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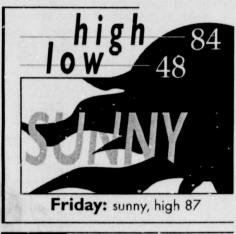
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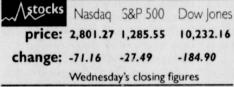
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## STATENEWS -Paroled child molester returns to jail

DALLAS (AP) - A man police have called the worst sex offender in Dallas history returned to jail for violating his parole, county authorities said.

David Wayne Jones, a former YMCA youth counselor convicted in 1991 of 19 counts of indecency with a child and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, was arrested Tuesday afternoon at a halfway house, said sheriff's department spokesman Ed Spencer. He was being held without bail, as is cus-

tomary for parole violators.

Jones, 28, was released Sept. 30 from the Walls unit in Huntsville after serving about eight years of several concurrent 15-year sentences. He had been expected to spend 60 to 90 days at the halfway house under electronic supervision that included an ankle monitor. Police have said Jones admitted to molest-

ing more than 50 children between 4 and 14 years old, although his attorney has disputed that number.

NATIONALNEWS Tyson Foods fined over death, injury to children

# **Referendum sparks little interest**

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### by Lindsay Rowden Copy Editor

Serving

Less than 11 percent of Texas Tech students showed up at the polls Tuesday to vote on the University Center referendum. A few Tech students attributed their

non-voting to unawareness. "I didn't know when the vote was ... I saw

the posters but didn't know where the polling was at," said Courtney Renfro, a junior math major from Houston. Some students who spend a lot of time

in the adjoining Music building.

voted. "What if we would have had only 100 stuin the UC did not vote. dents vote?" Jeffrey said. Audrey Duncan, a junior music performance major from Lubbock, walks through

"It could have been better, but it certainly could have been worse." the UC every day because her classes are

Low voter turnout in college elections is "I didn't see any booths about the UC not limited to Tech. Texas A&M and the Uni-

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vote, and I practically live here," Duncan said.

across campus. Despite a polling location in

almost every building, some students said

they did not care enough about the referen-

something I'll never use," said Austin Sims, a

public relations major from Lubbock.

"I'm a senior, and I didn't want to vote on

Doug Jeffrey, Student Government Asso-

ciation president, said although turnout was

low, he was happy because people actually

Thirteen polling locations were set up

Texas Tech

dum issue to vote.

versity of Texas-Austin have low returns in most elections

"We usually have about 4,000 students vote in elections," said Jay Raman, a member of the UT student government.

This figure is less than 10 percent of UT's enrollment of almost 50,000 students. Raman said even less students vote on single-issue referendums. A few years ago, UT students voted to not build a second union, or university center, on the north end of their 400-acre campus. However, the voter turnout was low as well, Raman said.

"I think the reason why students don't vote is because people don't believe they as individuals can make a difference in their school or government," Raman said. "It's like individual votes don't matter. The (union) issue was a pretty decent one, too. UT has the

smallest student union in the Big 12."

A&M students voted in 1997 to change the way their Yell Leaders are chosen. But voter turnout was low in that election as well.

"We had 15 to 20 percent of the students vote," said Brian Minyard, a member of the A&M student government.

"That might have been higher than usual. Students just have that apathy feeling, I think.

Both UT and A&M hold their elections on two days so that more students can have the chance to vote.

Duncan thinks Tech should hold elections the same way.

"They should've had the vote for the UC on more than one day," she said. "There is a different flow of students on Monday-Wednesday than Tuesday-Thursday.'

# **Kingdom has Come**



# New hockey team opens inaugural season today against Amarillo Rattlers

by Jason Bernstein Managing Editor

> ore than four years of preparations and sleepless nights will finally pay off when the Lub-L bock Cotton Kings take to the ice in their firstever regular season contest at 7:11 p.m. today in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

> The Cotton Kings open with the Amarillo Rattlers in the first of 10 meetings between

the two West Texas rivals as a part of the Sprint PCS 1-27 Mayor's Cup Series.

The Kings, the newest team in the 18 team Western Professional Hockey League, will play the first of their 70 regular season games today before heading to Amarillo on Saturday for their



first road contest of the season. Cotton Kings coach Alan May said he is prepared for

HOPE, Ark. (AP) - The Labor Department fined Tyson Foods Inc. nearly \$60,000 Wednesday for child labor law violations after a teen-ager was killed at an Arkansas plant and a young worker was injured in Missouri.

In the Arkansas case, investigators said 15year-old Juan Alderete of San Felipe, Mexico, was electrocuted when he walked into a ventilating fan while chasing chickens late one night in April. The Labor Department said he should not have been working so late or in a job that hazardous.

In the Missouri case, a teen-age worker seriously injured both legs when he slipped and fell into an auger. He suffered severe nerve damage and second-degree burns.

The Labor Department said a 15-year-old and two 14-year-olds also were found to be working at the plant illegally.

Tyson Foods spokesman Archie Schaffer said he had not heard of the fines and could not comment immediately. The company has 15 days to request a hearing before an administrative law judge.

# WORLDNEWS — U.N. officials taken hostage in

breakaway Georgian territory SUKHUMI, Georgia (AP) — Gunman seized six United Nations military observers and their translator Wednesday as they were

delivering aid in Georgia's breakaway territory of Abkhazia. Negotiators are in radio contact with the

abductors, and officials said they would do whatever they could to ensure the observers' safety.

"There are talks," said Manoel de Almeida e Silva, a deputy spokesman at U.N. headquarters in New York. "At this time, the hostages appear to be in good condition."

Interior Minister Kakha Targamadze said on Georgian television that "there are special units there which are able to perform the operation of liberating the hostages, but we are doing everything possible to avoid bloodshed.'

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Greg Kreller/Th Kelly Hardin, a senior early childhood development major from Austin, teaches ice skating lessons to a group of 6- and 7-year-olds Wednesday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Lubbock Cotton Kings will open their season today against Amarillo.

the season but still is looking to add players for regular season play

"We're at about two-thirds to three-fourths the way of where we want to be," May said of the Cotton Kings roster. "The players we do have are all solid and are some of the best players in the league."

May said he would like to increase the current roster of 17 or 18 players to 19 or 20 by the end of October.

Contrary to other professional expansion teams in leagues such as the NHL, NBA and NFL, May said the Cotton Kings aren't competing for the sake of good, clean fun

They want to win, and they want to win now.

"We have never mentioned the word expansion once to any of our players," he said. "We've shown a strong team in our two preseason contests, and I think we have

## see HOCKEY, p. 12

# West Hall to undergo changes

### by Greg Okuhara News Editor

Students who need to change address information, drop a class or take care of any other business in 100 West Hall now need to go to a different building.

Construction crews are preparing for the renovation and addition to West Hall, and in the process, temporarily displacing the registrar's office and CopyTech.

Paulo Peres, Facilities, Planning and

Construction project manager, said the project will renovate and expand West Hall. Only the east and central wings of the first floor will be worked on. Among the renovation items is asbestos abatement and replacing the windows

In addition to the renovations, Peres said a new visitor's center will be added to the building on the south side, the building's main entrance. The center, which is now housed in

see **RENOVATE p. 3** 

"We are very concerned about

# **Tech may** land more funding

## by Ashley Johnson

Staff Writer

Legislation was passed Wednesday that could provide Texas Tech with \$15 million for research on chemical and biological weapons.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2000 Defense Appropriations Conference Report, which will allot the funding for The Institute of Environment and

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Human Health, the National Center for Countermeasures to Chemical and Biological Threats and two other universities.

Both institutes are run by Tech researchers and housed at the former Reese Air Force Base, now called the Reese Center, located west of Lubbock.

The measure was passed by a 372-55 vote. Ron Kendall, the director of TIEHH, said he believes the funds will result in various rewards

"The research and collaboration with scientists will be substantial and significant in the transfer application, which will be attractive to private sectors," he said.

"It will be a good opportunity for the

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# Project slated for late this year

### by Andrew Thompson **Staff Writer**

The Texas Tech Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction plans to begin construction on the English/Philosophy/Education Complex by the end of the year, according to FP&C officials.

Robert Cameron, project manager for the complex, said construction on the \$42-million project "hopefully" will begin before the semester is over. The structure will be built between the Foreign Language building and the Architecture building.

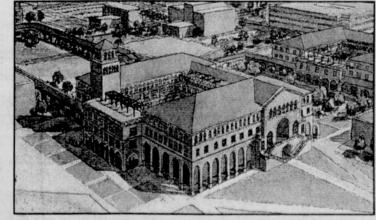
"We've had some changes in the way we've decided to pursue this project," he said.

"We want to be sure that we have good drawings of exactly what we want. It just took a little longer to get underway than we expected. However, we don't know yet exactly when it will be underway."

A February groundbreaking ceremony was conducted for the new structure, and construction was slated to begin in April or May this year.

Cameron did not give specific reasons for the construction de-

The complex will house three departments: English, philosophy and education. The English and philosophy departments re-



side in the English building, a partment. structure "almost uninhabitable," said Madonne Miner, see COMPLEX, p. 3 chairwoman of the English de-

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# Honors College sees enrollment explosion

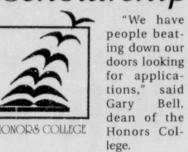
### by Cory Chandler Staff Writer

# Scholarships, low cost, benefits attributed to success

Since its inception on the Texas Tech campus 40 years ago, the Honors College has seen many changes, most notably in the amount of students enrolled in the college.

The Honors Program was started in 1959 and was expanded to become a college on Sept. 1, 1998.

Since receiving its new status, the college has experienced a 48 percent increase in the amount of students since last year. However, the percentage has dropped down to 33 percent since some of the students either did not show up or chose to drop out. Final enrollment figures showed 850 students were a part of the college.



Bell said the amount of scholarships given has increased, contributing to the number of students applying to the college. Also, the scholarships cover a five-year span, which attracts students to the Honors College, he said.

This year, the college already has

tered Merit Scholarships. The Honors College is responsible for distributing all merit-based scholarships for the various colleges at Tech. The amount of scholarships given out by individual academic departments each year totals more than \$3.4 million.

Bell said the Honors College has seen a enormous increase in enrollment since it was granted college status.

He said the change gives the college a new importance, and the students now can expect all the benefits of a small liberal arts college for a lot less money. A typical private Texas

where from \$18,000 to \$22,000 a vear

Bell said students only have to pay \$2,500 at Tech, which is definitely a decisive factor in their choice to attend school here.

Though Texas A&M and the University of Texas-Austin both have honors colleges of their own, they are oriented toward graduate programs

Tech accepts more undergraduates and does not just "tolerate them," he said.

Bell also said Lubbock helps recruit students to Tech.

He said Lubbock's mild climate,

"We have given out 1,800 Centrally Adminis- liberal arts school can cost any- receptive environment and size play a big part in drawing new students.

