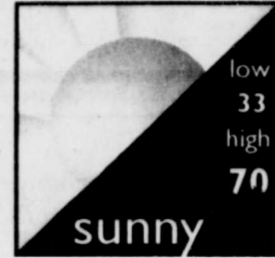




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Tech policy prepares for peer review

BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

The debate is over, and performance reviews for tenured professors are now a fact of life across the state. Championed by Texas Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, post-tenure review was designed to make professors accountable for their performance. Proponents said tenured professors were the only people in the state virtually guaranteed lifetime employment regardless of how they did their jobs.

Little should change at Tech if the Board of Regents approves the new review guidelines in March, said Chancellor John Montford. Tech has had a faculty review policy in place for years, and that policy only needs a few adjustments to be in accordance with the new state law.

Lewis Held, a biology professor, said Tech's new policy is the best that could be done under the circumstances. Although he said the policy still could be used to threaten academic freedom, "it could have been much worse," he said.

The major difference between Tech's old policy and the new one is that all departments will be required to have a procedure for peer review, Held said. The professors in each department will be asked to review the performance of their colleagues.

Peer review was designed as a check on the authority of department heads, but it could turn performance reviews into a popularity contest, he said. Although it is difficult for anyone to be totally objective in reviewing peers, Held said sufficient safeguards exist to make the new program workable.

Another important change in Tech's policy may be a plus for professors. The standard teachers are compared against has changed from "satisfactory" to "incompetent" performance.

This slight change in wording will make it harder for administrators to let personal feelings about a faculty member influence evaluation, Held said.

For other schools, the change to post-tenure review will be more drastic. For the schools that never had a review policy for tenured professors, the new law will mark a significant change in policy.

The Texas Association of College Teachers was one group that lobbied the Texas Legislature to express concerns about the bill. Several changes recommended by TACT were included in the final bill.

One such amendment changed the official name of the program from "post-tenure review" to "performance evaluation of tenured faculty." Another guaranteed that faculty would be allowed input into how review programs are set up at individual schools.

One of the main points of controversy about the bill was whether reviews would center on helping faculty improve, rather than threats of termination, said TACT executive director Charles Zucker. The final bill was a compromise that kept elements of both ideas.

TACT also helped expand the process of appealing negative reviews, Zucker said.

Although TACT never supported the idea of using reviews to fire professors, it always has endorsed reviews to improve performance, he said.

Now that faculty review is the law, there are some concerns that administrators will use that law to come down on professors with unpopular views, Zucker said. But tenure is by no means an obsolete idea, and professors still can rely on it to help protect their academic freedoms and freedom of speech.

HSC loses funds to avenue

Work begins soon on Indiana Avenue

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will see less of its Higher Education Assistance Fund because of the rerouting of Indiana Avenue, approved Friday by the Texas Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

John Opperman, Tech vice chancellor for fiscal affairs and administration, said the funding for Indiana Avenue will cost \$8.5 million and \$6.5 million of that will come from the TTUHSC's 1998 as well as 1999 Higher Education Assistance Fund. The remainder will come from other sources.

Construction could begin late this summer or early fall and will be done in two or three phases, Opperman

said. But some details have to be worked out before construction can begin.

"There's quite a bit of engineering design still to be done," Opperman said. "We will contract out for designing work."

Indiana Avenue between 19th Street and Fourth Street will connect through Memphis and Quaker and extend past Fourth to the Loop.

According to the Master Plan, the avenue is being redesigned to better connect the core university campus of Tech with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, as well as provide a more convenient route to the emergency center at the University Medical Center and for entrance from Loop 289.

Tech also hopes to receive \$2 mil-

lion in federal grant money, but this is pending on whether the grant is approved in current legislation, he said.

"The grant money is down to a matter of the process of legislation," Opperman said. "The money would be used for the widening and depressing of the highway, and it affects our master plan."

The Texas Department of Transportation is in the planning stages of expanding the East /West Freeway, also known as Brownfield Highway, which runs alongside Tech and connects with Indiana Avenue.

Penny Mason, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said the expansion of the freeway will begin at Interstate 27 and extend west one mile past West

Loop 289.

The expansion will be done in nine different projects, and Mason said the source of funding has not been determined yet.

"We will have to go to the state to compete for funding," she said. "Plans for the expansion are not complete, but we have received \$90 million for the right-of-way buying phase we are currently in."

Mason said with Tech's Master Plan having just been approved in November, the Department of Transportation has not had an opportunity to discuss how changes in Indiana Avenue will affect the freeway's expansion.

The department of transportation expects to have the first construction project begun by 2001.



Double Take: Chris McCaffey, a freshman undecided major from Houston, does forearm curls at the Student Recreation Center.
Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Clinton emphatically denies sex with intern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fighting to save his presidency, President Clinton on Monday emphatically denied a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and sought to reassure wavering Democrats that he will survive the scandal. "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," he said.

With his wife standing at his side, Clinton wagged his finger at TV cameras and declared: "I've never told anybody to lie, not a single time. Never."

The dramatic White House statement marked the first comments on the subject from Clinton since Lewinsky told prosecutors she was willing to testify under the protection of full immunity that she had an affair with him.

This action raises the prospect of a high-stakes showdown between the president and a former White House intern.



Clinton
Clinton, 24, told a friend she had an affair with Clinton but later denied the claim in an affidavit. She spent several hours Monday with her attorneys, both at her Watergate apartment and a local law office.
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Warned by legal advisers that impeachment is not out

There is no turning back now for Clinton if Lewinsky changes her story and says she had sexual relations with him.

Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said Clinton's statement "sounded pretty categorical to me. I don't see any weasel words."

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Warned by legal advisers that impeachment is not out

of the question, the president again refused to publicly explain his relationship with Lewinsky. Aides now say the president will wait weeks or even months to provide a full accounting, unless Monday's effort fails to slow the political hemorrhaging.

Aides also promised to be ready to discredit Lewinsky if she turns against Clinton.

The president's fresh denial did not put the issue to rest. Reporters asked spokesman Mike McCurry exactly what sex acts Clinton would include under the term "sexual relations."

McCurry replied testily, "I'm not going to dignify that question."

The critical test will be on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and Republicans alike are using grave terms to discuss the mounting scandal.

Oprah craze sparks students' opinions

Many surprised at city's popularity

BY LAURA HENSLEY
The University Daily

A couple of hours drive north of Lubbock, an entire town has been thrown into the national limelight. All it took was one famous person to come to town, stay awhile and offer some entertainment, along with a full-blown lawsuit.

