991 Gulf War, will have two Iraqi deputies, one on each side of the Tigris River, which flows through the center of the capital. The city will be divided into nine districts, each with as many as 600 U.S. soldiers to back up Iraqi troops who will take the lead in the security drive.

In announcing the plan, Bush said he was sending 21,500 additional American troops mostly to Baghdad in what is widely seen as a last chance to quell the sectarian violence ravaging the capital and surrounding regions.

About 3,000 paratroopers from the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division arrived in Iraq in late January and were expected to begin operations in the coming days. But the last of the U.S. reinforcements are not due until May.

Monday's slaughter killed 15 people in back-to-back car bombings at a gasoline station in Sadiyah, a mostly Sunni neighborhood of southwestern Baghdad, police said. Eight people were killed when a bomb exploded in a garbage can in a Sunni enclave in central Baghdad, according to police.

Astronaut charged with attempted kidnapping in love triangle with shuttle pilot, police say

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — An astronaut drove from Houston to Florida, donned a disguise and confronted a woman she believed was romantically involved with a space shuttle pilot she was in love with, police said. She was charged with attempted kidnapping and other counts.

U.S. Navy Capt. Lisa Nowak, 43, who flew last July on a shuttle mission to the international space station, was also charged with attempted vehicle burglary with battery, destruction of evidence and battery. She was denied bail.

Police said Nowak drove from her home in Houston to the Orlando International Airport — wearing diapers so she wouldn't have to stop to urinate — to confront Colleen Shipman.

Nowak believed Shipman was romantically involved with Navy Cmdr. William Oefelein, a pilot during space shuttle Discovery's trip to the space station last December, police said.

Nowak told police that her relationship with Oefelein was "more than a working relationship but less than a romantic relation-

ship," according to an arrest affidavit. Police officers recovered a love letter to Oefelein in her car.

NASA spokesman James Hartsfield in Houston said that, as of Monday, Nowak's status with the astronaut corps remained unchanged.

"What will happen beyond that, I will not speculate," he said.

Hartsfield said he couldn't recall the last time an astronaut was arrested and said there were no rules against fraternizing among astronauts.

When she found out that Shipman was flying to Orlando from Houston, Nowak decided to confront her, according to the arrest affidavit. Nowak drove the 900-mile trip from Houston to Orlando wearing diapers, police said.

Astronauts wear diapers during launch and re-entry.

Dressed in a wig and a trench coat, Nowak boarded an airport bus that Shipman took to her car in an airport parking lot. Shipman told police she noticed someone following her, hurried inside the car and locked the doors, according to the arrest affidavit.

Nowak rapped on the window, tried to open the car door and asked

for a ride. Shipman refused but rolled down the car window a few inches when Nowak started crying. Nowak then sprayed a chemical into Shipman's car, the affidavit said.

Shipman drove to the parking lot booth, and the police were called.

During a check of the parking lot, an officer followed Nowak and watched her throw away a bag containing the wig and BB gun. They also found a steel mallet, a 4-inch folding knife, rubber tubing, \$600 and garbage bags inside a bag Nowak was carrying when she was arrested, authorities said.

Inside Nowak's vehicle, which was parked at a nearby motel, authorities uncovered a pepper spray package, an unused BB-gun cartridge, latex gloves and e-mails between Shipman and Oefelein. They also found a letter "that indicated how much Mrs. Nowak loved Mr. Oefelein," an opened package for a buck knife, Shipman's home address and hand written directions to the address, the arrest affidavit said.

Police said Nowak told them that she only wanted to scare Shipman into talking to her about her relationship with Oefelein and didn't want to harm her physically.