All this popularity has caused a few problems, though. With the increase in enrollment, there are not enough instructors or classes to accommodate all of the students seeking acceptance to the Honors College.

Bell said he plans to ask the administration for approval in finding extra professors, though there is little money in the budget to do so at this time.

This would open up more classes and take some of the strain off of the instructors.

"We are stretched to the breaking

point right now," Bell said.

Kambra Bolch, assistant dean for the Honors College, said they have had to open more classes to provide enough room for the students trying to sign up for classes.

Many of the sections are filled to capacity, which takes away from personal interaction between the professor and students.

Bolch said the college's new status will provide administration a better chance to serve the needs of academically-inclined students.

She also said the college now will be better equipped to voice their needs by giving them access to certain decision-making tables.

Bell said he expects this growth to continue in the future as the college's reputation spreads.

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economy to partner with businesses. This will definitely strengthen our ability to move forward."

TIEHH and NCCCBT will use the money for prevention research, testing, education and training in order for the United States to be prepared in case of possible chemical or biological terrorism.

State Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, said in a written statement he is in favor of the research funds.

"The funding is yet another step in developing Reese Center and helps promote positive economic growth for the city of Lubbock," he said in the statement. "The research conducted at these top-notch facilities is essential for helping our nation counteract bioterrorism. These facilities will also benefit our local economy by making it more attractive for future private sector industries to locate in Lubbock.

Combest could not be reached for comment.

Under the proposed budget, the NCCCBT research facility will receive \$13 million, which they will share with the University of Texas-Austin and the University of South Florida in Gainesville.

value

Kendall said Tech will be the lead institution for financial funding.

TIEHH, along with Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, will receive \$2 million to study the reactions toxic chemicals have on human health and the environment, if the budget is approved. Brooks Air Force Base and TIEHH research deals with hazardous waste sites and disposal Becca Dickerson, Combest's press secretary, said the vote is expected to be passed by the Senate and be approved by the president.



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# Tech considering building new lab at Reese Center

### by Adrienne Gaviglio Staff Writer

Texas Tech is considering breaking ground on a new biological safety laboratory that would be located at **Reese Center.** 

David Schmidly, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, said earlier reports have contained misleading information about the status of the project.

"An article earlier this year said that we have already made plans for the lab and we are in the process of construction," Schmidly said.

"This article was very misleading. We are still very indecisive as far as the lab goes, and public opinion is one of our No.1 priorities.'

Schmidly said there are only eleven biological safety labs in the world, and Tech would greatly benefit if a lab was built.

"By bringing one to Tech, it will make way for us to conduct the most cutting-edge research," he said. "We are in the process and in early discussions about constructing a biological safety lab at Reese," Schmidly said. "It will take us approximately three years to go through the process of

ideas on possible construction."

Two other labs recently have been built, one in Canada and the other in Galveston. He said the labs have an incredible track record of safety, and all necessary measures will be taken to ensure a safe lab.

'We have recently had a firm that helped plan construction in Canada and Galveston at Tech to help advise us," Schmidly said. "We do not plan to start construction until the public has been informed and is OK with the process. In Canada, they had such a great public support that their lab is located near a hospital, school and

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Owens said.

Two weeks is the estimated time

Tutoring is mostly geared toward

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mathematics and sciences but can

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**PASS Director Rebecca Owens** 

"We are still very indecisive as far as the lab goes, and public opinion is one of our No. I priorities."

## vice president for research

public after they were informed as to what all the lab would entail," Schmidly said. "We are making all efforts to inform the public before we break ground.'

To help inform the public, there

**David Schmidly** 

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delays with the project," she said.

"I've had several students get sick because it has become so hot in my classrooms. The building leaks, and the heating and cooling systems always seem to break down. We feel that we can't stay here much longer.'

Cameron said construction should be completed in 24 months from the start date, which would put the earliest possible move-in for the three departments in spring 2002

He also said the project is within the \$42-million budget, of

will be an information project team, a public relations team, a security team and peer review group, he said.

Also, unlike other recently approved additions to the Tech campus, students will not bear the burden of paying for the lab.

"The funding for the lab will come from external sources and not from student fees," Schmidly said.

The development of Reese Center not only benefits Tech, but Lubbock as well, he said.

The lab will also make way for other universities to come to Tech to study," he said.

# Internet tutoring available for Tech students

by Kimberly Kittrell **Contributing Writer** 

Texas Tech students now can receive tutoring for certain classes over the Internet.

Raiderline, the Programs for Academic Support Services Center's first online service, provides tutoring through the Web.

The service, paid for by Student Service Fees, began in April and allows students and non-students to submit questions to tutors.

Students can ask questions concerning civil engineering, math, biology, chemistry, physics, accounting, finance, economics, French and Russian.

Questions may be submitted 24 hours a day, every day. Students will receive a reply within the hour during business hours or the next day for questions submitted after business hours

Eric League, a graduate assistant, is in charge of organizing the Raiderline. He said the service is for students whose schedules are limiting.

"We saw a need for students who

the foyer of the Administration

building, will be greatly expanded,

with a third story of shelf space for

additional offices, and a huge me-

Once the Visitor's Center is

chanical room," he said.

"It will be a two-story building

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Peres said.

live outside the city limits and who work during the day," League said. "This allows students to ask questions when our facilities are closed."

> Raiderline can be contacted online at www.pass.ttu.edu/ raiderline or through or by e-mail at Raiderline@netscape.net but soon will be one service.

> "The next project we are going to do is to consolidate both into one," League said.

League said by consolidating, it should save time for the tutors by not looking up multiple sites.

All students' questions will be confidential. No names or numbers will be available on the Web site or to the tutors. However, the question itself will be posted on the Web site under "previously asked questions," which will allow other students who may have the same question to view.

Erin McNeely, a senior mathematics major from El Paso and a tutor for Raiderline, said the program keeps students' identities anonymous, allowing questions to be asked more easily from people who are shy.

two weeks old will be added to the

said he does not expect any major interruptions in service due to the temporary housing.

We plan to be doing business (today) just like we're supposed to be," Wickard.

He said the office expects to be housed in double-wide trailers for 18 months. In the meantime, Wickard said the registrar's office should be completely moved into their temporary home by Friday. Also, other de-

archive page. This will limit the one-on-one tutoring or group amount of repeated questions and mentoring.'

He said once the public was well

"There has been positive support

informed about the biological labs,

in Galveston and Canada from the

they were much more receptive.

neighborhood."

McNeely said the online system is a good idea but prefers the one-onone personal setting because of the immediate feedback it provides.

"If (students) type the problem in, then it may be an hour or two before I can get to it and two to three days before they get back to the computer to check it," McNeely said.

He said typing a math problem requiring a graph may pose a problem

"It's hard to tutor math when you want to draw a graph," McNeely said. "Some colleges have a light pen with a scanner where you can draw easilv.

McNeely said if the system is popular with the students, then more features might be added like the light pen. So far, students have not been very responsive to the program, he said.

"All it takes is student interest," McNeely said.

"If the students are interested, then we will go from there. It's the beginning stages of something really

partments were forced out of West Hall due to the construction.

The admissions office has moved to the first floor Continuing Education building where the Extended Studies department was housed. The Extended Studies office moved to the second floor of Extended Studies building. Admissions or Extended Studies officials were not available for comment.

which \$32 million actually will be used for construction.

When asked about possible over-budgeting, Cameron said his office is not planning on using more funds than they already have.

"We aren't going over budget," he said. "We can't. Not even a penny. We have exactly \$42 million.

Miner said she thought part of the delay was due to the problems experienced with the construction of the United Spirit Arena and the audit the FP&C released last month.

"We are second on the list as far as projects go, so I hope we're moving forward," she said.



lege students are more technologi-Any questions that are more than cally savvy," Owens said. completed, Peres said there will be display booths for each college, a

promotional video on Tech, and the Tech seal on the floor of the waiting room. Peres said the \$6-million project should be completed by April 2001. Of the total cost, \$2.7 million will come from the Higher Education Assistance Fund with the remaining \$3.3 million coming from tuition revenue bonds.

Texas Tech Registrar Don Wickard

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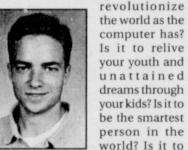
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# Life's purpose is never ending

o you ever wonder what the purpose of life is? Is it to make as much money as possible? Is it to get married and have kids? Is it to travel around the world to as many countries as possible? Is it to invent something new that will revolutionize



Is it to relive your youth and unattained dreams through your kids? Is it to be the smartest person in the world? Is it to become an as-Andrew tronaut? Is it to

Schoppe become a professional athlete Columnist who breaks all the records of

his/her sport? Is it even possible to measure the purpose of life in such definite terms?

When children are in school, there's one question that they'll sooner or later be asked by their parents or other adults, "Do you know why you need to stay in school and get an education?" And what's perhaps the most common response that the adult gives in response to his/her own question after the child doesn't respond? "To be able to get a good job." Perhaps they say this to give children an incentive to stay in school. Heck, so far it's worked because that's definitely one of the reasons why so many of us are students here at Tech. So following this train of thought to a conclusion, when a student gets a good job after graduating, is that the point at which the student has achieved his/her purpose in life?

Maybe not because one of the other major events in most people's lives is getting married and having kids. So after this has occurred, is one's purpose in life achieved?

Well, you still have to raise the kids to be mature, independent adults and, as we are all living proof of our parents' endeavors at this, the process takes a lot of time and effort. All right, so once the kids are grown and on their own, surely one's purpose in life must have been achieved, or has it? With the kids out of the nest and on their own, there still may be lots of time left on the Earth for you to do things. So what will you do? Help as you live. raise the grandkids? Buy a travel trailer and explore the United States? Read every book that you can get management major from Houston.

your hands on? Watch every single episode of Dallas, Seinfeld and Beverly Hills 90210? Then will you have fulfilled your purpose in life?

Despite the pressures of our culture, it's not necessary, or even possible, to find an immediate answer to every question. In truth, to answer the question, "What's the purpose of life?" you have to keep asking the question over and over and over to yourself. Sure, that leaves a lot of uncertainty in one's life, but, you know, with uncertainty comes opportunity and that's what leads to greater things and greater discoveries.

Maybe if we focus our thoughts and actions on following in God's footsteps as his humble servant; being a guiding light for others by seeking to, among other things, do unto others as we would wish for them to do unto us; and making the most of the gifts that have been bestowed upon us, we'll be led to the discovery of the purpose of life.

So what's your purpose in life? If nothing else, hopefully this is a question that you'll continue to ask yourself and seek an answer to for as long

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# This time, let's try to be not so enthusiastic

week as we prepare for Homed coming weekend. And while everyone is running around wondering who's going to be Homecoming queen, a larger more important issue is being ignored - we have guests from Colorado coming.