Amarillo, known for its larger-than-life steak house, friendly Texas atmosphere and, of course, cattle production is feeling the shock waves of a celebrity's presence. National media coverage is being thrown into headlines about a town that never even would have dreamed of such fame before.

Before Oprah came.
Lynn Sadler, a freshman undecided

major from Amarillo, said before there was Oprah in Amarillo, no one ever heard that much about the town.

"I think it's neat, because you usually don't hear much about Amarillo," Sadler said. "You never think of anyone knowing where it is or really caring much. But now Oprah's here, and all of that has changed."

After comments were made by Oprah Winfrey on the April 16, 1996 edition of her nationally aired talk show, she has found herself being accused of defa-

mation causing cattle prices to plummet. The segment of the show under question included a discussion about mad cow disease in the United States.

Katie McWhorter, a freshman nursing major from Canyon, said she is more on the cattlemen's side. McWhorter's father owns a feedlot in Hereford, and she said her family suffered the effects of Winfrey's statement.

"I think what she said was wrong, and I think she should have looked more into See OPRAH, page 6

“ You never think of anyone knowing where it is... ”
Lynn Sadler, Tech student from Amarillo

Militants slaughter 23 villagers in northern India

WANDHAMA, India (AP) — Undermining India's claims that an insurgency in the disputed state of Kashmir is waning, suspected Muslim separatists slaughtered 23 Hindus and torched parts of a Himalayan village, police said.

The massacre Sunday night in the village of Wandhama, 13 miles north of Srinagar, was one of the worst targeting Hindus in the 8-year-old Muslim campaign for independence from India, an uprising that has killed more than 15,000 people. Muslim neighbors joined Hindu mourners in this village for the cremation and funeral rites Monday. Hindus came from nearby villages to show support and to complain that the government

was not doing enough to protect them.

No Kashmiri guerrilla groups immediately claimed responsibility for the shooting spree. Police said the assailants were believed to be "Afghans," a term used for non-Kashmiris who come in from Pakistan to join the anti-India fight.

The militants want independence for Kashmir, the only Muslim-dominated territory in predominantly Hindu India, or a union with Muslim Pakistan.

In Sunday's massacre, 12-year-old Vinod Kumar Kaul said five armed men came to his family's door and asked for tea — and then opened fire when they were allowed in. Kaul's father, mother and two siblings were killed.

Texas Tech chemistry professor Dominick Casadonte will perform a variety of chemistry experiments demonstrating different chemical principles and properties at noon Wednesday in the University Center Courtyard as part of Tech Unplugged.

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CAMPUSbriefs

•The University of Texas is in the "embryonic stages" of a plan to develop part of northeast Austin into a 36-hole golf complex. The complex would include a hotel, country club and conference center. Planned Environments, Inc. has surveyed the area to design the \$4 million course. The hotel, country club and conference center would cost about \$10 million, to be paid for by private investors. UT officials are being tight-lipped about the deal, which would be intended to accommo-

date UT golf teams.

•Medical school employees at the University of Arizona filed suit against UA's Board of Regents alleging they were wrongly fired because they were unable to work after being exposed to formaldehyde. The five employees did computer work at the school and were terminated from their positions more than three years after their initial contact with the chemical. The employees were removed from their jobs under the Medical Removal Act, a law that relocates

employees exposed to the gas or puts them on medical leave.

The five employees said the university did not accommodate them after their severe reactions to the chemical disallowed them to continue work. UA lawyers said the university terminated the employees because the did not return to work after their medical leave and refused other jobs offered to them.

•The University of Kansas' non-denominational Danforth Chapel allows same-sex marriages in a time

where many churches turn same-sex couples away.

The University does not have a policy to prevent homosexual couples from using the chapel for a wedding, as long as the focus of the ceremony remains religious in nature.

Although same-sex marriages are permitted at the Danforth chapel, they are not legally recognized in Kansas. In fact, no state recognizes them. Hawaii, however, has proposed legislation that would make same-sex marriages legal.

Pope leaves Cubans with renewed faith, hope

HAVANA (AP) — Pope John Paul II gave Cuba's church an ambitious mission: to expand its role in Cuban society through Catholic education, greater access to mass media, more priests and more charity work. Churchmen said Monday they were optimistic they can fulfill at least some of those goals.

The pope flew out of Cuba on Sunday with strong calls for "greater liberty and pluralism" on the communist island, but his five-day visit also seemed to establish an unprecedented level of cooperation with Fidel Castro's government.

"I believe the balance was very positive and hope that the word of the pope will help a peaceful transformation of current structures toward forms of greater liberty, greater participation," Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, told Vatican Radio on return to Italy.

It was not clear if the pontiff won specific commitments from Cuba; indeed, those were not the main point

of his pastoral visit to a country that abandoned official atheism only in 1992.

"The visit was never conditioned" on solving specific church complaints, Cuban church spokesman Orlando Marquez said.

Yet the pontiff laid out a broad series of goals during his visit.

Some seem unlikely: Cuban officials say they want to keep public education a state monopoly and will probably not honor the papal request to reopen Catholic schools.

Other goals could see partial success. The pope urged Castro to release political prisoners. The government made no comment, but has often released some prisoners following vis-

its by other prominent visitors.

Yet other requests will be subject to negotiations — and occasional conflicts — with a government that seems to have opened a more receptive ear to churches.

Ahead of the papal visit, the government gave permission for several dozen new foreign priests and nuns. The pope, however, said "we ardently hope" the arrival of more will be eased for an island with fewer than 300 priests for 11 million people.

Catholic charities such as Caritas have grown rapidly, but sometimes face problems importing goods and equipment. "God willing, may it be made easier for you to receive and distribute the resources which so

many sister churches want to share with you," John Paul said.

He also urged Catholics to expand efforts in fields that have sometimes brought them into conflict with officials: educating "in the areas of culture, economics, politics and the human person." But he may already have achieved the greatest goal of his visit to an island where three decades of official atheism left many Cubans strangers to the message of the church.

As crews worked in the rain Monday to dismantle the lofty papal altar in Havana's Plaza of the Revolution, tourists took turns posing for pictures in the papal chair and schoolchildren filed into a nearby photo exhibit of Castro's November 1996 meeting with the pope in Rome.

"I went to see him when he arrived and I watched Sunday's Mass on TV," said Ana Maria Lastre, 12. Asked if she goes to church, she answered, "No, I don't go to Mass, but now I might be more interested to see what Mass is all about."