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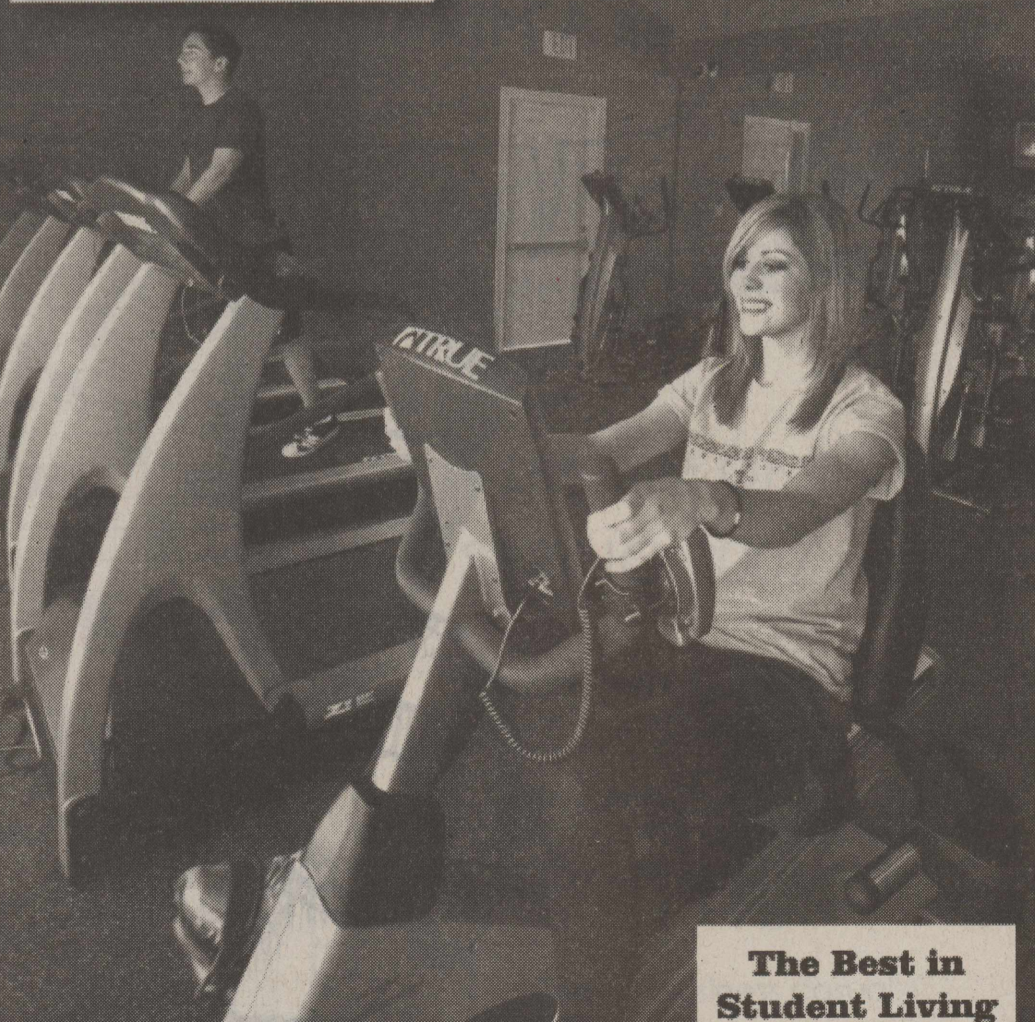
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I wonder if, in the waning months of 1788, the reigning Louis XVI and his wife foresaw the end of the monarchy in France, the storming of the Bastille in 1789 or even their own demise by a cold, sharp blade in 1793.

Did they anticipate the populace's reaction to the policies that left the lower and middle class in relative poverty and despair while the monarchy enjoyed increasing opulence?

That very question comes to mind when we consider the plight of the Texas Tech students affected by the planned elimination, by the Student Government Association, of the West Fourth bus route. While I don't expect students to violently react to this decision and storm the third floor of the Student Union Building with pitchforks and burning torches, it certainly should open the student body's eyes to the misrepresentation going on in our student government.

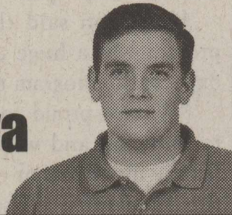
The SGA eliminated a needed bus route, yet the Overton bus route, which provides bus services to students living within a mile of campus, will continue to offer services to students next school year.

Obviously, this solution ignores the fact that those living along and around the West Fourth bus route pay much lower living rates than those in the Overton area and subsequently are more likely to be less-wealthy students.

For example, two of the stops on the West Fourth bus route — The Reserve apartment complex and the Waterford complex — offer rent at \$360 and \$300, respectively. Compare that with the \$500-plus rent charged by the apartment complexes in the Overton area, including University Trails, University Pointe, University Fountains and The Centre.

If those numbers aren't enough to convince you, I challenge you to ride both bus routes and compare the

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kinds of students who use each service. Whereas the West Fourth route can be best described as a bourgeois view of Tech students, the Overton route looks to be out of an Abercrombie and Fitch advertisement (and you basically need an iPod as a bus pass).

Most depressing of all is the Overton area's higher living rates are such because of their proximity to campus. The fact that they are within walking distance of campus is a main advertising point of those apartment complexes; yet, as the need for the Overton bus route indicates, those students are simply not willing to walk.

In the writing of this column, I decided to ride the Overton bus route from Holden Hall, travel to its furthest point, then walk back to Holden and compare times. The result? Riding the bus: 10 minutes, walking to campus: 10 minutes.

Now, I know this might be a stretch, but you really can walk to class. I live about a mile away, and I walk. Apparently, that is too much to ask for those living in the Overton area. Who knows, maybe those Ugg boots are weighing you down.

You would think this overwhelming evidence against the Overton route would cause its elimination, as well. However, the stereotypical student living in that area is the major constituency of the SGA.

While 76 percent of those holding offices in the SGA are in a social fraternity or sorority, by my count, approximately only 7 percent of the student body are members of those same organizations

(allowing for 2,000 members of the social fraternities and sororities).

If those numbers weren't alarming enough, 94 percent of the SGA is white, which doesn't correspond with the 24 percent of non-White students on the Tech campus.

As anyone who regularly reads my columns knows, I am certainly not one to advocate affirmative action or quotas, but the day a white, Greek student senator on the Tech campus can accurately represent minority and lower-income students is the day I start giving "An Inconvenient Truth" DVDs as birthday presents.

Clearly, Tech students are severely underrepresented by an organization whose members strive to "be active participants in the lives and activities in the University," according to the SGA constitution.

This isn't surprising, though. Being elected to the SGA only takes the majority of nearly 3,000 students (according to last year's election). Seeing as how Tech Greek organizations constitute more than 2,000 students, it's easy to see how such an unsuitable representation could be elected.

Whether Tech students can overcome these differences themselves or whether the administration needs to intervene, one thing is clear: the SGA needs a more accurate representation of the composition of the student body.