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time we had company, don't think we were very good hosts because it seems a lot of people left Lubbock darn mad. Well, I think that is just a travesty of

### Brandon Formby hospitality, and Columnist

this weekend. In fact, I say we make some permanent changes, so that every time we host a football game, the fans of the opposing team will feel welcome and all warm and fuzzy inside while they are here.

First of all, students living in the residence halls should give up their rooms every time there is a home game. We should let the opposing fans sleep in our beds — that way they don't have to make hotel reservations or pay for accommodations while they're in Lubbock. What says "Welcome to our Town" better than nice, cozy residence hall mattresses? And while all the residence hall rooms are taken, the Tech kids can all pile up in the University Center. But instead of sleeping, why don't we have them bake? You know - we can set up an all-night, Kathie Lee Gifford sweat-shop-style assembly line of bakers. They can make everything from chocolate chip cookies to Rice Krispies treats for the opposing team. Just like mom did every time grandma came to visit.

Any Raiders going to the game should go completely naked. Not to be sick and wrong or anything, but

xcitement is in the air this or NBC should work with us to make sure that, during a game, every child under the age of two in Jones Stadium gets their own 30-minute sitcom in next fall's lineup. After all. every kid who shows up to a game deserves fame, right? And who are we to deny that dream?

Raider Red should no longer run along the sidelines. Instead, we should just make him stand at the entrance and give hugs to all of the opposing fans so they feel wanted and welcome at Jones Stadium.

The Twirlers, Goin' Band, cheerleaders and Saddle Tramps should all be disbanded, too. Instead of being mean yelling horrible things like "Raider Power" and ringing that satanic bell, they should distribute all of the baked goods that the Tech kids staved up all night to make. But remember, they're going to have to hand them out to guests only, and they have to do so naked, so no Tech colors will be seen by the opposing fans

Oh, and no more signs on the sidelines either! Is fierce competition what football has really come down to these days? Imagine how heartbroken you would feel if someone made a bad sign about you. It would be traumatizing, wouldn't it? And instead of throwing tortillas, why can't we just blow the opposing team kisses as they run onto the field? That sure would make them feel welcome.

After the game, we shouldn't yell or chant. Whether we win or lose we should go over to the visitors section and give all our guests hugs. After all there's no such thing as too much hugging! Oh sure it might look weird at first - a whole bunch of naked people trying to hug a whole bunch of out-of-towners. But by the end of the game, they'll be so taken over by our nice show of emotion that they won't care.

And just think about how they'll go back to the office on Monday and tell their Tech alumni co-workers how fun it was to get brownies and be hugged!

You see, if we all work as a team,

# 'Ooops!' did I say that out loud?

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giant "Oooops!" story, I L was naturally delighted by the case of the Mars Orbiter.

This debacle, in which we lost a \$125-million climate satellite, occurred because the contractor, Lockheed Martin Astronautics, used feet and inches in its engineering



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meters and millimeters - and no one noticed the discrepancy. Consequently, when the thing was actually sent out into space, it came apart. Bye-bye, Orbiter. Bye-

lion. Not since the cheery news of the Y2K problem ("Ooops!") have we seen such a lovely FUBAR. A FUBAR, you will recall, is an advanced SNAFU: Situation Normal, All Fouled Up as compared to Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition. The more pedestrian finders of morals-to-the-tale have deduced that the loss of the Orbiter

proves we should all go to the met-

ric system. I'm sure we should. It makes such perfect sense. It's a better way to count and actually easier, as well. But I've always put the need for conversion to the metric system somewhere around 724th on my list of Things We Really Need to Do in this country. After losing \$125 million down the tubes, I suppose we should move it up a few notches.

The trouble with converting to the metric system as a political proposition - aside from the fact it's the kind of thing Michael Dukakis used to champion - is that it's bound to set off our Know-Nothings. All the people who believe in black helicopters and that there's really a plan for a New World Order that will put our military under the command of the United Nations will go absolutely bat-doo if we try to introduce something as "foreign" as the metric system. They will go even more ape than normal.

Can't you hear them now? "Feet and inches were good enough for my pappy and my grandpappy ..." I

cana, but you have to admit, getting us to learn something new is like climbing Mt. Everest (said she, who still can't program her VCR).

If we were to hire the finest minds of Madison Avenue and get them to make 30-second commercials teaching us about the metric system - sort of like Sesame Street for grown-ups - we would probably catch on in a year or two.

But I think that there's a larger moral to this tale. The Mars Orbiter, Y2K, the time that the Pentagon lost track of \$15 billion and other great "Oooops!" of our time serve to re-

mind us that experts are not necessarily a reliable source. One of the more obvious impending cases of "Ooops!" is radioactive waste, some of which remains deadly

for thousands and even tens of thousands of vears. Our "experts" cheerily tell us, "Noooo problem." They're going to figure out

some way to deep-six this stuff in a structure that will have to last longer than any human civilization ever has, and indeed longer than all of human civilization in Toto - possibly even longer than the last major shift in tectonic plates. We're not talking centuries or millennia here, but eons. The least the experts could do is quit sounding so damn sure of themselves.

FUBAR.

The recent nuclear accident in Japan is yet another wake-up call, and it's high time we stopped pushing the snooze button after every Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, Bhopal and all the other accidents that were never supposed to happen. I have suggested before that the First Rule of Holes needs to be applied: When You Are in One, Stop Digging. In other words, don't make any more of this poisonous crap until we figure out how to deal with what we already have.

An even better idea comes from

into in Indianapolis.

This gentleman, such an engineer he still carries several pens in his shirt pocket years after his retirement, told me he had always believed that when a new model helicopter is tested, the engineers who designed it should ride along with the test pilot.

As Sam Johnson suggested, it would have the same happy effect as the prospect of being hanged in the morning.

Why not apply that rule to other dangerous enterprises? Bet you anything the engineers at Lockheed and

NASA would Not since have noticed that "Ooops!" if they had had to the cheery get on the Orbiter themnews of the selves. If the people who think radioac-Y2K problem tive waste and toxic waste are ("Ooops!") so safe had to live next to it themselves, bet have we seen we'd get some amazing safety such a lovely measures - or at least the obvious admission that there's no known way to make this stuff safe.

I realize this is a variant on nowcommon protests against environmental racism. "If this stuff is so safe, why don't they put it in the rich people's neighborhoods?" There is something cheering about the prospect of burying toxic waste under the River Oaks Country Club golf course or putting a nuclear waste dump next to the U.S. Capitol instead of in Sierra Blanca. Aside from the populist charm of it, we'd be assured wonderfully high safety standards.

Even so, the human propensity for the FUBAR will be with us as long as Murphy's Law still is in effect. The trick is not to make mistakes that are irreversible - like radioactive waste and putting a hole in the ozone layer. We can afford a \$125 million mistake (gulp). We can't afford to poison the planet.

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just to make sure that there are no Texas Tech colors in the stands during the game. It is so rude to root against the opposing team — after all, they are company. And besides, we don't want a black and red sea of fans to distract the visiting team's players during the game, do we?

Just in case there are any babies in the stands whose parents hope to get them on television, we should be ready to fulfill that wish. ABC or CBS

# LETTERS **TO THE EDITOR** Hindered community

To the editor: Like Christopher Mitchell, I have noticed that prayers before football games have received considerable press. I know the Texas court has said prayer in public school is unconstitutional, and Mr. Mitchell agrees. However, after reading Mr. Mitchell's letter in Monday's paper, I believe the arguments he uses to prove his points are flawed.

Mr. Mitchell made reference to the fact that because people don't pray before meals, Texas Tech should not pray before a football game. I can't agree with this analogy. People learn by example. People adopt the behaviors and beliefs they observe society performing. This principle is what surrounded the concern of the baseball player who spit in the umpire's face. If we adopt these rituals that adhere to Christian principles, then the individuals who are exposed to these principles will exhibit them, regardless of their religion. Mr. Mitchell also suggests that because the community is losing its Christian faith, public prayer is futile anyway. Mr. Mitchell's argument simply states that taking this privilege away from the community won't matter because there are few active Christians anyway. This is absurd. I do not know the community Mr. Mitchell is from, but this community is alive with Christian activity. I recently saw a local television

we can make every visitor feel special and wanted. That is what we want, right? It's not about winning or losing. It's about being good hosts.

Oh, and one more thing whether we win or lose, don't tear down the goal post! That's why we don't have anything nice!

Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from Plano. He's going back to non-fat brownies, just in case some of the visitors are on a diet.

commercial make reference to the Christian God. This is proof that the community is so active in its Christianity that Christian beliefs are being referenced on television.

Another problem I have with Mr. Mitchell's argument is he says abdicating prayer won't hinder Christianity. I can't see how this justifies taking a privilege away from a community. I don't think it does. The attitude that it won't hurt Christianity if the law takes away this privilege is not justification. Mr. Mitchell goes further to say that Christians must reflect Christ, and praying at football games does not accomplish this reflection. What? Prayer at football games not only reflects the Christianity of the individuals praying, it also reflects the attitude of the community. This community is founded on Christianity, and that is why this type of public behavior has been endorsed for so long.

Although I have attacked Mr. Mitchell's argument, I know the principle behind it is correct. Because there is a small minority in the crowd that does not believe in Christianity, the community cannot express their beliefs. This is where my opinion and the judicial system differ. I believe that the country was founded on Christian principles. Christian principles are the base of the Constitution and foundation of the law we live by today. Although I believe that no one should be forced to believe a particular doctrine, I wish Americans could be a bit more tolerant of the religion that allows them the freedom they possess. **Russel** Frost

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# **Clinton offers new forest plan**

REDDISH KNOB OVERLOOK, Va. (AP) — With the Shenandoah Valley's first tinges of fall color for a backdrop, President Clinton said Wednesday his sweeping plan to place 40 million acres of federal forestland off-limits to development would not harm the timber industry.

The remote, largely pristine parcels of land Clinton wants to preserve represent a mere fraction of federally owned forest, he said. Vast reaches of other federal timberland are already available for logging and other development, he said.

"It is very important to point out that we are not trying to turn our national forests into museums," Clinton said as he detailed a plan environmentalists call progressive and the timber industry has called reckless.

His program would prevent or restrict road-building through the larger sections of currently roadless federal forest, most of it in the West.

Less than 5 percent of timber harvested in America comes from national forests, and of that amount just 5 percent comes from roadless areas, Clinton said.

"We can easily adjust our federal timber program to replace 5 percent of 5 percent," Clinton said to applause, "but we can never replace what we would destroy if we don't protect these 40 million acres."

Roads open forest areas to development, erosion and pollution. They also disrupt wildlife, plant life and natural systems. But roadless federal land also contains some of the most desirable timber owned by the Forest Service. Timber companies and their allies in Congress oppose any effort to close off future development.

The president took a few swipes at congressional Republicans, several of whom have already denounced the forest plan, for what he described as shortsighted views on the environment.