“No, I don't go to Mass, but now I might be more interested...”

Ana Maria Lastre

THE ROAD TO RESEARCH I

Charting The Path With Silicon Graphics/Cray Research
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Texas Tech International Cultural Center
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Silicon Graphics/Cray Research, the established leader in High Performance and Visual Computing, will be on campus to showcase the technologies available to help Texas Tech University become a leader among world-class research supercomputing sites. High performance computing experts from Cray Research will be giving one hour presentations throughout the day. Demonstrations of software and technology applications will be repeated every half hour. (If you received an invitation through the mail: Please note that some of the presentation times have changed.)

Presentation Series

Session 1: Time: 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
SGI/Cray Involvement with Environmental Sciences
 • Current state of research in the environmental sciences
 • Computational and visualization challenges
 • Scope of similar sites including typical hardware, number of researchers and compute hours
 Presenters: Neil Wheeler, North Carolina Supercomputing Center; Rene Carpenter, Environmental Applications Engineer, SGI/Cray

Session 2: Time: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

SGI/Cray and High Performance Computing Research
 • SGI/Cray's role as the world leader in developing High Performance Computing sites.
 • Research applications for Chemistry, CFD, Structural Mechanics, Sciences.
 • The advantages of World Class High Performance Computing site status.
 Presenter: Tom Reed, SGI/Cray Research Tech Center

Session 3: Time: 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

SGI/Cray in Higher Education/Research Initiatives
 • National University/Research partnerships
 • Funding, hardware, software, people costs and focus for current projects
 Presenter: Eric Pitcher, Senior Director of Higher Education Marketing, SGI/Cray Research

Session 4: Time: 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Tech campus to be site of Millennium sculpture

BY JONATHAN CARROLL
The University Daily

The Texas Tech campus was chosen as the North American location for a series of sculptures being placed on each continent of the world.

The name of the project is the Millennium Circle Sculpture Project, and world-renowned sculptor Edwina Sandys is responsible for the series of sculptures.

Sandys is the granddaughter of Winston Churchill and was named "The most influential sculptress in the world" by the United Nations in 1997.

The sculpture being placed on Tech will be the first to be constructed of the series.

The European sculpture will be in Waterford, Ireland.

The other sites have not been de-

termined.

"Certainly, it will bring attention and focus to the campus, especially focus and attention to the arts," said Chancellor John Montford.

"This handsome sculpture addition will provide a great gathering point for students and faculty on campus."

The Master Plan calls for additional art work on the campus, and this sculpture is part of this, Montford said.

The sculpture will resemble the world famous Stonehenge, located on the Salisbury Plain in South England.

One of the differences is the Millennium Circle will have human forms carved out of the gigantic stones.

The sculpture will include special sidewalk pavement made of Tech brick, benches, seat walls and

pedestrian and landscape lighting.

The cost of the project is \$775,000. Funding for the project will come from private donations, Montford said.

The fund-raising effort to raise the \$775,000 will be completed by March 1.

After the funds are raised, construction for the sculpture will begin. Completion of the sculpture is slated for April of 1999.

The sculpture will be located at the Urbanovsky Park, which is located near the Chitwood and Weymouth residence halls.

The sculpture will be made of Austin Granite, which is a pinkish grey color.

The idea for placing the sculpture in Texas came from Kathryn Gilbreath, senior development officer for the Colleges of Human Sciences.

Gilbreath met Sandys at a dinner party in New York last year. During the dinner, Gilbreath learned of the sculptress' plan and mentioned placing it in Texas.

She then sent Sandys a issue of the April 1997 *Texas Highways* magazine in a thank you note to Sandys. The issue included a picture of the Lubbock Lake Landmark.

"I flipped when I saw the photograph," Sandys said.

Sandys later met with Montford and Gilbreath about the sculpture and plans to build the sculpture at Tech began.

The big skies and history of the area were the reason the sculpture was brought to Tech, she said.

"I wanted it connected to a body that would look after it," Sandys said. "I hope it lasts as long the history."



courtesy photo

Tech-henge: Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford and sculptress Edwina Sandys show the Millennium sculpture, which will be placed on the Tech campus. A copy of the sculpture, which resembles Stonehenge with human forms carved out of the blocks, will be placed on all seven continents. Funds for the project will come from private donors.

Judge rules Navy violated 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge said Monday the Navy "embarked on a search and 'outing' mission" in ordering the dismissal of a sailor accused of homosexuality based on information obtained from an online service.

In ruling that Timothy R. McVeigh should remain on active duty pending the final outcome of the case, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin said McVeigh is likely to prevail in his contention that the Navy violated the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military, and a federal electronic privacy law.

"This court finds that the Navy has gone too far," Sporkin wrote in his 15-page decision. "Although Officer McVeigh did not publicly announce his sexual orientation, the Navy nonetheless impermissibly embarked on a search and 'outing' mission."

Though not the final word in the case, Monday's decision represents a sharp rebuke of the Navy, both for its enforcement of the military policy on homosexuality and for the intrusiveness of its in-

vestigation. It promises to reverberate beyond the military to all government that might want to bolster investigations by demanding information from online computer services.

Senior Chief Petty Officer McVeigh, a highly decorated 17-year Navy veteran, landed in trouble last fall when the Navy found a "profile page" posted on America Online in which a "Tim" from Honolulu described himself as gay and expressed a sexual interest in young men. A Navy investigator called AOL anonymously and obtained the author's full name, a disclosure AOL later said it regretted and was a violation of its own confidentiality policies.

Attorneys for McVeigh contended their client never stated publicly that he was gay and, therefore, the Navy had no right to ask about his sexual orientation. Further, they argued the Navy violated the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act by obtaining information without a warrant or court order.

Program helps teach elementary students to read

BY CAREN CARNEFIX
The University Daily

Texas Tech students had the opportunity to volunteer in a program that helps Lubbock elementary students improve their reading skills when Helping One Student To Succeed recruiters visited campus Monday.

HOSTS is a national program provided as part of Title I to help provide supplementary instruction to economically disadvantaged elementary students.

Volunteers act as mentors working with the students one-on-one for a half an hour each week.

Although the program requires mentors to volunteer once a week, the students meet with volunteers four times each week.

Students from Posey, Harwell, Wheatly, McWhorter and Bean elementary schools receive recommendations from teachers to be in the HOSTS program based on their reading levels.