The fight for the West Fourth bus route is for more than the route itself; it is the fight of the "have-nots" against the "haves." Much like the French populace during the French Revolution, it is time for the underrepresented students of Tech to fight for their rights, fight for their school and fight for the voice they deserve.

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Cartoon characters aren't bombs

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(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio —

When I tuned in to CNN last week, there were two crazy guys, who looked like they had not showered in weeks, rambling about Afros. My first reaction was "CNN must be having a pretty lousy news day."

The two men, Sean Stevens and Peter Berdovsky, were actually just released after being arrested for a guerilla marketing campaign. Their lawyer told them not to talk about the case, so they opted to speak about hair cuts from the '70s instead. Good choice, guys.

According to a poll on the Boston Herald's Web site, 53 percent of people thought the press conference helped make the media look stupid. Five percent said it educated people on '70s hairdos. Those crazy hippies.

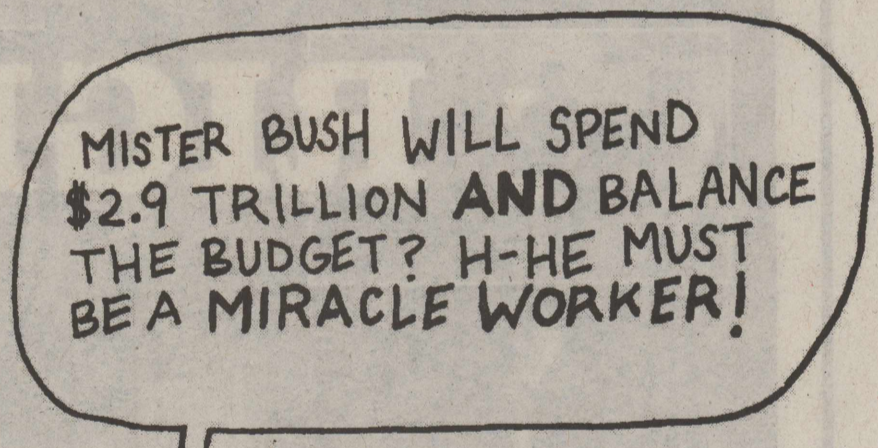
Stevens and Berdovsky managed to shut down most of Boston on Wednesday when they helped put up light boards in the shape of cartoon characters. Although the boards were advertisements for

Cartoon Network's "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," people thought the devices were bombs. The two have been charged with putting "hoax devices" in the city. Some say they incited panic.

This incident, while the first of it's kind to get major mainstream media attention, is not the first guerilla marketing campaign. The "Truth" campaign has been setting up massive amounts of body bags and lining cities with chalk outlines for a few years.

The most recent commercials featured ice sculptures of pregnant women with dolls inside their bellies. These commercials are just annoying to me, but they do get some people's attention.

The incident in Boston is far from the classic example of yelling fire in a movie theater. People are stupid. A person can be smart. So when you have a bunch of oblivious people, panic ensues. In this post-9/11 world, it seems like everyone has lost their sense of humor.



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Prosecutors charge kidnapping suspect with molesting boys nearly 70 times

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri man accused of kidnapping two boys and holding one for more than four years was charged Monday with molesting them nearly 70 times.

The charges were the first time authorities have openly accused Michael Devlin of molesting the children.

Devlin, a 41-year-old pizzeria manager, was charged with 69 counts of forcible sodomy, all felonies and each punishable by up to life in prison.

St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch said 17 of the counts related to 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who disappeared Jan. 8, and the remaining counts were related to Shawn Hornbeck, now 15, who was abducted in 2002.

McCulloch said the evidence includes interviews with all of the people involved. "Devlin acknowledged committing these acts," McCulloch said.

Both boys were found inside Devlin's apartment in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood on Jan. 12.

The charges allege that Devlin forced Ben to have "deviate sexual

intercourse" four times each day for the four days he was held.

The charges also allege that after kidnapping Hornbeck in October 2002, Devlin kept Shawn isolated in Devlin's apartment for the first month. The boy was forced to have intercourse with Devlin throughout that month and at least once a month until Shawn and Ben were found in January.

Authorities refused to discuss other details of the allegations beyond what was described in the charges.

Less than a week after the boys were found, Shawn's parents appeared on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, saying they believed he had been sexually abused during the ordeal.

In a written statement, defense attorneys Ethan Corlija and Michael Kiely said they have explained the charges to Devlin and that he understands they are "very serious."

"We have also told Mr. Devlin that we have received no evidence from any of the prosecutors about any of the charges," the statement said. "Common sense and the

Constitution would suggest that everyone should wait to hear any evidence before reaching any final judgment."

Devlin has pleaded not guilty to the kidnapping charges.

Authorities have said Devlin used a gun to threaten Shawn when he was abducted in 2002.

Scott Sherman, a lawyer representing Shawn and his family, said Shawn is willing to testify if the case goes to trial.

"I think he's committed to justice, as painful as it might be," Sherman said.

Shawn was 11 when he vanished while riding his bike near his home in Richwoods. Ben disappeared after he got off the school bus in Beaufort. A white pickup seen speeding away led police to Devlin, authorities said.

While it is The Associated Press' policy not to identify alleged victims of sexual abuse in most cases, the story of Shawn and Ben has been widely publicized and their names are now well-known. Also, their families have gone public, conducting several media interviews.