"Once again, the leaders of the Republican majority are polluting our spending bills with special interest riders that would promote overcutting in our forests, allow mining companies to dump more toxic waste on public iand and give a huge windfall to companies producing oil on federal lands," Clinton said.

He also threatened to veto the Interior Department spending bill, which controls funding for a host of environmental and preservation projects, if Republicans do not amend it to be more environmentally friendly.

"Issuing decrees from a mountaintop is not the way democracy is supposed to work," said Rep. Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., whose western Virginia district includes the majestic view of the Allegheny Mountains Clinton acclaimed as he detailed the forest program.

A section of the surrounding George Washington National Forest is among parcels in 35 states that would be protected, the White House said.

The plan initially affects roadless swaths of 5,000 acres or more, but could eventually be expanded to include an additional 10 million to 15 million acres in parcels smaller than 5,000 acres.

"With the stroke of a pen," Goodlatte said, Clinton will "circumvent the people's representatives in Congress, who he knows would never support such a proposal in the legislative process."

The forest protection plan requires no congressional action, relying on regulations to be issued by the U.S. Forest Service after a detailed environmental review and public comments.

# Cop killer enraged by rough marriage

PLEASANTON (AP) — A man told a 911 operator to "get somebody out here right away" before ducking into a thicket and gunning down three officers, including one who had arrested him for beating his wife.

Jeremiah Engleton, 21, shot himself after a three-hour standoff with up to 75 officers Tuesday night.

He drew police to his mobile home with the bogus 911 call and picked off two sheriff's deputies and a state trooper as their cars arrived. At least one, the trooper, didn't even have a chance to unbuckle his seatbelt.

"There's no way to prepare for something like that," said Atascosa County Sheriff Tommy Williams.

"If you had a half-dozen officers on the scene you would have had six dead officers."

The dead officers were deputies Mark Stephenson, 32, and Thomas Monse, 31, and DPS trooper Terry Miller, 37.

Wounded in the shootout were Carl Fisher, a 60-year-old retired Border Patro! agent, and Luis Tudyk, a 30-year-old Pleasanton police officer. Both were in good condition at a San Antonio hospital Wednesday.

Monse had arrested Engleton about 1 a.m. Tuesday on a charge of beating his wife.

Violet Engleton, who had a 15month-old daughter with Engleton, left her husband later that day on advice from a sheriff's department family violence officer. Officiais wouldn't reveal Ms. Engleton's whereabouts.

"I don't know if he felt the police had caused his wife to leave him," Williams said.

Engleton was released from jail about midday Tuesday and dialed 911 just after 8 p.m.

Monse, the first to arrive on the scene, was gunned down immediately as Engleton hid in a thicket of cactuses and mesquite trees. Stephenson arrived five minutes later and met the same fate.

Neither deputy called for additional help.

After ambushing the deputies, Engleton took each man's handgun and shot them in the head, officials said.

Miller, dispatched when the deputies did not return radio calls, arrived 20 minutes after Stephenson.

# Marlboro accepts possible smoking risks

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris Cos. is acknowledging for the first time that smoking is dangerous and addictive — a turnaround that appears aimed at protecting the world's biggest tobacco company against smokers who might someday claim they were unaware of the dangers.

The world's biggest cigarette company's acknowledgment is spurring renewed calls for federal regulation of tobacco and greater efforts to keep children from taking their first puff.

Philip Morris, producer of bestselling Marlboro, publicly acknowledged with the debut of its corporate Internet site Wednesday that smokers face serious health risks.

The declarations follow years in which the company fiercely argued with government and medical authorities over the risks of smoking. "It certainly makes clear, as I have

said for years, that the tobacco companies should answer for their actions in court," President Clinton said Wednesday.

'They should stop marketing their products to children.

And certainly they should do much more to reduce youth smoking."

The Justice Department filed suit against the tobacco companies last month seeking to recover billions of dollars in federal health costs for treating sick smokers.

The states already have settled with the industry for \$246 billion over 25 years.

Philip Morris posted its comments on smoking's risks as it launched a \$100 million advertising campaign to remake the company's image, which has taken a beating as smokers, unions and the government have sued the tobacco makers for compensation for the health consequences of smoking.

"In some ways I recognize this is a public relations effort," said David Kessler, the former head of the federal Food and Drug Administration. "But it certainly sets the stage for

regulation of tobacco products."

The Philip Morris Web site offers links to research on smoking from groups like the U.S. Surgeon General, the World Health Organization and the American Cancer Society.

"There is an overwhelming medical and scientific consensus that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and other serious diseases in smokers,"

the Web site says.

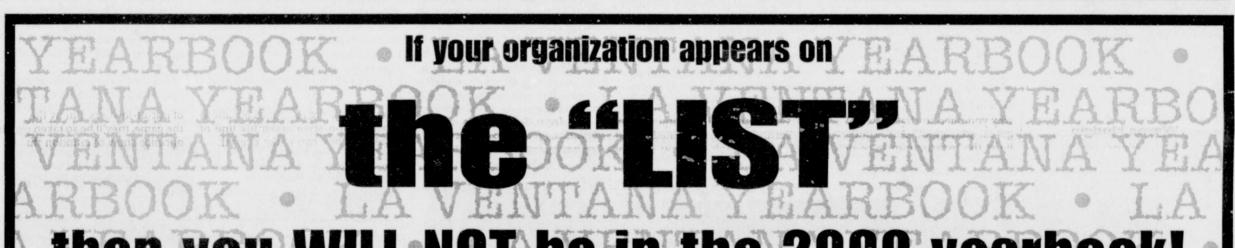
"Smokers are far more likely to develop serious diseases, like lung cancer, than nonsmokers."

It also says that "there is no 'safe' cigarette" and that "cigarette smoking is addictive, as that term is most commonly used today."

The site even offers advice on quitting smoking and on interpreting tobacco tar and nicotine ratings. It also lists the ingredients in each of its brands, though not the proportions.

Some anti-tobacco activists argue that the Philip Morris Web site and the advertising campaign which shows how Philip Morris has helped the hungry, battered wives and flood victims were aimed at the juries who are either hearing or will later be chosen to hear cases against the tobacco makers. An Inspiring Professional with Service Aspirations? Do you enjoy outstanding speakers and international service projects? If "YES", then check out **Rotaract Meeting:Tonight at 5:30 in Admin Bldg. Rm 216** For more information Call: Amy Patterson

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# **Cellular Solution**



Masked Rider, Travis Thorne, a senior agricultural business major from Stanley, N.M., makes a phone call from the Wall/Gates jail in the "Jail and Bail" event, sponsored by Wall/Gates Wednesday night. Money raised from his bail will go to the State Employee Charitable Campaign.

# Help set for babies without thymus

(AP) — Doctors have implanted wafer-thin slices of thymus gland to create an immune system in babies born without the gland --- an approach that could give hope to adults whose natural defenses have been beaten down by AIDS or cancer treatments

At least five such transplants have been performed since 1993. Each transplant was described in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine by Dr. Louise Markert, an immunologist at Duke University.

The babies all had the most severe form of a genetic disorder called DiGeorge syndrome: They were born without a thymus gland, which supplies germ-fighting T cells.

Five to 10 children a year in the United States are born with the most severe form, and without treatment,

many will die young because they have no way to fight off infection. In its less severe form, DiGeorge

syndrome can cause such problems as heart defects, retardation and facial abnormalities.

The babies were given slices of thymus gland that had been taken of problems with the grafts, Markert from other babies during heart surgery

The thymus nearly covers a baby's heart, cascading down into the chest, so doctors usually cut away a portion of the gland when an infant has heart surgery

Unlike and organ like the lung or a liver, the thymus does not have to be transplanted into the same area ---or even "When people fine-tune this more, I think this is going to have implications far beyond this DiGeorge syndrome," he said.

The first patient to get such a transplant was 3 months old and is now healthy and in first grade in Tennessee, Markert said.

The next three patients died, two from lung infections and one from a brain hemorrhage - not because said

Casey Boroff of Forsyth, Ill., underwent the most recent operation, in September 1998.

Without the transplant, the only way to have kept him alive would be to confine him to a germ-free plastic tent like David, the "boy in the bubble" who suffered from a bone marrow disorder.

Sometimes a sibling can provide a DiGeorge baby with T-cells for a transplant, but a genetic match is rare.

# **Mice used in cancer research**

(AP) — Scientists have created cancer-resistant mice by deleting certain genes that govern the formation of blood vessels - a breakthrough that could lead to new drugs for wiping out tumors in people.

The 57 specially bred mice were each injected with 100 million tumor cells. Many of them didn't develop cancer at all; others grew tumors, but they eventually shrank or didn't spread. Deleting most copies of the genes appeared to have no harmful side effects for the mice.

The finding is the latest advance in one of the most exciting and promising areas of cancer research: angiogenesis, or blood vessel formation. Scientists are trying to find ways to kill cancer by stopping the growth of the blood vessels that nourish tumors.

Last year, in one of the most celebrated developments in angiogenesis research, Dr. Judah Folkman of Harvard University reported that two proteins, angiostatin and endostatin, caused tumors in rats to shrink or disappear by cutting off their blood supply. Tests on people are about to get under way.

The mice study, published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, involves two genes called Id1 and Id3 that were found to play a vital role in the little-understood process of angiogenesis.

"It's a very unexpected and significant finding," said Luisa IruelaComprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California at Los Angeles

One of the researchers, Robert Benezra, a cell biologist at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, said the findings could lead to drugs that target tumors by inactivating the genes.

In particular, the findings could help scientists develop treatments that can distingish between normal blood vessels and those sprouting from tumors.

James Pluda, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute, said: "This may be another piece in the puzzle which might bring us closer to better understanding the process and therefore coming up with better therapeutics for blocking the process.

But scientists stressed that further research is needed before any human applications are developed. For one thing, mice are much simpler creatures than humans. And the cancerresistant mice were injected with malignant cells; they did not develop cancer naturally.

"People don't go around injecting themselves with 100 million tumor cells," Benezra said.

"Rather, they develop these tumors as a result of genetic disposition or mutation."

Researchers are now breeding mice that develop cancer naturally. Such experiments will help deter-Arispe, a researcher at the Jonsson mine whether the Id genes play a role

in these situations, too.

The Sloan-Kettering researchers stumbled on the role of genes in angiogenesis while they- one copy of each gene is inherited from each parenî.

The researchers first tried to breed rodents lacking all four genes. But they found that the growth of brain cells and blood vessels stopped early. and the embryos died before birth.

Then they tried deleting three of the four genes. These mice were then injected with breast cancer and lymphoma cells, and none developed tumors, unlike normal mice given the same shots.

The specially bred mice also were injected with lung cancer cells and developed tumors that failed to spread because they lacked well-developed blood vessels.

To further test their theory, the researchers took samples from brain cancer patients and found that they had heightened levels of proteins created by Id1 and Id3.