"Teachers select students who have some success in reading, but not enough," Ann Hannel of the central office of HOSTS said. "There are probes almost daily which test the students' progress. We move them along very fast. It's not remediation, it's acceleration."

Hannel said students return to their expected reading level within a year of working with mentors. Mentors come to specified HOSTS rooms in the elementary schools where a teacher monitors the activity.

The teacher is there only to help

the mentors when he or she needs help, Hannel said.

HOSTS receives federal funds to help pay for staff and resources, she said.

"It's amazing how expensive this program would be without the volunteers," Hannel said.

Tech students make up about one-fourth of the 1,200 volunteers of Lubbock, she said.

HOSTS often recruits education majors to provide them with the opportunity to work with economically disadvantaged children, Hannel said. Tech participants are often freshmen or sophomores fulfilling a one hour credit for field experience.

Though Jenny Moore is not an education major, she initially joined HOSTS to fulfill a one-hour philan-

thropy credit.

"I went once and fell in love with it," said Moore, a sophomore industrial engineering major from Lubbock. "You get to know some really cool kids, and it's a whole different perspective. You don't get to see that side of Lubbock, and some of these kids have it hard."

Moore began volunteering in fall 1996 for an hour each week, and she said college students make a significant impact on the children.

"Children from low socioeconomic groups don't see role models past high school," Moore said. "It gives them something to look up to and see a living example of what happens after high school. They like the grownups, but I think we could have a bigger long-run impact."

Britain's Queen Mother recovering from hip replacement surgery

LONDON (AP) — Well-wishers brought bouquets and waited outside the hospital Monday where Queen Elizabeth II's widely loved 97-year-old mother underwent hip replacement surgery after a fall.

With the Queen Mother Elizabeth allowed no visitors for now, the queen remained at Sandringham, the royal estate in eastern England where her

mother stumbled and fell Sunday while viewing horses.

The operation, performed Sunday night with six doctors in attendance, was a success, Buckingham Palace said, adding, "Her Majesty passed a comfortable night."

The popularity of the Queen Mother, or the "queen mum" as she is affectionately known in Britain, has

never sagged throughout the troubled private lives of the younger royals.

She had her right hip replaced in 1995 and apparently recovered well from that operation.

Doctors at the King Edward VII hospital in London decided to operate immediately on her broken hip, apparently spurred by the need to get elderly patients on their feet again to

avoid blood-clotting and bedsores.

She earned huge public affection during World War II by staying in heavily bombed London with her husband and two daughters and visiting the capital's shattered East End.

The queen, her husband, Prince Philip, and her sister, Princess Margaret, were all at Sandringham when the Queen Mother fell.

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Money miracle\$

Organization offers religious roads to finances



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quotes the Bible is telling the truth. Besides, the letter was full of testimonies and pictures of real people, and you just can't make that sort of stuff up. Not in the name of religion.

I was so touched by the emotional outpouring of people that were blessed because they sent in a postcard. This one woman was cured of cancer, and "then this lady passed away" and left the woman a "7-room house, 2 automobiles [she] can't even drive" and \$9,780." Isn't that amazing?

Mrs. R.W. from Pennsylvania wrote to the organization asking that they please "pray that God would bless [her] with a larger house" and hallelujah she now has a "beautiful three apartment building. It's called a triplex, because there are three separate apartments in it, and [she] owns them all."

The story that touched me the most was that of Sister J.B.M. who "was so far behind, [she] was almost broke." But after sending in the card, she was blessed with \$1,000.35.

When I read that I thought "Wow."

That's all I could think was just "Wow." How can people say that's not a miracle?

Now, if she had gotten just \$1,000, I would have thought "Oh, it's just a coincidence that she sent in that postcard."

But the fact that she received \$1,000 and 35 cents just proves that this is truly God's work as a result of the postcard she sent to the 46-year-old organization of praying people.

As if money isn't enough to make you happy, by sending a postcard to the people of the 46-year-old organization of praying people, you also can receive a "Bible health, prosperity and happiness cross" for free.

You will get a totally free cross, just by checking a box saying that you want someone to pray that you receive money. I mean, how much easier does it get?

And all this time I thought that I had to work to make money and be happy, but now I know that it's so much simpler than that.

But the 46-year-old organization does have a small print reminder that "miracles are contingent upon the will

of God" and that "all supernatural events and blessings are contingent upon spiritual condition relative to the individual."

Oh, and coincidentally, it mentions that "offerings are a form of worshipping God according to scriptures such as Deuteronomy 12:6, Malachi 3:10-11 and Corinthians 9:7."

So if you were inclined to send a little something to the people who spend their lives praying for others, they would accept it, because it is a form of worshipping God.

The small print also mentions that if you write in they might print your testimony and they might edit your "grammatical construction" (because the telling of a miracle just isn't as effective without the proper punctuation) or they might "update" your testimony.

I'm not sure what they mean by "update" a testimony, but they are a group of Christians and I'm sure they wouldn't "update" too much.

With groups like the 46-year-old praying people, providing miracles... no, not just miracles — but money miracles, in God's name, I just don't know how people can doubt organized religion. I know I'm a believer, and I plan on winning the lottery next week.

Julie Mitchell is a junior creative writing/theatre arts major from Corsicana. She's also a believer.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boyett should be proud of heritage

To the Editor: We all know that Amarillo has everything from a symphony to a helium plant and from art to that Mr. Marsh of nose down Cadillac fame.

In fact, cattle and beef were not what came first to my mind with respect to Amarillo.

The Pantex ordinance plant and T. Boon Pickens come to my mind ahead of beef.

In fact it was this Oprah trial that reminded me of Amarillo's connection to the beef industry.

I think that Brooks Boyett's column is too self-consciousness about Amarillo and about his grandmother. Amarillo has nothing to be ashamed of.

Neither does Mr. Boyett need to be ashamed of his grandmother's folk expressions. Folk expressions make our speech more colorful.

Robert A. Williams
Houston resident

Lady Raiders formidable team

To the Editor: As a fan of Iowa State Women's basketball for almost 20 years, I was naturally thrilled with the Cyclone victory over the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

On the other hand, I have to admit that your Texas Tech women's basketball team is beyond a doubt the best team I have ever witnessed playing at Hilton Coliseum. Not a weak position on the floor.

Stop Alicia Thompson (not an easy task) and a player like Julie Lake steps up big time. But more importantly, the demeanor of the team and your coach in a rather hostile environment is to be complemented.