Budget

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would force painful sacrifices on beneficiaries. Instead, Medicare providers such as hospitals, nursing homes and home care providers would face payment cuts, while higher-income beneficiaries would pay greater premiums.

Less ambitious Bush proposals went nowhere when Republicans controlled Congress last year, and the budget process broke down amid election-year acrimony. Health care providers promised to lobby hard to kill the proposals again.

"Today's budget is devastating news for children, seniors and the disabled who depend on the Medicare and Medicaid programs," said Rich Umbdenstock, president of the American Hospital Association. "They are being unfairly singled out to carry the burden of achieving a balanced budget."

The cuts to Medicaid would come in part from curbing payments to states for administrative costs, which advocates for the poor say would force states to pass those cuts on to the poor.

Democrats griped that Bush would meet his five-year balanced-budget goal by forecasting far higher tax revenues than nonpartisan congressional estimators expect. His budget predicts a \$61-billion surplus in 2012, but the plan would generate almost \$100 billion in red ink that year instead under more cautious Congressional Budget Office revenue estimates.

White House officials countered that their estimates are in line with mainstream economists and are produced by career professionals at the Treasury Department.

"Instead of painting a rosy scenario on revenues to get to balance, we take a cautious approach," said Budget Director Rob Portman.

Extending Bush's tax cuts, most of which are to expire in 2010, would cost \$211 billion in 2012 and \$1.6 trillion over the next decade, according to budget documents.

Iraq continues to weigh on the nation's finances, accounting for well over half of the current year's projected deficit of \$244 billion. For 2008, the budget year that begins Oct. 1, Bush sees just a slight decline in the deficit to \$239 billion. He expects the decline to continue until reaching a surplus in 2012, three years after he has left office.

Democrats challenged those projections, contending that Bush would achieve a surplus only by leaving out the many billions of dollars Congress is expected to spend to keep the alternative minimum tax from ensnaring millions of middle-class taxpayers. His budget includes an AMT fix for just one year.

In theory, this could be a productive year on the budget since there's no election. Also, it can be easier to make painful budget choices when there is divided government. That's because it's virtually impossible for one political party to pass politically painful cuts to programs such as Medicare all by itself, but the job can be made easier if both parties agree to

make the leap.

Thus far, however, there's no sign of that. Bush is focused on Iraq and is sagging in opinion polls. He doesn't seem inclined to exert much political muscle on the budget, and Democrats won't take the lead on their own.

"The president really does have to play a leadership role and he's got to be willing to use up some of his capital," said Bob Greenstein, who heads the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "And I just don't see it happening in the current environment."

Bush proposes to eliminate or sharply reduce 141 federal programs totaling \$12 billion. But Congress has ignored these same recommended cuts in the past, including an attempt last year to kill the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides nutritionally balanced boxes of food to about a half-million poor people per month.

Democrats also promised to restore cuts from low-income heating subsidies, Head Start for preschool children, rural health programs and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by shifting some portion of Bush's big defense hike to domestic programs.

In addition, they are sure to again kill many proposed fees such as a medical care enrollment fee on higher-income veterans and higher co-payments for their prescription drugs. Congress has rejected both four years in a row. But Bush dropped a much-reviled increase in airline ticket taxes to pay for security screenings.

Perry's Republican allies attack HPV vaccine order

AUSTIN (AP) — Several key Republican lawmakers lashed out Monday at Gov. Rick Perry's edict requiring anticancer vaccines for all Texas schoolgirls and vowed to derail the plan before it takes effect.

State Sen. Jane Nelson urged Perry to rescind the order and said she will ask Attorney General Greg Abbott to rule on its legality. Three other Republican lawmakers filed bills that would override the mandate and several others were working on similar legislation. Leaders of the state Republican Party also asked Perry to change his mind.

"The public has the right to testify on this issue and the Legislature has the constitutional duty to be involved in this decision," said Nelson, who chairs the Senate's house and human services committee.

Perry defended his decision, saying his fellow conservatives were wrong to worry that mandating the vaccine will trample parents' rights and promote premarital sex.

Still, he could face a disgruntled crowd when he addresses both chambers of the Legislature on Tuesday in his biennial State of the State address. Many lawmakers said the governor didn't even tell them he was issuing the order, let alone ask their opinion.

"We don't want to be just a 'sometimes partner' with the governor," said Republican state Rep. Jim Keffer of Eastland, who chairs the tax-writing Ways and Means committee.

Perry's Friday order required the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules requiring the Merck & Co.'s new Gardasil vaccine for girls entering sixth grade as of September 2008. The vaccine protects girls against strains of the human papillomavirus, or HPV, that cause most cases of cervical cancer.

Two Democratic lawmakers filed

bills in the fall proposing similar vaccine requirements, and several of their colleagues said those proposals should have been allowed to run their course.

"At a minimum, our elected state legislators should have the opportunity to debate this issue and determine whether there is a public health emergency and, if so, whether this vaccination should be forced upon our children," Texas GOP party chairwoman Tena J. Benkiser and Dr. Robin Armstrong, GOP vice chairman, said in a statement.

Conservatives have several problems with the mandate, saying it contradicts Texas' abstinence-only sex education policies and strays too far into families' lives. They also balk at \$360 cost for the three-shot series and said Gardasil is too new to force on children as young as 11 or 12.

Parents can elect to avoid the vaccine by filing an affidavit outlining their religious or philosophical objections. But several lawmakers said they would prefer a voluntary program, where parents opt in instead of opting out.