Because Id genes do not appear to play a role in adult development, it is possible that any drugs that inactivate the genes will have little or no side effects in people.

"We see them at very high levels during embryonic development, but in the adult they're at extremely low levels." Benezra said.

"We have a good chance of developing a drug that doesn't have side effects because the protein is not expressed in adults."

# More blacks die of lung cancer, study shows

is deadlier for blacks than for whites is that blacks are less likely to get the cancer cut out while they have a chance of survival, researchers say.

The researchers said they don't know exactly why this is so. But the president of an organization of black doctors suggested racial prejudice is at work.

The study was conducted by doctors at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Early lung cancer has few symptoms, so many patients do not learn they have it until it has spread and it is too late to operate. Even with surgery, the chances are poor.

About 34,000 people a year are diagnosed with non-small-cell lung cancer - the most common kind -

(AP) — A big reason lung cancer early enough for surgery to make a difference.

> The study looked at such patients and found that the overall five-year survival rate among elderly whites was 34.1 percent vs. 26.4 percent among elderly blacks. However, it found that the black patients were almost 13 percent less likely to have such surgery than the whites.

> Among those who had the cancer cut out before it spread, about 39 percent of the blacks and 43 percent of the whites lived at least five years after the diagnosis. Without the operation, only 4 percent of the blacks and 5 percent of the whites made it that long.

> 'Obviously, the opening question left by this study is what is going on in that doctor-patient relationship or interaction" that leads to the blackwhite difference, said Dr. Peter B. Bach, who led the study.

Doctors have long known that

blacks with lung cancer are more likely than whites with the disease to die from it. But the reasons have been unclear.

This is evidence that different medical treatment is at least part of the reason, and at least the second major study this year to find that blacks get different medical treatment than whites.

Blacks are also more likely than whites to die of heart disease - and earlier this year, a study found that blacks and women are less likely than white men to get the best cardiac testing.

"The data is coming from so many sources that it is hard even with the best of conscience not to think that race is the factor, be it conscious or unconscious," said Dr. Walter W. Shervington of New Orleans, president of the National Medical Association, an organization of 20,000 black doctors



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# Awards show, bluegrass style

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — They call their annual industry summit a family reunion and celebrate oldtimers as much or more than the hottest new acts.

The bluegrass music community is a uniquely gentle animal in a largely dog-eat-dog music industry. And the laid-back, music-first attitude has been attracting homesick stars from its increasingly pop-orientated cousin, country music.

Dolly Parton recently released a bluegrass album. And Jim Lauderdale, Steve Earle and Tom T. Hall have all done bluegrass albums in the past few years.

About 20,000 bluegrass devotees will converge on Louisville, Ky., from Oct. 18-24 for a week of events highlighted by the International Bluegrass Music Awards Show on Oct. 21.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the awards, every former host was invited back. Hall, Ricky Skaggs, John McEuen, Mac Wiseman, Tim O'Brien, Joe Diffie, Laurie Lewis, John Hartford and Rhonda Vincent will share master of ceremonies duties this year.

It's not about glitz. In fact, the bluegrass awards are not even televised, which is the reason many awards shows exist at all. A radio show syndicated after-the-fact to about 300 stations gives the bluegrass awards its primary national exposure. The lack of glamour is fine with the fans who pay \$55 to immerse themselves in bluegrass for a week. Many are musicians themselves, and are more interested in participating than watching.

You should see the hotel (The Galt House) during that week," said Skaggs, a country star who has returned to the bluegrass fold.

"There's people playing in the hallways, people playing in the elevators. Every floor you stop on, there's a jam going on.'

Bluegrass got its name from Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys, who invented the form in the 1930s. Fast, intricate and dominated by acoustic strings and tight vocal harmonies, bluegrass became marginalized in the 1950s when country music artists reacted to the rise of rock 'n' roll by putting more emphasis on drums and electric guitars

Still primarily acoustic and drumless, bluegrass benefited from the folk music revival of the 1960s and has developed separately from the rest of country music ever since.

It is popular enough today to support more than 500 music festivals each summer.

This year at the IBMA Awards, Skaggs and his band, Kentucky Thunder, are up for the entertainer of the year award, along with Blue Highway, Lonesome River Band, The Del McCoury Band and Illrd Time

Best male vocalist nominees are McCoury, Skaggs, Ronnie Bowman, Dudley Connell, James King and Russell Moore. The best female vocalist finalists are Lewis, Vincent, Alison Krauss, Claire Lynch and Lynn Morris.

The influx of well-known country singers has helped boost bluegrass sales, which are at near record levels, according to Dan Hays, executive director of the IBMA.

Bluegrass tends to be what you call an 'evergreen' music," Hays said. "You don't ever see a huge spike in sales. It just sails along in its own little niche.

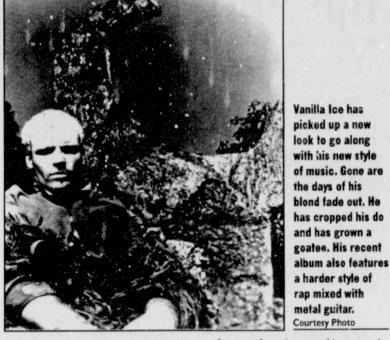
# Ice is back Vanilla Ice to melt fans in Hub City

Fans might remember Rob Van Winkle during his days when he donned sequined jackets, his hair was styled in a popular blond fade-out and he sang about having a "roni." Now Van Winkle, also known as Vanilla Ice, sports a goatee, has professed his Christianity, is married, has a baby girl and his music of choice is more on the heavier side.

The 90s-hit wonder, Vanilla Ice will perform tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G. The doors will open at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The tickets are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St.

Vanilla Ice may be remembered for his hit No. 1-hit song "Ice Ice Baby" from his 1990 debut album To the Extreme. His following album, Mind Blowin' featured a more hard-core type of rap. The album flopped, but remains a fan favorite.

The Dallas native has had his share of ups and downs. He has overcome a drug problem and now lives in Miami with his wife and



daughter, Dusti Rain.

features heavier metal/rap music, but during Vanilla Ice's current He also has been featured on concerts are without his band. He will perform his older material at tonight's show.

VH1's documentary, "Behind the Music.

His latest album Hard to Swallow

# Theatre offers sneak peek performance

will offer students a sneak peek at their most recent production, 'Hair," at 8 p.m. today.

Sneak-Peek is the final dress rehearsal before Friday's opening night. All Tech students with a valid ID will be admitted for free. A price. The Sneak-Peek also will be of- Leaves" on April 20. fered the night before all theatre per-

get into the performance for half March 30 and "The House of Blue

Student Rush also gives an added formances throughout the year. discount for students during regular Sneak-Peek performance dates in- nights of performance. Students can clude "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" on arrive about one hour before curtain Nov. 18, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" on and sign a waiting list. When the performance begins, students on the waiting list may take any unclaimed seats for free.

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Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. For more information and ticket prices, call the box office at 742-3603.

# Greed premise of new prime-time Fox game show

on a friend - on national television if \$2 million was at stake?

Fox is betting you will, since that's the premise behind "Greed," a new prime-time game show it hopes to air for at least three weeks beginning Nov. 4. The network is rushing "Greed" through production to be ready for the

NEWYORK (AP) — Would you turn ratings sweeps in November and to more difficult. As the stakes rise, parbeat the stampede of network producers developing game shows to capitalize on the success of ABC's 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Each show will have a team of five players, who initially work together to answer questions on popular culture that start easy and get progressively

ticipants can either work as a team to win prizes or compete against each other to win more money.

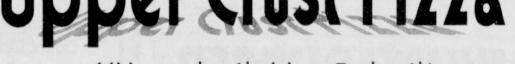
"It's tongue-in-cheek," said show producer Dick Clark, who added that a deal with a potential host for the program hasn't been sealed. The show will run at least three consecu-

tive Thursdays at 8 p.m., for either an hour or half hour. Two Fox shows that are suffering in the ratings, "Family Guy" and "Action," will be temporarily shelved. Game shows in the works at other networks include "Survivor," a CBS series about 16 people left on a tropical island to fend for themselves, with the winner earning \$1 million.

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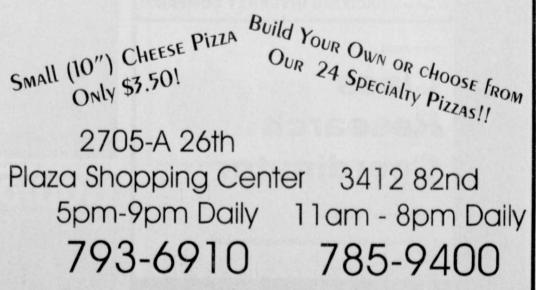


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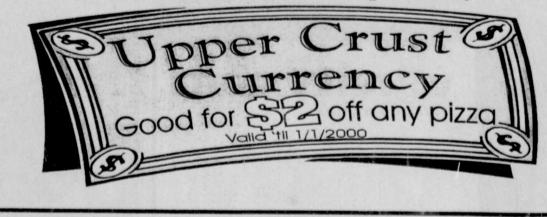


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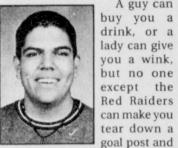
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# Tease me please; Tech football has ups and downs

Tou can search every night club, bar and strip joint. You -can even watch every soap opera on television.

But no matter where you look, there is no bigger tease in Lubbock, Texas, than the Texas Tech football team. A guy can



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next week. Well, at least the goal post part. Since the first game of the season, the Raiders have experienced more ups and downs than Bill Clinton's pants.

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After being heralded as one of the best teams in school history, Tech lost its season opener against Arizona State 31-13.

Just when fans were about to give up, the Raiders came back and looked semi-impressive in a 38-17 win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

Seven days later, an over-confident Tech squad got upset by former 1-AA powerhouse North Texas. The 21-14 beating was Tech's second-straight home loss to the Mean Green Eagles.

This was the last draw for Raider fans, and many were ready to transfer to South Plains College

But then the teasing started again

With the return of Sammy Morris, the Raiders shocked the world and upset Texas A&M just two weeks after being embarrassed.

That night and throughout the week, fans again were committed to the Tech football squad.

Some bought T-shirts to remind them of the event, while others were willing to buy actual pieces of the collapsed goal post.

But just like any other tease, the high lasted for only one week after this weekend's 41-21 loss to Oklahoma State.

So what can you expect this week?

The Raiders enter this weekend's contest in another "must win", "our backs are against the wall" situation, so expect the team that defeated the Aggies to be on display.

And where the heck has Shaud Williams been?

After rushing for 151 yards on 21 carries against North Texas, Williams has had three carries for eight yards in the past two contests

Last weeks battle against OSU was a clear example that Morris is no longer a secret in the Big 12. Look for Williams to have a big game

Don't make any commitments after the contest because next week's battle is against Baylor in Waco.