Your team plays very good, clean basketball. I hope the student body recognizes what you have there and comes out in droves to support your team.

James C. McElroy
Professor of Management
Iowa State University

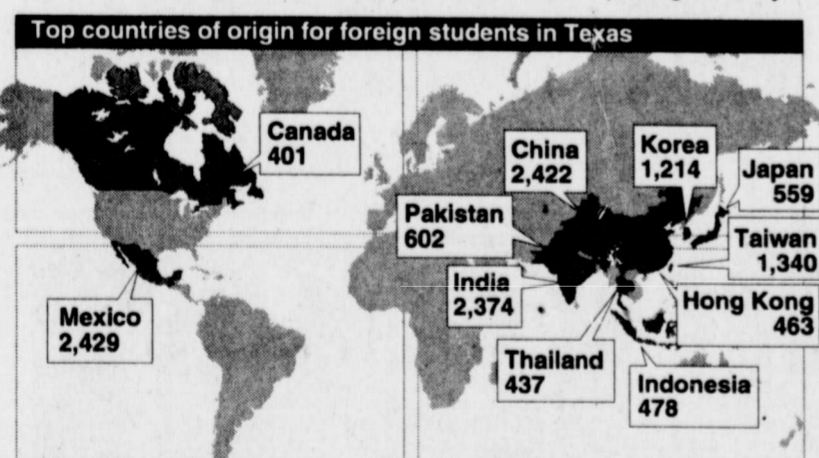


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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas schools enroll foreign students

Thousands of students from around the world attend Texas colleges and universities to obtain bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. In the 1996-97 academic year, 16,898 foreign students were in Texas schools, with Mexico, China and India sending the most from any foreign country.



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Weekly Horoscope

by Linda Black

Weekly Tip: There's tension with the moon in Capricorn. It's a signal to stop complaining and finish old projects.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Finish something you promised a loved one so you can do what you want. Your imagination will be awesome, so act on it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Friends' advice prompts you to take action. You're under pressure. Finish overdue work. An older person's request is the only irritation.

Aries (March 21-April 19). You'll make either a good or bad impression on an older person. Use your experience to choose the best course.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Push yourself to start new projects. There'll be tests. Consider an older person who has something to teach you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Get serious about money so travel can become an option. Study technology and apply it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Let your partner call the shots. He or she is in a stronger position. Study ways to manage other people's money.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Stick to your agenda and complete as much as possible. You may have a chance to make money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance interferes with work. Spend time with your sweetheart. Your work needs even more of your attention. Plan something you both enjoy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do what your sweetheart wants. You'll get back more if you dreamed possible. Get together for lunch. You won't have time for dinner.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends have information you need. Do the research. You'll need it. You should have time for love. These days should be especially romantic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ask for the money and you just might get it. Do the work. You'll be awesome. Use what you've gained to give yourself a career advantage.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're strong and smart. An old friend helps you plan your next move. Financial matters have you stumped. You need to spend more time than you've got.

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High friends in low places

Josh Herman, bail bondsman to the stars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Herman, bail bondsman to the stars, is barreling down the Santa Monica Freeway in his big green truck to meet a man named Bubba.

Bubba. Not rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg. Not one of Herman's other celebrity clients whose names he safeguards like a family secret.

"You don't want to mess with Bubba," says Herman, who has the unnerving ability to drive, bark into a cell phone and read court documents, all at once.

Charles "Bub" Flowers, according to his business card, is an investigator. He's a nice guy. But if you skip on a Herman bail bond, Bubba is the man who comes after you. And Herman is looking for a missing client.

Bubba is big. He has a gun. And he isn't always nice.

In Herman's universe, musclemen, bounty hunters and career felons co-exist with hip-hop artists, Hollywood producers and movie stars.

Until recently, Herman lived in obscurity, which is the way he and his well-known clients liked it. Then *Newsweek* ran a little story about "the bail bondsman of choice for jailed rap stars." Now Herman has a Hollywood manager to handle callers professing interest in book, TV and film deals.

That's Hollywood. "Jackie

Brown," Quentin Tarantino's new movie featuring a bail bondsman, is hot. So by the logic of show biz, Herman is hot.

His manager envisions a TV series. Fast cars and fetching women? "Yeah," said Herman, who is 6-feet-3-inches tall and tops 200 pounds.

"But Bubba and I couldn't both fit in a Ferrari."

Herman said he finds the hype surreal and silly. That doesn't explain why someone who claims to hate hype hires a manager to stir it up.

"I don't know why," he said. Then he laughs.

Perhaps he is just used to peculiar characters. This is a man who gets people out of jail for a living and counts some as friends.

"There's nothing wrong with them. They've just been to jail," he said.

In his eight-year career, Herman has written thousands of bonds pledging to pay the entire bail if a defendant fails to appear in court. His fee is 10 percent of the bail amount.

He has built a client list — mostly from referrals of criminal attorneys and record company lawyers — that is about 70 percent celebrities, he says.

A middle-class white from West Los Angeles, Herman, 26, learned the

business from his father, Mark, and grandmother, Flo. Mark bailed out Black Panther leaders and musician Ike Turner.

"My grandmother was tough," said Josh Herman. "And she didn't drive. She'd say 'You need a bond? Come get me.'"

Now father and son work together. Their toll free number: 1-800-7Get-Me-Out.

Josh Herman won't say how much he earns. He has a Beverly Hills office but never uses it. He works out of his truck, or his Mercedes-Benz, driving from court to court, jail to jail, constantly answering his beeper and cell phone. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

He divulges the identities of rap-

per clients Snoop Doggy Dogg and Dr. Dre, he says, because they don't mind talking about their well-publicized brushes with the law.

"Look," Herman says, "I do a lot of famous people, not just the rappers. Movie people, TV people, you name it. But I can't talk about those people. I'd lose my business."

Many of Herman's bonds involve assault and drug charges.

"If they're rappers, they're beating somebody up," Herman says. "If they're rock stars, it's heroin."

Famous people rarely skip bail. It isn't that easy for them to fade into the woodwork or blend into a crowd. About three percent of the others do, Herman said. That's when he calls Bubba.

Five filmmakers nominated for director's award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" director James Cameron was among five filmmakers nominated for top honors Monday by the Directors Guild of America.

The DGA also nominated Steven Spielberg for "Amistad," James L. Brooks for "As Good As It Gets," Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential" and Gus Van Sant for "Good Will Hunting."

The winner of the DGA award also has taken the directing Oscar all but four times since the DGA prize was first presented in 1949.