"While the HPV vaccine can play a very important role in preventing cervical cancer, I don't think the government should ever presume to know better than the parents what to do with children," Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Perry, a conservative Christian who opposes abortion and stem-cell research using embryonic cells, counts on the religious right for his political base. But he has said the cervical cancer vaccine is no different from the one that protects children against polio.

"Providing the HPV vaccine doesn't promote sexual promiscuity anymore than providing the Hepatitis B vaccine promotes drug use," he said in a Monday statement. "If the

medical community developed a vaccine for lung cancer, would the same critics oppose it claiming it would encourage smoking?"

Perry has several ties to Merck, which is bankrolling efforts to pass state laws mandating the Gardasil vaccine for girls across the country. One of the drug company's three lobbyists in Texas is Mike Toomey, Perry's former chief of staff. He also received \$6,000 from Merck's political action committee during his re-election campaign.

He also has ties to Women in Government, a Merck-funded advocacy group made up of female state legislators around the country. His current chief of staff's mother-in-law, Texas Republican state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, is a state director for the group.

On Monday, however, Delisi issued a statement saying she believes the issue should come before the Legislature.

Regent

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the expansion of the four-year medical school in El Paso, nursing programs and the pharmacy program.

Aside from Attaya Islam's high level of professionalism and extensive knowledge of the university system, Hall said it was Attaya Islam's confident demeanor during the interview process that set her apart from the other candidates.

"She is definitely ready to jump in," she said. "She's very enthusiastic, and she's ready to do the best job she can for the Texas Tech University System."

Hall said though Attaya Islam has never been involved with student government, she has been very active in community service projects such as the HSC's "Phone-

A-Thon, Thank-A-Thon," a program designed to raise money for scholarships.

According to a press release from the Governor's Office, Attaya Islam is vice president of the Medical Biotechnology organization as well as former co-president of the HSC Graduate Student Association. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Tech before earning her doctoral degree in cell and molecular biology and biochemistry in 2005. She also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and L. Frederick Francis, chairman of the board of regents, expressed their excitement in a press release for the new student regent and the unique viewpoints she can bring to the board.

"Students are our first priority at Texas Tech," Hance said in the statement. "Having a student regent gives the students of both universities direct input into the decision making process. I look forward to working with Ebtesam."

Greenfield declined to comment on the appointment of his successor, though he did say he was confident Attaya Islam would do a good job.

Hall said the excitement in the HSC is widespread and hopes are high for the work Attaya Islam will do.

"We're very excited and we're very excited for her," she said. "She's going to do an excellent job representing the students of the Texas Tech University System."

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Tuesday's music preview



By IAN KLUMPP
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Fall Out Boy — "Infinity on High" — These kings of "emo" attempt to gain some rock 'n' roll credibility by trading in their catchy tunes for a sound that carries more of an edge; yet, they still come up short. The first single from the album, "This Ain't a Scene It's an Arms Race," is one of the peppier songs, complete with over-the-top production and a chorus line (which questions whether or not this band will ever establish rock 'n' roll credibility). FOB has never been a band to take seriously, and it is still overshadowed by antics such as having Jay-Z introduce the album on the first track. For the most part, the album continues the band's trend of lyrical gimmicks and long song titles, but there is the occasional track that showcases a different side of the band mates' music-writing talent, such as "Golden." Overall, the album offers further proof that

FOB will always be remembered for its junior high pop.

Bloc Party — "Weekend in the City" — This is the follow-up album to Bloc Party's smash-hit debut, "Silent Alarm." "Weekend in the City" showcases both progression and maturity in the band's music-writing ability, which may receive criticism because the band's sound has slowed down, much like the shift Coldplay made when it transitioned from "Parachutes" to "X&Y." Although the sound is different, "Weekend in the City" is still a beautiful look at metropolitan life and the everyday occurrences of a pulsing city; it covers everything from the lonely commute to work to casual sex. This is a great album, and fans should listen to it before acknowledging any negative criticism.

Yoko Ono — "I'm a Witch" — The woman who is remembered more for breaking up the Beatles than for her own musical career

releases an album in which she has paired herself with a handful of hip bands from today's generation. The album appears to be an attempt to remind people she made music of her own at one time. Ono is a cult musician largely noted for her unique vocals, which are nothing more than soul-shattering shrieks and perhaps a reason many people may ignore this album. Although Ono's voice is enough to drive anyone out of his or her mind, Ono's collaborations actually made this an album of interest. The shrieking diva has teamed up with bands such as The Flaming Lips, The Blood Brothers and Peaches (as well as many more) for an interesting reworking to some of her older songs. While it's a plus to have an album that features songs by The Flaming Lips or even Polyphonic Spree, it is a shame Ono must attempt to sing over the tracks.

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'The Messengers' debuts as top draw with take of \$14.7 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Messengers," a horror film about a family that moves into a haunted house in the country, debuted at the top of the weekend box office with \$14.7 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Media By Numbers LLC are:

1. "The Messengers," Sony Screen Gems, \$14,713,321, 2,528 locations, \$5,820 average, \$14,713,321, one week.
2. "Because I Said So," Universal, \$13,122,865, 2,526 locations, \$5,195 average, \$13,122,865, one week.
3. "Epic Movie," Fox, \$8,411,993, 2,840 locations, \$2,962 average, \$29,555,556, two weeks.
4. "Night at the Museum," Fox, \$6,385,843, 3,003 locations, \$2,126 average, \$225,001,335, seven weeks.