Final prediction: Tech-28 Colorado-23

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# Duncan, Spurs take on rest of world in preseason action

MILAN, Italy (AP) — The San An- the European, South American, Asian other teams here, and this is huge for tonio Spurs will at least make sure they break a sweat in Italy.

While no NBA team has lost in the 12-year history of the McDonald's Championship, the Spurs say they'll take their opponents seriously.

Well, seriously enough to get a good workout.

"We're going to use these games over here to get better," said Tim Duncan, who arrived Tuesday in Milan with the rest of the NBA champs. "These are like preseason games for us. We have to use them to get ready for the real season.'

The six-team tournament includes

and Australian champions, plus an Italian team.

NBA teams are 16-0, including the Chicago Bulls' 104-78 victory over European champion Olympiakos in 1997. (The NBA didn't send a team in 1998 because of the lockout).

There have been some close calls, though.

The New York Knicks were taken to overtime by Italy's Scavolini Pesaro in 1990, and Magic Johnson's Los Angeles Lakers edged a Spanish team by 2 points in the title game the following year.

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been made by the con-

tors. They will pass

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along to the Big 12 presidents, who are

them," said Avery Johnson, who hit the winning shot in Game 5 against New York to give San Antonio its first NBA title. 'We shouldn't take this lightly, be-

cause the track record shows that other teams took it lightly and games went down to the last minute or last 30 seconds," Johnson said. "We want to take things seriously from the first minute out there and play like the NBA champs.

San Antonio has a bye into Friday's semifinals, where it will meet the winner of Thursday's game between "We don't know anything about the Brazil's Vasco da Gama and Australia's

eral matters.

virtually locked up the bid and would

almost assuredly get the football

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Adelaide 36ers. The other teams are European champions Zalgiris Kaunas. Lebanon's C.S. Sagesse, and Italian League champ Varese Roosters. The final is Saturday.

In Italy, basketball is second in popularity to soccer, and as of Tuesday there were still hundreds of tickets left for Thursday's first-round games at the 10,122-capacity FilaForum on the outskirts of Milan. Organizers said they expect to sell out the arena for Friday and Saturday.

The Spurs, who opened their exhibition season Sunday with a 98-97 win over the Philadelphia 76ers, make their regular season debut Nov. 3.

game. If so, that would give Kansas

City both the Big 12 basketball and

football championships in the same

calendar year. At their Oct. 20 meet-

ing, the presidents also will review

site recommendations for baseball

and basketball championships.

Big 12 considers stadium for title game

CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium is being considered, along with the Trans World Dome in St. Louis, to host the Big 12 football championship game in December of 2000.

Sources at the Big 12 said no rec- meeting in Dallas Oct. 20 to make a

# Hokies hope put to end homecoming horror show

ginia Tech again? The No. 4 Hokies, one of college football's hot teams this season, try to avoid a third straight homecoming horror show Saturday when No. 16 Syracuse visits Blacksburg, Va.

This time, at least, Virginia Tech (5-0, 2-0 Big East) doesn't plan to overlook the Orangemen (5-1, 2-0) as the Hokies did Temple and Miami of Ohio. Last season, the lowly Owls showed up and stunned the Hokies 28-24 in the biggest upset of 1998. Two years ago, the RedHawks of the Mid-Ameri-

(AP) Will homecoming haunt Vir- can Conference pulled off the surprise with a 24-17 win. Both times, Virginia Tech entered the game undefeated. The Hokies may be dwelling on a perfect season and national title again, but coach Frank Beamer is trying to keep his players focused on Syracuse.

> 'This is a real challenge for our team, making sure our minds are right this week," he said. "We're real excited about all the things that are going on around Tech football right now. But if you start thinking about all the things that are going on, you're not thinking about making a great preparation."

to host 2004 Super Bowl

"It's the first time in Oakland's history that it has been formally invited to discuss a Super Bowl that isn't associated with San Francisco," said Zenophon Abraham, president of the Oakland-Alameda County Sports Commission. "It's early in the morning, but I'd be there at 4:30 a.m. if we had to."

The commission, gunning for the 2004 Super Bowl or perhaps a later title game, will make its presentation at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 2 in Chicago. The 2004 game may be a longshot for Oakland.

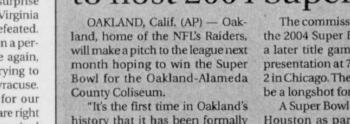
A Super Bowl was awarded to Houston as part of last week's franchise deal for that city, and observers have expected it to be the 2004 game.

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# Irvin not ruling out retirement

IRVING (AP) - A somber Michael Irvin, still haunted by the memory of being temporarily paralyzed after injuring his neck, is considering giving up football.

Although he never used the word "retire," the Dallas Cowboys receiver paused, swallowed hard, clenched his teeth and said:

When you go through something like this, there's no way you can say that you won't think, 'Hey, that's it. I'm not playing again.'

"That's the initial reaction. Then, after you calm down, you kind of weigh it to yourself and see what happens, see what the doctor says and see what everyone else says. That's kind of where I'm at right now."

The 33-year-old Irvin, who is in his 12th season, said he's in no hurry to assess is future this soon after the injury.

He spoke softly, slowly and without his usual verve. There was redness in his eyes and cracking in his voice as he described how he felt being dazed.

Irvin, who is wearing a neck brace, understands he's lucky to have only a swollen spinal cord and a herniated disc

He's also wondered whether he would be as lucky next time - if there is a next time.

"When I was in the hospital, I thought, 'What if it was worse?' But, you know, it kind of goes back to that's the risk you take every time you step on the field," Irvin said. "I'm not trying to make light of it - especially not now - but it's quite a risk. I know that now."

the morning with Dr. Andrew Dossett, a spinal injury specialist. He

described the session as more confusing than reassuring. "I won't know what's going on un-

til we sit down and he gives me some layman's terms," Irvin said. "Right now, all I know is not to move it much and that's what I'm trying to do.'

Trainer Jim Maurer, who also was at Dossett's office, said the visit may have shaken up Irvin because it was the first time he learned the details of his injury

Dossett decided to wait at least two weeks before ordering an MRI, which will show whether the swelling has gone down.

Late next week, X-rays will be taken to examine the alignment of Irvin's spine, one of the factors that will determine when he can return to football.

Maurer said the good news was that Irvin has been cleared to ride a bicycle and do other conditioning exercises

Irvin was injured in Sunday's 13-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles when his helmet twisted awkwardly as it slammed to the turf.

Many of the raucous fans at Veterans Stadium cheered when it was obvious he was seriously hurt. They hollered again when a gur-

ney was brought on the field. Irvin didn't notice.

"All I was trying to focus on was

Irvin spent trying to put my hands down so I could get up," he said. "I couldn't control my arms and I couldn't control my legs. I was more focused on

that. "I remember looking up, not being able to move and all you see is sky, then getting in the ambulance." Irvin said movement re-

turned to his hands when he was on the gurney. He regained control of his legs in the ambulance. "I was just

scared," he said. "I thought about not playing with my son."

Since spraining an ankle as a rookie and tearing a knee ligament the next year, Irvin has played 139 of 144 games.

suspension for a no-contest plea to felony drug possession charges.

Over his career, Irvin has 750 receptions, tied for ninth all-time, and he's helped Dallas win three Super way.'

Bowls.

He holds every significant record in Cowboys history.

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Before speaking to the media for about 10 minutes Wednesday, Irvin " ... there's no spoke twice as long to teammate way you can say Johnston, whose second that you won't neck injury in three years has think, 'Hey, ended his season and possithat's it. I'm not bly his career. Johnston has playing again.' " said his best advice for Irvin is

not to rush back **Michael Irvin** into action. **Cowboys receiver** 

the sentiment of close friends Deion Sanders and Emmitt Smith.

"We are just praying for his healing, for his mind to stay stable and focused on what he has to do to get The five he missed were due to a ready for life - not just football," Sanders said.

> "It could be the end of a wonderful career. I don't believe it is, but if it is, I'm going to support him in every

# Heavyweight boxer to face two trials

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A Dec. 6 Ibeabuchi is alleged to have lured trial was scheduled for heavyweight boxer Ike Ibeabuchi on charges that he attacked a corrections officer at the Clark County **Detention Center.** 

Dec. 6 was also the date Ibeabuchi was scheduled to stand trial in another courtroom on charges he sexually assaulted an outcall entertainer in his Strip hotel room.

Lawyers agreed Tuesday to postpone that case. A new trial date will be set Oct. 19.

The jail charges of battery by a prisoner and assault on an officer allege Ibeabuchi pushed a corrections officer during a confrontation shortly before a scheduled court appearance on the sex charges.

In the sexual assault case,

the 21-year-old victim to his Mirage hotel room in the early morning hours of July 22 but wouldn't pay the \$150 minimum fee for an erotic dance.

Instead, the woman from Oceanside, Calif., testified during a preliminary hearing, the boxer grabbed her and dragged her into a closet where he pulled down her pants and began to sexually assault her.

She was rescued when hotel security came into the room, apparently alerted by her screams for help.

In 1998, Ibeabuchi spent three months in jail after pleading guilty to false imprisonment charges relating to a 1997 wreck he had with a 15-year-old boy in his car in Austin, Texas.

The time for Saturday's Homecoming game against Colorado has been changed to 2:30 p.m. The game will be aired on Lubbock's ABC affiliate, KAMC-Channel 28.

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# Former coach to turn himself in to authorities

Pan American basketball coach Delray Brooks is expected to turn himself in to law enforcement authorities Thursday morning, according to the Hidalgo County district attorney.

An arrest warrant for Brooks was issued last Thursday after an Hidalge County grand jury returned an indiciment of theft by a public servant of between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

The charge is a second-degree felony and carries possible punishment of up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Although District Attorney Rene Guerra had given Brooks

EDINBURG (AP) - Former until Tuesday to turn himself in. a family situation took Brooks out of the state, Guerra said.

Guerra said he would recommend a personal recognizance bond for Brooks.

Brooks is accused of depositing a check from Southwest Missouri State for \$25,000 into his personal account and then making withdrawals from the account.

Brooks has denied any wrongdoing, although Le acknowledged that the check was deposited into his account.

He said that neither he nor anyone else under his direction had made the deposit.

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# LPGA still going strong after 50 successful years

Tour is too often judged by the wrong numbers.

Never mind that Karrie Webb is soaring toward \$1.5 million this year, or that a record 78 players have earned more than \$100,000.

The nagging question is why the LPGA purses pale in comparison to the men.

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(AP) - The success of the LPGA this year on four continents, but ship and 57 tournaments, Berg measeems to make headlines only when it loses a tournament.

> So what that the 240 hours of television time is more than any other women's sport? Critics want to know why more tournaments are not broadcast by the networks.

Maybe those critics should spend more time with Patty Berg. A winner of 15 major champion-

sures success by the number that matters the most: The LPGA Tour is about to celebrate its 50th anniversarv.