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Rising above the challenge

Author, educator to speak on issues facing children in impoverished schools

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

Jonathan Kozol, author and educator, will speak tonight on issues facing black and Hispanic children and how they continue to rise above the violent, diseased communities in the developed world.

Addressing these and other concerns, Kozol will lecture at 8 p.m. tonight in the University Center Allen Theater.

In 1967, Kozol was fired while trying to better educate fourth grade African-American students in Boston.

Just after graduating from college, Kozol began to teach in a mostly African-American school in Boston. He

“It is very different. You’ll walk away a different person. It is real stuff. It is very moving.”

Ilena Delorsa, Tech student

realized the children were being taught with outdated books and decided to read them a Langston Hughes poem. The poem was not in the curriculum, and he was fired.

Kozol has not looked back since. Three books later, he continues to believe in equality for all people, including children.

“He is the only person I know with a true passion about this,” said Ilena Delorsa, who is basing her elementary education thesis on equality in education.

She bases much of her thesis on Kozol’s work.

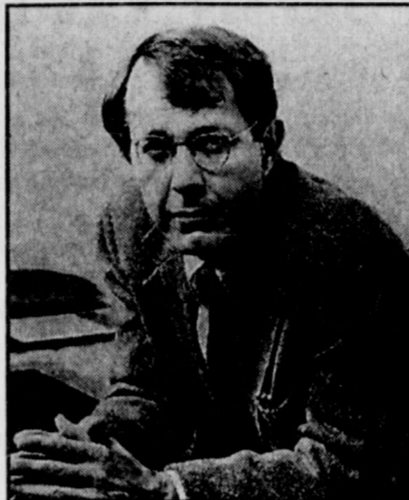
Delorsa has read all three of Kozol’s books and seen him speak twice, once live and once on TV.

“It is very different,” she said. “You’ll walk away a different person. It is very real stuff. It is very moving.”

While working on her master’s degree in Philadelphia, Delorsa talked to teachers who discussed problems with education.

Outdated books, leaky roofs, schools with only two colors of construction paper — black and brown — and many other problems plaguing schools will be just a few of the concerns mentioned.

Stacey Monk, an activities specialist with UC Activities, read one of Kozol’s books, *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children & the Conscience of a Nation*.



Jonathan Kozol/courtesy photo

The book addresses children growing up in less than desirable circumstances in the South Bronx.

“They managed to have hope even though they are in desperate situations,” Monk said.

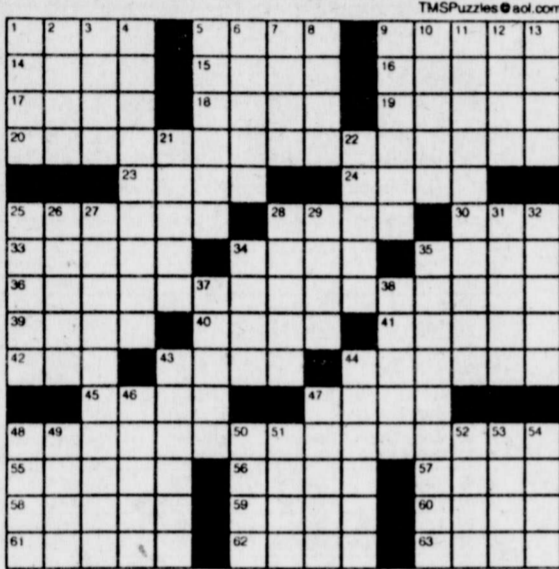
“It is profoundly disturbing, very disturbing. But for some reason, it was very interesting to see how children are able to dream despite all these things. His whole life has been a process of researching education in America and poverty in America.”

After the lecture, Kozol will sign copies of his books *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children & the Conscience of a Nation* and *Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools*.

Tickets to the event cost \$5.50 for Tech students and \$11 for the general public.

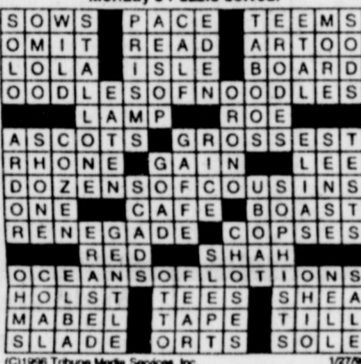
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By Richard Thomas Spring Grove, PA 1/27/98

Monday’s Puzzle solved.



At the movies: ‘Titanic’ slides past ‘Jaws’ on all-time list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most recent “Titanic” meal: Shark fin soup.

The sinking-ship blockbuster steamed past “Jaws” to become No. 10 on the list of all-time top-grossing movies, and also placed first at the box office for the sixth straight week-

end, according to industry figures Monday.

“Jaws” had \$260 million. With \$274.6 million in sales to date, “Titanic” also is on pace to eclipse “Home Alone,” “The Empire Strikes Back,” “Independence Day” and “Return of the Jedi.”

Two new movies in wide release proved little challenge to “Titanic.” “Spice World” fared the best, finishing second in its debut. “Phantoms” was ninth.

Playing in just two theaters in New York, Pedro Almodovar’s “Live Flesh” earned a strong \$41,280 for the best per-screen average.

“Wag the Dog,” the political satire with some similarities to sex allegations against President Clinton, finished sixth, up one spot from last weekend.

“Good Will Hunting” and “As Good as it Gets” remained popular. “Fallen,” “Hard Rain” and “Half-Baked” all fell more than 50 percent in their second weekends.

Here are the top 20 movies at theaters Friday through Sunday:

- “Titanic,” \$25.2 million.
- “Spice World,” \$10.5 million.

hush-hush.” Since Winfrey’s arrival Jan. 19, Amarillo has gone into an Oprah craze. Whether they are for or against her, no one can seem to ignore the star’s presence.

“Amarillo Loves Oprah” bumper stickers, T-shirts, caps and pins have been popping up all over town. Massively long lines and tied up phone lines also have awaited fans seeking to view a taping of the Oprah Show. Operators logged 215,000 calls every 15 minutes when reservation lines opened last Tuesday.

As far as the media coverage and The Oprah Winfrey Show in Amarillo, some Tech students really are not flattered by the image it gives to Texas.

“It makes Amarillo and the whole Panhandle look like a bunch of hicks,” McWhorter said.