5. "Smokin' Aces," Universal, \$6,113,345, 2,219 locations, \$2,755 average, \$24,744,300, two weeks.

6. "Stomp the Yard," Sony Screen Gems, \$4,055,791, 2,169 locations, \$1,870 average, \$55,857,184, four weeks.

7. "Dreamgirls," Paramount, \$4,000,521, 2,797 locations, \$1,430 average, \$92,748,249, eight weeks.

8. "Pan's Labyrinth," Picturehouse, \$3,682,699, 1,082 locations, \$3,404 average, \$21,715,849, six weeks.

9. "The Pursuit of Happyness," Sony, \$2,966,454, 2,233 locations, \$1,328 average, \$157,217,102, eight weeks.

10. "The Queen," Miramax, \$2,650,134, 1,850 locations, \$1,433 average, \$45,461,958, 19 weeks.

11. "Catch and Release," Sony, \$2,576,948, 1,622 locations, \$1,589 average, \$11,887,958, two weeks.

12. "The Departed," Warner Bros., \$2,287,463, 1,453 locations, \$1,574 average, \$128,583,307, 18 weeks.

13. "Freedom Writers," Paramount, \$1,860,547, 1,915 locations,

\$972 average, \$34,150,008, five weeks.

14. "Notes on a Scandal," Fox, \$1,750,593, 682 locations, \$2,567 average, \$11,748,839, seven weeks.

15. "Babel," Paramount Vantage, \$1,701,657, 1,090 locations, \$1,561 average, \$29,715,747, 15 weeks.

16. "Letters From Iwo Jima," Warner Bros., \$1,696,356, 720 locations, \$2,356 average, \$7,478,563, seven weeks.

17. "The Last King of Scotland," Fox Searchlight, \$1,268,117, 528 locations, \$2,402 average, \$9,624,115, 19 weeks.

18. "Children of Men," Universal, \$1,123,360, 826 locations, \$1,360 average, \$32,726,893, seven weeks.

19. "The Hitcher," Focus Features/Rogue Pictures, \$1,104,594, 1,496 locations, \$738 average, \$15,533,892, three weeks.

20. "Arthur and the Invisibles," MGM, \$1,015,026, 1,245 locations, \$815 average, \$12,777,894, four weeks.

Art

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untitled painting brings both coffee and music to mind.

The pieces of the exhibit certainly vary; works range from John T. Scott's "Composition for George Lewis," a welded-bronze cast of golf clubs, to Lawrence Compton's sculptures of a

chair and a bed, simply entitled "Chair" and "Bed."

Sam Gilliam's "Castle" spurred the most talk from two of the exhibit's visitors Sunday. Cindy McCartney, a Lubbock resident, said the work reminded her of the view from a plane flying over the fields of West Texas.

"Art's a feeling," McCartney said. "It's an expression of feelings. [Artists] are trying to get

someone to feel."

Gilliam's canvas for "Castle" is uniquely constructed into a diamond-like shape, the entire piece taking a 3-D form. The acrylic paint on the canvas is applied thickly — in globs, really — and each area of color contains rows of lines that look like they've been created through some process of raking. The colors of Gilliam's work, like many of the pieces in the exhibit, are bright greens, yellows, reds and blues.

"I like [Gilliam] best," said Jackie Salter, a Tech museum science graduate student from Lubbock and daughter of McCartney. "He does a lot of 3-D. I'm more interested in how [the artists] do it; I love modern art."

While I enjoyed the exhibit, not much of it was very eye-catching for me. There was one particular piece that struck my fancy, though. "Tradition," by Joe Overstreet, is an oil on stainless-steel cloth. The stainless steel looks like a window screen, but painted onto it is a complex pattern of black and white flowers and crests. Some portions of the screen contain thick amounts of paint with the pattern clearly defined; other portions contain only enough paint for the pattern to be barely visible, causing it to look almost as if it were projected onto the cloth. The smeared and scraped portions of the flower design, as well as the black colors of the screen, give the work a charred appearance, as if it had been damaged in a fire. When I looked at "Tradition," I thought of vintage photographs and old stories, even memories of an elderly lady's wallpaper. Sometimes abstract art leaves viewers hanging because the message is not as readily apparent as it might have been in another form. Overstreet's piece immediately stirs deep thought, and that is what I liked about it.

The "Something to Look Forward to" exhibition will be on display at the museum until April 15. Parking and admission are free. Lovers of the abstract and bright colors will enjoy this one.

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By WES SKIPWITH
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After finishing the season-opening series against Stephen F. Austin with a 1-1 split Sunday, the Texas Tech baseball team will be looking to rise above .500 against the New Mexico Lobos today at home.

Tech coach Larry Hays said the team wants to improve its clutch hitting after struggling against SFA. In the second game of the series Sunday, the Red Raiders had eight hits but managed to generate only one run, stranding 14 runners.

"We didn't hit enough at the right time," Hays said. "We threatened more than they did. We just didn't have anyone come up with a big hit."

Sophomore right fielder Roger Kieschnick said he is not concerned with the team's early offensive struggles, and he is confident Tech's hitting will improve as the season progresses.

"It's early and we know we can hit the ball, so that's not a problem right now," Kieschnick said.