"Fifty years! That's marvelous," the 81-year-old Berg said from her home in Fort Myers, Fla. "It just goes to show what happens when you work together and have a vision that this was going to one of the best or-

ganizations - and it is.

"Others may disagree," she said, alluding to tennis, basketball and now soccer. "They have wonderful organizations, too. But I happen to be talking about mine.

Indeed, the LPGA Tour belongs to Berg, Alice Bauer, Bettye Danoff, Marlene Hagge, Betty Jameson, Marilynn Smith, Shirley Spork and Louise Suggs.

Of the 12 members who chartered the LPGA Tour in 1950, those eight living founders will gather in New York on Oct. 19 to help begin a year of celebration for the longest-running women's sports association.

These are the women who help LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw appreciate how far women's golf has come, and make him optimistic about the next half-century.

"I'm not sure I would have had as much optimism that it would have lasted 50 years," Votaw said. "At the time, society was not sending many signals that women could or should be professional athletes in a touring sense.

"What would have tempered some of that pessimism were the people involved, and that indomitable spirit they had in bringing the issue to a head," he said.

'We have 50 years of history, and a foundation on which to build. The

LPGA Tour has stood the test of time." It wasn't easy.

Consider the average week of a touring pro. Most arrive at a tournament no later than Tuesday, get in a practice round, play in a pro-am, give interviews to a half-dozen reporters and cash a check at the end of the week that could be worth as much as \$100.000.

Jameson and her pals also used to show up at tournaments a couple of days early, albeit for a much different purpose.

'We had to set the pins," said Jameson, 80, who lives in Delray Beach, Fla.

Someone else marked the course. We did all the running of the tournament.

On Sunday night, they stayed late to compile the scores and send them off to Western Union.

They were more than just performers. They were press agents, tournament organizers, rules officials

Berg recalled one tournament in which a player - head of the rules committee that year - had to stop playing in the middle of her round to make a ruling.

'They had to do this on their own," Votaw said. "I would equate it to trying to dunk a basketball from the standing position. And they

reached pretty high." The inaugural LPGA season fea-

tured nine tournaments with a total purse of \$50,000. The LPGA Tour had 43 tournaments on the schedule, including offseason events, worth more than \$36 million in prize money.

Television was only a baby in 1950, televised golf not even a consideration.

Now, a week rarely goes by that Berg isn't glued to her set watching players from all over the world playing a tour that she helped start

"The publicity is terrific," she said. Thanks to founders like Berg, Jameson, Suggs and Zaharias, women with a love for the game have a tour they can call their own. Thanks to Hall of Famers such as

Mickey Wright, Betsy Rawls and Kathy Whitworth, they have a standard for excellence.

"We've come along way," Jameson said. "I'm glad I could be part of the history. I wouldn't exchange that for anything.'

It's time to put away the yardsticks and break out the party favors. It's time to stop the incessant, unfair comparisons to the PGA Tour and begin to measure the LPGA Tour on its own merits.

By that standard, the LPGA has been an enormous success.

Women's golf claims first tourney title of season

Led by the second-place fin- championship by one stroke. ish of Jamie Vannoy, the Texas Tech women's golf squad claimed their first tournament title of the season Tuesday in their own Jeannine McHaney Memorial Tournament at the Lubbock Country Club.

Vannoy shot a 73 in the final round for the team best, and a three-day total of 225 to lead the Raiders to victory

The Raiders were in fourth place heading into the final day of the tournament but rallied back to take their first team title in the history of the event.

Tech denied Oklahoma the

Melanie Hunt placed third with 226, Stephanie Dukes tied for seventh and Jennifer Newhouse tied for 18th place. Heather Wrede tied for 22nd, Priscilla Hunt and Alana Soliz tied at 25 and Allison Louth settled for 63rd in the tournament.

Tech coach Jeff Mitchell said he was very pleased with his team's performance because he said there tends to be more pressure to win at home than on the road.

The Raiders go after another team title when they travel to Palo Alto, Calif., to compete in the the season. The Raiders will travel to Stanford Intercollegiate Tourna- California for their next competition. ment Oct. 22-24.

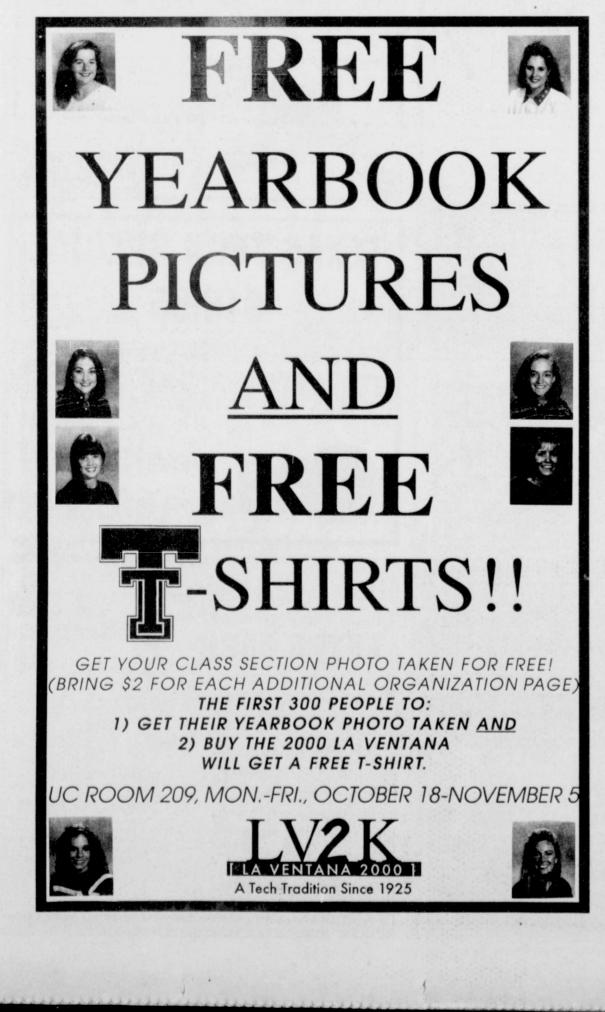


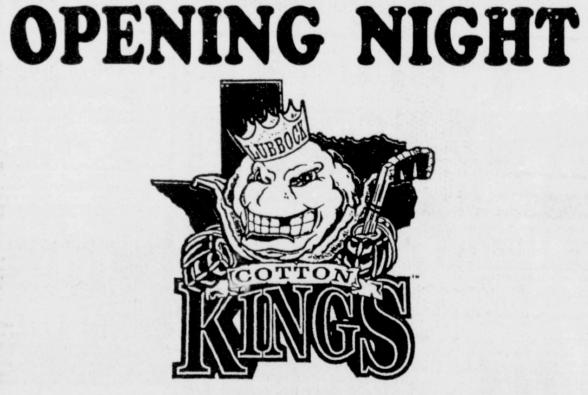
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# **Basketball great's death** attributed to heart failure

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Wilt Chamberlain seemed the epitome of fitness. Even after his Hall of Fame basketball career ended, he turned to volleyball and marathons.

But for years he also endured heart problems - and they eventually killed him, Sy Goldberg, Chamberlain's agent and longtime friend, said Wednesday.

"He had congestive heart failure," Goldberg said the day after Chamberlain died at age 63. "He had deteriorated relatively quickly over the last month or so.'

Chamberlain had lost 30 or 40 pounds over the past few weeks as doctors drained his legs of fluid that had accumulated because of his heart trouble, Goldberg said after speaking with Chamberlain's cardiologist, Dr. Anthony Reid.

seven years ago with an irregular heartbeat and was said to have complained of an arrhythmia since he was in his early 20s

"Most likely, with a man of his age group dying suddenly, it would be from blockage in the blood vessels, causing an irregular heartbeat, regardless of his past medical history," said Dr. Michele Hamilton, associate clinical professor of cardiology at UCLA.

Funeral services for Chamberlain are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at City of Angels Church of Religious Science in Los Angeles.

Seating for the public will be limited.

Chamberlain's sister, Barbara Lewis, said her brother had undergone dental surgery last week and

Chamberlain was hospitalized looked worse than she had ever seen him.

"The cardiac situation was the main thing," Goldberg said.

Reports that Chamberlain had a heart problem surfaced in the early 1960s, but he denied them. Then he was hospitalized for three days in 1992 for the mild arrhythmia.

Even those closest to Chamberlain didn't know how bad the problem was.

"We knew it had been a little trouble for him, but we weren't aware that it could be serious. We did hear something about it a few years back," Chamberlain's sister, Selina Gross, said from her Philadelphia home.

"Maybe all the playing and activity caused some wear on his heart. But he took care of himself and went to the doctor."

Known as "Wilt the Stilt" and "The Big Dipper," Chamberlain was perhaps the most dominant player in NBA history.

He spent 14 years in the league, with the Philadelphia (later San Francisco) Warriors, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers.

On March 2, 1962, Chamberlain scored a record 100 points in a game against the New York Knicks. He also grabbed a record 55 rebounds against the Boston Celtics on Nov. 24, 1960.

He scored 31,419 points, a record broken by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1984, and grabbed a record 23,924 rebounds. Chamberlain went to the NBA playoffs 13 times, but won just two championship rings - in 1966-67 with the 76ers and in 1971-72 with the Lakers.

# Modano, Sydor activated by Stars in time for play against San Jose

center Mike Modano, who narrowly avoided a career-threatening injury on Oct. 2, was activated by the club for Wednesday night's game against the San Jose Sharks.

Also activated was defenseman Darryl Sydor, who was injured in the same game.

Modano suffered a mild concussion, broken nose and strained neck ligaments after a hit from behind by Ruslan Salei of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. Modano crashed head-first into the end boards and was fortunate to escape with only minor injuries.

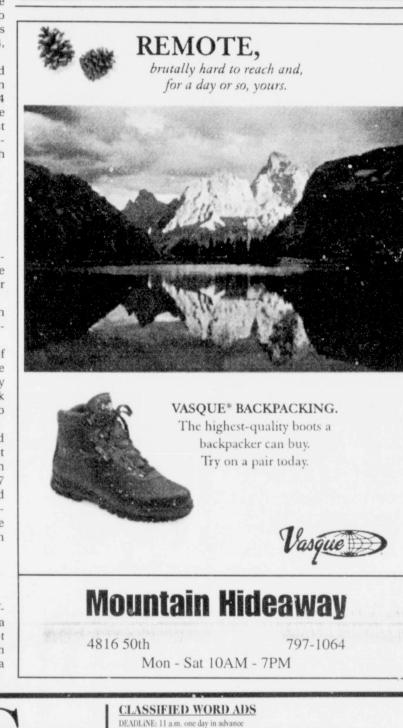
Sydor suffered a fractured left

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Stars eye socket in the game against Anaheim when he was punched repeatedly by Jim McKenzie while Sydor was lying prone on the ice.