According to HARPO productions, Oprah’s production company, Oprah does not plan to downplay the fact she is taping her show in Texas. Instead she has chosen to air Texas-themed shows. Patrick Swayze, Clint Black and wife, Lisa Hartman-Black, are some of the many Texas celebrities chosen to be on Winfrey’s show. She has a special introduction with country music showing windmills, dance halls, antique shops and of course, steak houses and cows.

Filming began last Thursday evening in the Amarillo Little Theater. These episodes taped in Amarillo began airing nationwide Monday and will continue until the trial is over.

“Actually, I don’t know much about the case,” Sadler said. “I think it’s kind of silly what they are doing to her. But I really don’t think she should have said that. I would be mad too.”

Sadler said after spending her entire life in Amarillo, she never has seen the town in such an uproar.

“I talked to my mom, and she and her friends were trying to get tickets to see the show,” Sadler said. “People are trying to find out where she’s staying and where she’s eating. But I think it’s pretty

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Bard looks to lead Red Raiders

BY HEATH ROBINSON

The University Daily
Josh Bard may carry the weight of Texas Tech's baseball fortunes in his talented hands this season.

The sophomore catcher showcased himself as a star performer for the Red Raiders last year and is expected to lead Tech a step further in 1998, into the College World Series.

"This team has set high goals for itself," Bard said. "If I am needed to be a leader, then I can be. Whatever it takes to get this team to the world series, that's what I want to do."

Starting with a repeat of his freshman season would be a good start. The native of Englewood, Colo., hit .359 with 13 home runs and 69 RBIs.



Bard

Of his 83 hits last season, 36 were for extra bases.

The performance made him the Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year and landed him a spot on the USA Baseball National Team.

The season started as a dream, and individually, ended even better. But Tech's failure to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., crashed the party.

"It was a terrible way to finish last year," Bard said, referring to Tech losing its only two postseason games after spending much of the season ranked No. 1 in the nation. "I think

we were all very confident that we would get there, so it was a huge disappointment. It's also why we are so determined to make it this season."

The start of Tech's season is only a week away, and the polls apparently believe Tech is loaded enough to make a run at the championship.

Larry Hays' team is ranked No. 8 by *Baseball America* and is favored to win its second consecutive Big 12 championship.

Bard is garnering his share of accolades as well.

Collegiate Baseball selected him as a third-team All-American, and a return trip to the USA Baseball team is likely after he hit .305 for the team in 34 games this summer.

"All of that stuff is great, but you

still have to perform every day," Bard said. "It means nothing to our record, which is all that matters. We're out to win the national title this year. That's all I'm thinking about."

As for the high team aspirations, Hays does little to downplay them. In fact, he helped set them.

"There are no limits on these guys," Hays said. "Josh is one of the leaders of this team, and he is aware of what it will take for us to attain those things. Obviously, we've got a new pitching staff from last year, so he'll have to adjust to some of the new guys. That may be more important than his hitting at the start."

"But he will obviously play a key role in what we do on the field this season."

Jones interviews Packers' Sherman Lewis

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis finally got what he wanted — an interview with an NFL owner.

Lewis, who failed to receive even a courtesy phone call for any of the slew of head coaching positions that opened last winter, met with Dallas owner Jerry Jones for two hours Monday to discuss the Cowboys' coaching vacancy.

"It was just basically to get to know each other," Lewis said as he prepared to leave for the airport and the Packers' long flight home Monday following their 31-24 loss to Denver in the Super Bowl.

Lewis, 55, said he doesn't know

when or if he'll meet again with Jones, who has been looking for a head coach since Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9.

"That's up to Jerry," Lewis said. "It's in his court."

Lewis said he was impressed with Jones and he thinks he could work with him. Jones is also the general manager and figures in practically every team decision.

"There's no question that he likes to be involved because he knows the game, studies it," Lewis said of Jones. "He wants to be involved, but that's not a bad thing for an owner."

“It was just basically to get to know each other.”

Packers' offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis

Lewis said he felt good about his meeting.

"We had a good dialogue, a good exchange and I think the purpose of it was for him to get a feel for

me and for me to get a feel for him, and I think we accomplished that," he said.

Jones has also interviewed former San Francisco coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue. He's expected to ask for permission to speak with Denver offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak. Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Monday no teams have asked for permission to speak with Kubiak.

Lewis has been to five Super Bowls as an assistant, three with San Francisco and two with Green Bay.

During the past 15 seasons, his teams have compiled a 172-69-1 record, a winning percentage of .715.

Sprewell to go in front of arbitrator for actions

(AP) — Did the NBA excessively punish Latrell Sprewell for attacking coach P.J. Carlesimo?

Did the league conduct a fair investigation?

Did Sprewell really punch his coach after returning for a second confrontation 20 minutes after he tried to choke him?

Those are some of the questions that will be at the heart of Sprewell's argument as his arbitration hearing opens Tuesday in Portland, Ore.

Sprewell, who drew the longest suspension in NBA history and had the remaining three years and \$25 million of his contract terminated by the Golden State Warriors, is about to have his controversy revisited and his fate determined by an impartial third party.

Dec. 1 at a Warriors practice, Sprewell choked his coach, threatened to kill him, left the gym and came back later to go at him again.

The Sprewell case, which jumped from the sports pages and became a matter of national debate last month, will be heard by arbitrator John Feerick, a law professor at Fordham.

The hearing will be held in Portland this week before moving to New York Feb. 3-4.

Each side will then have 10 days to file briefs, and Feerick can rule any time within the following 30 days.

If that schedule holds, it will

mean that Sprewell will know his fate by March 16 at the latest. Feerick already has turned down a union request for an expedited decision.

Sprewell has filed two grievances, one against the league for its unprecedented one-year suspension, the other against the Warriors for terminating his contract.

Lawyers from the National Basketball Players Union will argue on Sprewell's behalf. They will argue:

— There was no precedent for a one-year suspension, even in the most egregious altercations. No suspensions were issued when Alvin Robertson of the Detroit Pistons choked assistant coach Billy McKinney several years ago, nor was any action early this season when Tom Chambers of Phoenix punched strength and conditioning coach Robin POUND.

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Sometimes fans show they are freaks



**JASON BERNSTEIN/
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Upon further review, fans are freaks.

What other way can one describe the ridiculous acts of sheer stupidity displayed by football fans annually?

Why else would our good friend Bryant Gumbel do a special made-for-HBO exclusive on football fans and their violence?

I'm not even going to tackle the violence issue, but I have a pretty good hunch that it has something to do with that yellowish liquid substance sold at professional sporting events. But hey, what do I know?