In both games against SFA, Tech fell behind early. Saturday, Tech was held scoreless until the seventh inning when senior shortstop Kyle Martin and junior left fielder Geoff Byrns hit back-to-back home runs. The Red Raiders were able

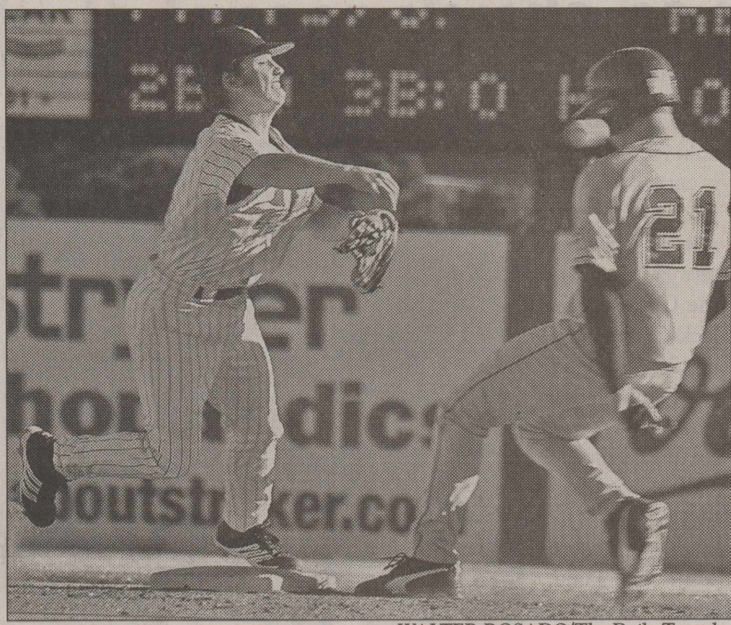
to rally back and get the win in extra innings. Sunday, Tech fell behind in the third inning and never found a way to come back, losing 2-1.

Kieschnick said the offense needs to avoid falling in the opening innings of the game in order to be successful against the Lobos.

"We have to come out strong in the first inning and focus on getting ahead early," Kieschnick said. "Instead of them scoring first, we need to score first."

Hays said New Mexico is usually a strong offensive club, and he is expecting some good hitters from them against his ball club. Seven starters from a lineup that batted for a combined .324 average in 2006 return for the Lobos. First baseman Daniel Stoval, second baseman Jordan Pacheco and third baseman Ian Hollick were all named to a 2006 Louisville Slugger All-American team. Stoval batted .323 with 75 RBIs, Pacheco had a batting average of .351 with 79 runs scored and Hollick led the team with a .376 batting average and 11 home runs.

Hays said he expects to start junior right-handed pitcher Josh Scofield, who transferred to Tech after posting a 6-3 record with 2.40 ERA and 65 strikeouts last season at the Community College of Southern Nevada. He made a brief



TEXAS TECH INFILDER Joey Kenworthy throws to first to make a double play during the Red Raiders' first victory against SFA Saturday afternoon at Dan Law field.

appearance on the mound Saturday, pitching one inning while giving up one hit.

Expected starting pitcher for New Mexico is either junior Jacob Norton or junior Bobby LaFromboise. Both transferred from Rio Hondo Community College where LaFromboise finished 12-3 with 112 strikeouts and Norton went 6-3 with a 3.97 ERA in 2006.

Hays said the main thing the Tech players need to improve on from last game is their at-bats. He wants his batters to be more relaxed and willing to take what opposing pitchers

give them. "When you playing in front of your fans, you want to please them," Hays said. "I think until you learn how to handle that, it will cause you to swing at pitches you usually won't."

Today's game is New Mexico's season opener. The Lobos are coming off a 2006 season in which they posted a 30-29 record. Tech has won eight straight against New Mexico and leads the all-time series 52-30-1.

First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Dan Law Field. wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

Hall of Fame QBs hope next coach takes team where they each did

DALLAS (AP) — Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman hope the Dallas Cowboys find the coach that can take the team where the Hall of Fame quarterbacks often did: deep into the postseason.

"There's enough talent now to have a good ending to this decade," Staubach said Monday. "This will be the first decade we haven't (won) in the playoffs if we don't do something ... there is talent on this team."

Staubach and Aikman are the quarterbacks who led the Cowboys to their five Super Bowl titles. But the last was 11 years ago when they won their third in four seasons with Aikman, Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin, who was just elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Dallas has now lost five straight playoff games since an NFC wild-card victory in December 1996, and the search for retired coach Bill Parcells' replacement is into its third week.

"As a former player, I'd like to see the Cowboys have success," Aikman said. "For all of us that were part of helping build something here in the Dallas, we'd like to see that continue."

Parcells' final game was a wild-card loss at Seattle last month, his second playoff loss in his four seasons.

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones has formally interviewed eight candidates since

Parcells retired Jan. 22. He could add to that list before naming the team's seventh coach — the sixth since he bought the team in 1989.

By waiting until after Super Bowl, Jones could interview Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera and Jim Caldwell, the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach for the Indianapolis Colts. But it wasn't clear Monday when or if that would happen.

The last two candidates Jones interviewed were both San Francisco assistants: two-time head coach and former Cowboys offensive coordinator Norv Turner and Hall of Fame line-backer Mike Singletary.

After those interviews, Jones said that he would wait to name a new coach and has "got to get this right." He didn't say how long after the Super Bowl that would be.