To make room for the two players, the Stars placed defenseman Shawn Chambers and center Brian Skrudland on injured reserve.

Chambers is expected to be out for three months after surgery Wednesday morning on his right knee to remove damaged cartilage and repair the surface of the knee. Skrudland has a chest contu-

sion and will be out three to four weeks.



# Arena closed hours before christening

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Although the grand opening for Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena went off without a hitch, a new arena set to open with an NBA exhibition game and a capacity crowd of 18,000 was shut down 2 1/2 hours before tipoff Tuesday after engineers found a crack in a beam.

The Los Angeles Lakers and Washington Wizards were to christen the \$80 million Alltel Arena. Fans were making their way toward the arena when the building was closed.

The crack was in a beam supporting an upper level of the arena. Engineers suggested the game be canceled so the building's integrity could be tested.

"While visual inspections of all other beams show no evidence of additional cracks, it is the opinion of project.

the engineers that it is prudent to load test the entire upper area before allowing public access to the upper level seats in the arena," a statement from the Alltel Arena said.

The telephone company paid \$7 million to have the riverside arena carry its name.

The Pulaski County board that runs the arena opened the doors Oct. 2 to give the public a walkthrough but kept visitors off the upper deck.

The crack was discovered three weeks ago; while inspecting a diagonal steel beam encased in concrete, engineers found that the beam was hung 12 inches too low, making it less able to withstand stress, said Willard Reese of Garver Engineers, the principal engineer on the

Crews will erect steel plates on either side of the beam — underneath Section 210 - to shore up the building, Reese said at a news conference on the floor of the arena.

Tuesday night's game was to be the arena's first test with a packed house.

Elton John is scheduled for a concert Oct. 29 in an event being billed as the arena's official opening. There was no immediate word on how long the building would be closed.

The Arkansas RiverBlades of the East Coast Hockey League are scheduled for their home opener in the arena Oct. 23.

Last year, Nabholz Building and Management Corp., the main concrete builder at the arena, was declared in default on its \$4.78 million contract. Officials cited shoddy work, failure to meet the construction manager's deadlines and failure to pay its own suppliers and other contractors.

Despite the trouble, members of the Pulaski County Multipurpose Civic Center Facility Board said they believed new crews could work around the problem and vowed to meet their opening date.

County voters in 1995 approved a one-year 1 percent sales tax. That money, combined with a \$20 million contribution from the state and \$17 million from private sources, paid for the construction of the 377,000square-foot arena on the north side of the Arkansas River in downtown North Little Rock.

# Braves pull win over Mets, 4-3; Lopez injury helps Braves, hurts New York

ATLANTA (AP) - All of a sudden, with Brian Jordan to hit two-run that injury to All-Star catcher Javy Lopez is hurting the New York Mets a lot more than the Atlanta Braves. Backup Eddie Perez reprised his

role as the unlikely hero, teaming

homers in the sixth inning and lead Kevin Millwood and the Braves over the Mets 4-3 Wednesday for a 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

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Showing how serious they are, the Braves brought in John Smoltz for the first relief appearance of his major league career that began in 1988. The Game 4 starter pitched a perfect ninth for a save.

Perez, who took over full time after Lopez was lost for the year to a knee problem in late July, had not homered at Turner Field this season until connecting Tuesday night in a 4-2 victory in the opener.

# It wasn't clear if the shutdown was linked to the building's old concrete workers.

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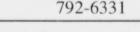
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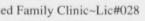
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a lot of depth on this team."

Expansion teams in the fouryear-old league have the opportunity to sign any player in any league, assuming he is not under contract with a WPHL team.

"If you do your work, you can win a championship in your first year," May said.

The Cotton Kings will compete in the league's Western Division with five other teams - Amarillo (Rattlers), El Paso (Buzzards), New Mexico (Scorpions), Odessa (Jackalopes) and San Angelo (Outlaws).

Though the 7,209-seat Kingdom (Coliseum) is officially sold out for today's season-opener, marking only the second WPHL team to sell out game No. 1, individual tickets for regular season games still are available.

Mark Adams, Cotton Kings owner/general manager, said franchise representatives are excited about the turnout for today's game and also said Tech students are important in making hockey successful in the Hub City.

Thursday nights throughout the season have been designated as "Texas Tech Nights" by the franchise where special ticket prices will be available to students and

student organizations. After the game, Cooder Graw

will perform a free concert in the parking lot outside the Coliseum. The concert will be sponsored by the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association.

Doug Jeffrey, Tech Student Government Association president, said Lubbock and the Texas Tech community are lucky to have a franchise like the Cotton Kings.

"With a campus of 25,000 people and Lubbock being a coilege town, there's so much that students can be a part of," he said.

"With anything that goes on, students need to be a part of it."

Regardless of the activities surrounding the season-opener, the bottom line is that the Cotton Kings are looking for their firstever franchise victory

And May expects to have a successful and competitive team -now

"Obviously, we want to win the championship," May said.

"But to have a successful season, I'd like to see us win 40 games and make the playoffs and advance past the first round."

The Kings' first opponent, Amarillo, finished the 1998-99 campaign with a 31-30-8 mark, good for fifth place in the Western Division.

# **Raiders adapting to Coronado court** Volleyball ready to take on opponents in new arena

### by Jeff Keller Staff Writer

After playing its first six home games of the year at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, the Texas Tech volleyball squad has played its last three home games at the Coronado High School gym.

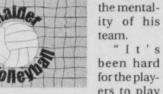
The reason for Tech playing at the high school is because the Lubbock Cotton Kings hockey team now calls the Coliseum their full-time home, and the United Spirit Arena is not ready for Tech volleyball.

While playing at Coronado, the Red Raiders have accumulated a 1-2 record. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he is

uncertain when the Red Raiders will get to play in the new arena, as no date has been set, but he hopes to at least be able to play on the practice court by the Nov. 6 match against Kansas.

Nelson said he hopes the squad will be on the main court by the Nov. 21 match against Oklahoma, but nothing is set in stone.

Nelson added that playing in a high school gym has had an effect on looking forward to getting into the crete under it. It was terrible."



ers to play their games at a high school gym," he said. "It's tough for them to be in college and have to play at a high school. It has been bad for morale. They are athletes, and athletes have egos. And I think playing in a high school gym

has hurt their pride a little bit. But that is still no excuse for losing. On the flip side of that, when we are able to play in the new arena, we will have the best of the best. But unfortunately, we will have to wait for that to happen."

The volleyball squad took a tour of the new arena last Saturday, and setter Skydra Orzen said the team is excited about getting into the new facility.

"We toured the arena, and we are real excited about getting to play there soon," Orzen said.

"I don't mind playing at Coronado too much, but I think we are all just

arena. When the Red Raiders played their home games in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, they played on a surface called Sport Court.

Sport Court is a surface composed "It's tough for of a thin layer of carpet that is covered them to be in with an interlocking plastic cover.

The court Tech now calls home at Coronado High School is a hardwood court, and a high school. It both the practice court and the main court at the United Spirit Arena will be hardwood courts.

Orzen said she prefers playing on the natural hardwood surface to the surface they had in the Coliseum.

"It's easier to play on the wooden surface," Orzen said. "The one at the Coliseum felt like there was just con-

Due to Tech playing at the high school, the Red Raiders have had to begin their home matches at 7:30 p.m., as opposed to the normal 7 p.m. start, to coincide with the practice

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Jeff Nelson

Tech volleyball coach

schedule of the Coronado volleyball team.

Coronado volleyball coach Patty Jones said having the Red Raiders play in their facilities has not been an inconvenience. "Our practice

schedule has worked out great with them playing here," Jones said.

"Coach Nelson and I were talking this summer, and he

mentioned they might need a place to play, and I told him he was welcome to use our gym if he wanted. We are happy to have them here, and it has really been a pleasure for us."

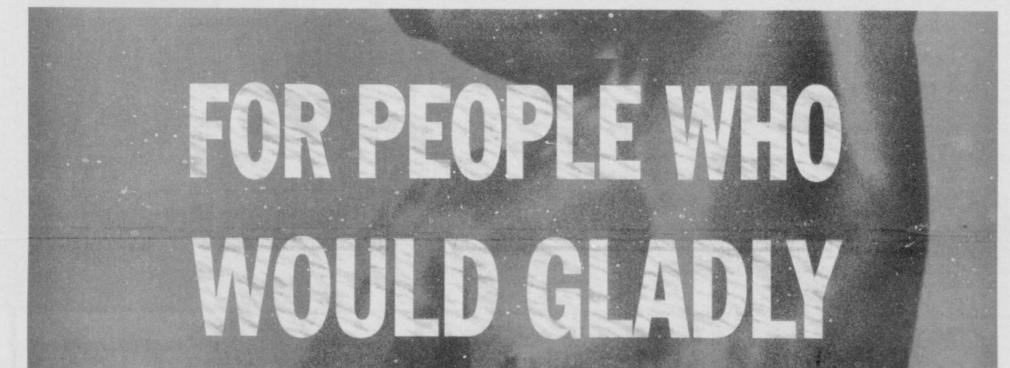
Jones also said having Tech playing after their practices has given her team a chance to watch a Division I volleyball team in action.

"They usually play their matches after we get done with practice, which gives us the opportunity to watch their matches," Jones said. "It has really been a win-win situation for us.'

Tech outside hitter Ann Romjue said playing in the Coronado gym has its good points and its bad points.

"Of course, you don't want to come to college and play in a high school gym," Romjue said. "But it hasn't been too bad. The fans are close to the floor and that makes it louder. In that aspect, it's probably good, but we're really looking forward to getting into the arena."

Andretti joins Petty



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(AP) --- While John Andretti has driven for a lot of teams, he never found a home in racing until he went to work for the Petty family.

That's because Richard Petty and the rest of his North Carolina clan have welcomed Andretti and made him a part of that family, just as they do with all their employees.

That, says Andretti, is the reason Petty Enterprises will ultimately rise to the top of NASCAR's Winston Cup series again.

Andretti — in his second full season with the team after a brief stint in Level Cross in 1994 - won earlier this season in Martinsville, Va. Going into Sunday's Winston 500 in Talladega, Ala., he was 19th in the points race.

John Andretti's father, Aldo, is Mario's twin and was a topnotch short-track racer until an injury ended his career. John likes the direction his own team is taking.

"This team is building toward something very good," he said. "I can feel it. We've got good people, and we're moving ahead.

Richard is known to possess an impish sense of humor, but he is dead serious when talk turns to his team's future - and the future of his family.

"We've got something to keep going and make better for Adam and the rest of the grandkids and great grandkids." The King said. "Everybody knows it's tough to win and run consistently up front these days."

He looks at the super Hendrick Motorsports and Robert Yates Racing teams, and figures Petty Enterprises can again have that kind of success.

"We were the guys that everybody was shooting at for a long time," Richard said. "I know we can do it again."