Now I am sure that we all have friends who just can't stand to watch the beloved Dallas Cowboys lose a close match on Sunday afternoons. In fact, I actually know people that throw valuable goods across the living room when Troy Aikman throws a last-second interception across Texas Stadium.

But the real question is why do people, or crazed fans, take it upon themselves to deface their own property when a team loses a little game? I mean, after all, don't we at least have

our health and family?

Even when teams win like Sunday night when the Denver Broncos won Super Bowl XXXII, fans still showed they were jerks at heart.

Broncos fans were stupid enough to cause enough rucus in downtown Denver to force the local police to use tear gas.

I would hate to have seen what happened if the once-lowly Broncos would have lost their fifth Super Bowl.

What gets me is the constant competitive nature of these less-than admirable fans. Now don't get me wrong, I am an incredibly competitive person by nature, but when it comes to watching a televised sporting event I have no control over, why

be so intense, eh?

Being a die-hard 49er fan, one can understand my obvious disappointment after they lost the NFC Championship game on their home field to the eventual Super Bowl runner-up Green Bay Packers.

But I actually had a friend come up to me and ask me what I was going to do now that they lost.

Wow.

I didn't quite know what to say. As a matter of fact, I still don't know what he wanted me to say.

I guess it would have been neat if I told him I was going to charter the first plane to Green Bay where I could then sabotage the entire Packer game plan for Super Bowl XXXII.

But that would have taken too much effort.

My response to the rather unfortunate 49er loss to the Packers was that the better team won.

Now how hard is it for fans to admit defeat?

I still can recall after the Cowboys nail-biting 45-17 loss to the Packers in November, hearing the numerous rumblings of "Yeah, but the Cowboys just had a bad day" or "Well, the Packers got lucky."

Hello? Is anyone actually buying this crap?

A loss is a loss. That's it. No excuses. No whining. Done. Finished. Caput. See Ya.

Do you think that every time you screw up you lay the blame elsewhere?

As tempting as it sounds, we all know that facing defeat is what makes us stronger people. Wow, that was pretty deep.

But the truth is still a sad situation. Too many overly-intense fans need to dispose of their anger in a more productive and healthy manner rather than the destruction of their homes.

Perhaps these fans should just go and root for the Chicago Bears. That would give them something to be upset about.

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Denver believes Elway will return for next year

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wishful thinking by Mike Shanahan and Terrell Davis, or an accurate reflection of John Elway's mindset?

The Denver coach and Super Bowl MVP believe their 37-year-old quarterback will return next season.

"I would really be surprised if he retired," Shanahan said Monday after a night of celebration. Denver's 31-24 victory over Green Bay was the first for the franchise in five shots at the title game and ended the AFC's Super Bowl losing streak at 13. It also served as the centerpiece in Elway's brilliant career.

And he remained the focal point after what was probably the best Super Bowl ever — just as he was before the game in his bid to finally win the ring that had eluded him three previous times.

The Broncos lost those Super Bowls (1987, 1988, 1990) by a total of 96 points and were 11 1/2-point underdogs Sunday.

Davis had his heroics — 157 yards on 30 carries and three 1-yard touchdown runs, including the winner with 1:45 left. But Elway — his quest fulfilled, his NFL future uncertain — provided the lasting imprint.

That was even true for his 8-year-old son, Jack, whom Elway carried on his shoulders into the locker room after celebrating on the field for a half-hour.

"John's little boy got into the locker room and he started asking where the rings were,"

Shanahan said. "We had to tell him that it will take a few months to get them."

Elway, who has had a variety of injuries to his shoulder and arm, plans to take a few weeks off to think about his future, then talk to Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen about a possible 16th season.

He is financially set, having netted approximately \$80 million by selling his seven Denver-area car dealerships to Wayne Huizenga, owner of the NFL's Miami Dolphins,

baseball's Florida Marlins and the NHL's Florida Panthers.

But Shanahan noted that Elway has considered retirement after the past three or four seasons. And his teammates believe — hope? — he will be back to help them seek a second straight title.

"I told him that he'd better not retire," Davis said.

Shanahan ended up making what sounded like a plea.

"Do you retire just because you won a championship?" he asked.

"If he's playing at a competitive level, why not come back?"

As for the game, the main question concerned Green Bay's decision to let Davis score on second-and-goal from the 1 — instead of attempting a time-consuming goal-line stand.

After the touchdown, the Packers had 1:45 and two timeouts to come back.

Monday, Packers coach Mike Holmgren said he mistakenly thought it was first-and-goal when Davis scored.

“ I told him that he'd better not retire. ”

Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis

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BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS CATEGORY

1. Place to buy CD's & cassettes _____
2. Local TV News Team _____
3. Local TV Sportscaster _____
4. Local TV Weathercaster _____
5. TV Show _____
6. TV commercial _____
7. Local Radio Personality _____
8. Local Radio Morning Show _____
9. TV Station _____
10. Radio Station _____
11. Movie _____
12. Movie Theater _____
13. Video Rental Store _____
14. Local Band _____
15. Local C&W Band _____
16. Soap Opera _____

BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY

1. Sporting Goods Store _____
2. Women's Shoes Store _____
3. Men's Shoes Store _____
4. Department Store _____
5. Jewelry Store _____
6. Western Wear Store _____
7. Discount Store _____
8. Consumer Electronic Store _____
9. Convenience Store _____
10. Bookstore _____
11. Clothing Bargains _____
12. Tire Store _____
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store _____
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store _____
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store _____
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store _____
17. Shopping Center/Mall _____
18. Internet Provider _____
19. Best place to buy jeans _____
20. Best Tattoo Shop _____
21. Best Travel Agency _____

BEST PLACES CATEGORY

1. Place to study _____
2. Place to take a date _____
3. Place to work _____
4. Night Club _____
5. Bar _____
6. Business at the Strip _____
7. Cleaners _____
8. Carwash _____
9. Car Repair _____
10. Haircut _____
11. Hospital _____
12. Apartment Complex _____
13. Place to buy flowers _____
14. Church _____
15. Bank _____
16. Pharmacy _____
17. Romantic Dinner _____
18. Health Club _____
19. To Drink a Beer _____

BEST OF TEXAS TECH

1. Residence Hall _____
2. Tech Tradition _____
3. Men's Sport _____
4. Women's Sport _____
5. Professor/Instructor _____
6. Student Organization _____
7. Class _____
8. Major _____
9. Most helpful Department _____
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