"I don't think he got the last one wrong. I feel that Bill Parcells did a great job," Aikman said. "I know where this organization was when he took over. And it was in total disarray. ... (Now) whoever steps into this job is taking over a playoff team that if they don't win in the playoffs, it's going to be viewed as a failure."

Staubach and Aikman met with Dallas-area media Monday — also Staubach's 65th birthday — to talk about their Hall of Fame Racing team, which is preparing for its second NASCAR season. But, questions about the Cowboys couldn't be avoided.

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SPORTS

Tech awaits Nebraska to shuck recent skid

By JAY LANGLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Less than two weeks ago, the Texas Tech men's basketball team sat tied for first in the Big 12 Conference after back-to-back wins against Top-10 teams Kansas and Texas A&M. Following the team's first three-game losing streak of the season, the Raiders (15-8, 4-4 Big 12) find themselves in the middle of the pack trying to stay afloat in the conference.

"The mood of the team is a little down because we lost three-in-a-row," Tech forward Martin Zeno said. "Of course that's gonna take a lot of out you, but we just gotta turn that around these next eight games in order to make the tournament because that's what we're trying to do."

The first of Tech's remaining eight games comes tonight at the United Spirit Arena when the Nebraska Cornhuskers come to Lubbock. Nebraska (13-8, 2-5) is led by 6-foot-11 center Aleks Maric.

Maric, a member of the Australian

Senior National team, ranks sixth in the Big 12 with 17 points per game, third in the conference with 7.9 rebounds per game and he leads the conference in field goal percentage, shooting 61 percent from the floor.

"He's one of the more underrated players in the conference," Tech guard Jarrius Jackson said. "He is really athletic for his size."

One of the lone bright spots in Tech's string of three losses has been the play of Jackson, who averaged 24 points per game over the losing streak, including a season-high 31 points in Saturday's loss at Oklahoma.

"I just felt like I needed to be more aggressive," Jackson said, "not just on the offensive end but on the defensive end as well."

For the season, Jackson leads the Raiders in scoring with 20.5 points per game, good for third in the Big 12. With his 31-point effort Saturday, the guard from Monroe, La., became just the fourth player in Tech history to record 2,000 career points (2,016).

In last season's game, Tech beat

Nebraska in Lincoln 70-64 behind a career-high 41 points from Jackson. In three career games against the Cornhuskers, Jackson is averaging 23 points per game, his highest average against any Big 12 foe.

Zeno, who is second on the team with 16.4 points per game, said it is important for the team to get production from someone other than Jackson.

"Other people need to step up," Zeno said. "Not just on the offensive end but on defense too. It's our defensive rules, not blocking out and things like that. It's not so much offense and shot selection but it's more defense and stopping people."

Tech coach Bob Knight said Jackson's recent scoring increase is a result of the all-conference guard being more aggressive on the offensive end. "I think he is working harder to get open," Knight said of Jackson. "In Saturday's game, I think he cut better than he has all season. Sometimes he has a tendency to wait for the ball to come to him and that's easy to defend. But when you cut and move without the ball, the defense has a lot harder time reacting to what you're going to do and I think he's been doing that."

Despite Nebraska's sub .500 conference record, Knight said he has seen a lot of improvement out of the Cornhuskers over the span of the 2006-07 season.

"Nebraska has played both ends of



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the floor really well in the few tapes that I have seen," he said. "They have played on the offensive end with great patience and have progressed really well over the course of the season."

First-year Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said there is not much game planning that goes into facing Tech's motion offense.

"You really gotta just hope that they miss some shots," Sadler said. "They do so much movement on offense and can react to anything that you do defensively, that there is not really any way to stop them. If they are making shots there is no one in the league that can stop them. So hopefully they'll miss some shots against us."

Men's AP Top 25 poll

1. Florida
2. UCLA
3. Ohio St.
4. Wisconsin
5. North Carolina
6. Texas A&M
7. Pittsburgh
8. Memphis
9. Kansas
10. Butler
11. Marquette
12. Nevada
13. Oregon
14. Washington St.
15. Air Force
16. Duke
17. Oklahoma St.
18. Alabama
19. Southern Cal
20. Kentucky
21. S. Illinois
22. Georgetown
23. Vanderbilt
24. Arizona
25. Stanford

Others receiving votes: Virginia 124, Indiana 117, Notre Dame 108, Texas 105, Kansas St. 85, Virginia Tech 71, Boston College 68, West Virginia 59, Va. Commonwealth 42, New Mexico St. 32, Florida St. 24, Creighton 19, BYU 15, Clemson 15, N.C. State 15, Gonzaga 11, Akron 10, UNLV 10, Maryland 9, Tennessee 8, Massachusetts 4, Winthrop 2, Michigan St. 1, Old Dominion 1, Texas Tech 1, Villanova 1.

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1. Duke
2. North Carolina
3. Tennessee
4. Ohio St.
5. Connecticut
6. Maryland
7. LSU
8. George Washington
9. Georgia
10. Arizona St.
11. Stanford
12. Oklahoma
13. Purdue
14. Vanderbilt
15. Baylor
16. Texas A&M
17. Louisville
18. Bowling Green
19. Middle Tennessee
20. California
21. Nebraska
22. Rutgers
23. Marquette
24. Wisconsin - Green Bay
25. James Madison

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