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### STATENEWS —

#### Austin high school principal resigns over marijuana charge

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin high school principal charged last week with possession of marijuana has resigned.

Al Mindiz-Melton, principal of Johnston High School, submitted his resignation Monday, school district officials said. Mindiz-Melton was arrested April 10 after police allegedly found 3 1/2 ounces of marijuana in his home. He was released later that day.

He has been on administrative leave since the arrest. The misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in jail.

Staff members at the high school were informed of the resignation Tuesday.

"They're very hurt, and they're also very resilient," said Yolanda Rocha, an area superintendent. "Because they had bonded with their principal, this was, again, another hurdle."

### NATIONALNEWS —

#### Federal panel rules Elián must stay in country, for now

MIAMI (AP) — Chastising the government for ignoring the wishes of a 6-year-old boy, a federal appeals panel on Wednesday ordered the Elián Gonzalez must remain in the United States until an asylum hearing next month.

The court action, extending an earlier stay granted by one of the judges, marked the latest in a series of victories for Elián's Miami relatives, who have been battling his Cuban father in an international tug-of-war over the child. The order, however, does not prevent the government from reuniting father and son in the United States.

In Little Havana, a tense vigil quickly became a celebration, with people dancing, crying and chanting "God Bless America."

"The Gonzalez family continues to believe in the laws of the United States," said Lazaro Gonzalez, the great-uncle who so publicly defied Attorney General Janet Reno's demand to turn the boy over to his father last week. "We will continue to pray... that (Elián) may remain where his mother wanted him to be, in the life of freedom."

### WORLDNEWS —

#### Rescuers dig through rubble of Air Philippines crash

SAMAL, Philippines (AP) — With plastic garbage bags wrapped around his hands as makeshift gloves, Mike Salaguinto searched smoldering debris and coconut palms for charred remains of the 131 victims of Wednesday's Air Philippines crash.

"I have a friend in this plane. But I'm not thinking any more of whether I will find her, I'm just picking up whatever I can find," the air force airman said. "I can't count how many bodies I've found."

Another black garbage bag covered Salaguinto's head to ward off the drizzle falling on Samal Island, where the Boeing 737-200 crashed early Wednesday on approach to nearby Davao city in the southern Philippines. It was the Philippines' worst air disaster ever. Many of those killed — 124 passengers and seven crew members — had been traveling home for Easter aboard Flight 541 from Manila.

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# Tech suing over arena construction

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

Although it took the United Spirit Arena architect and construction companies an additional year to finish the building, it only took Texas Tech less than three months to file a lawsuit against them for breach of contract.

Wednesday Tech officials filed a lawsuit against Rosser International and Centex Construction Company in response to their efforts in building Tech's newest athletic venue.

Cindy Rugeley, associate vice chancellor for News and Information, said it is university policy not to comment on pending litigations.

## Rosser International, Centex companies named in lawsuit

"We believe the lawsuit speaks for itself," she said.

Representatives from Rosser and Centex did not return phone calls from *The University Daily*.

According to the original petition filed by Tech, the cause of action for the suit against Rosser stemmed from several combining factors.

The petition said Tech originally signed the design contract on reliance that Rosser would design an arena that could be built and

put into use by the beginning of the 1998-99 Tech basketball season.

The original opening date for the arena was in November 1998, but because of repeated delays it was not opened until the following November.

Tech also accused Rosser of failing to fully perform its duties while causing further delay and increasing costs to the arena's price tag.

"Many aspects of the arena design were in fact seriously flawed, and the plans and

specifications were in many respects deficient, requiring additional and corrective work, which significantly increased the cost of the arena, and caused substantial delays throughout the construction period," according to the petition.

Tech's complaint states the damages to the university caused by Rosser's actions included the loss of revenue from events that could not take place and had to take place in other venues.

The petition included several other causes of action for the lawsuit against Centex.

Under the original contract, Centex agreed to have the work substantially complete by Jan. 1, 1999. If it was delayed, Centex agreed to pay Tech \$2,500 for each calendar

see **LAWSUIT p. 3**

## New beginnings



Derrick Ginter, operations director at KOHM-FM, removes the sound board from the station's office in the Journalism building Wednesday. KOHM is in the process of moving to a new and larger location at the Bank of America building, located at 19th Street and University Avenue.

## New KOHM location to place station in public view

by Jennifer Bailey  
Staff Writer

After almost 10 years of operating in a one-room office and studio, KOHM-FM, Lubbock's national public radio station, is beginning to relocate to its new address.

Derrick Ginter, KOHM operations director, said the station's new location, which includes six offices, two studios and ample storage space, is a far cry from the facilities they operate out of on the second floor of the Journalism building.

"We are all in one room with no offices," Ginter said.

"The new office space is virtually four times larger than the offices we are currently in."

Stacy Baggerly, KOHM development director, said the general public may not be aware of the status of the station.

"Our production room is essentially a closet, and people don't realize that we are all working out of a one-room facility," Baggerly said.

The station will relocate to the Bank of America building located at the corner of University Avenue and 19th Street.

Also located in the Bank of America building are Tech's administrative development, development research, athletic marketing, cultural diversity offices and the Department of Restaurant, Hotel and Institution Management's Skyviews Restaurant.

Clint Barrick, KOHM programming director, said the new location will allow the station to remain in the public view.

"The station will be placed in a better location out in the public's view," Barrick said. "We are an outreach of the university, and in our new location, it will be easier to mingle with the public."

Baggerly said the new location will allow

more visitors and volunteers to come to the station.

"The parking situation will be more convenient for our visitors, as well as the staff," Baggerly said.

Ginter said the move will continue throughout the year, with the station broadcasting from both the old and new location.

"Until Tech installs fiber equipment that will allow us to fully operate from the Bank of America building, we will have to continue broadcasting from both buildings," Ginter said.

Ginter, who said Tech is not paying for the move or the equipment, expects the station to begin broadcasting from the new location within the week.

"We mostly run off of direct donations from our listeners," he said. "I anticipate we can begin broadcasting late Thursday or early Friday."

# Memorial helps heal scars from OKC bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Church bells chimed on streets that once rang with a bomb's blast. Children saw their reflections in a calm pool where there was once an ugly crater. And families found serenity Wednesday in a place that has pained them for five years.

On the anniversary of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, 168 sculpted chairs stood in silent tribute to the 168 victims of the most deadly terrorist attack on American soil.

"To me it's like my funeral for him, my time to say goodbye," said 20-year-old Sarah Broxterman, who lingered over the stone-and-bronze chair inscribed with the name of her late father, bombing victim Paul Broxterman.

The chairs soon overflowed with flowers as

thousands came for the first of two ceremonies to dedicate the Oklahoma City National Memorial at the site of the federal building.

Later, President Clinton walked with representatives of families, survivors and rescuers through the 168 chairs before the second dedication ceremony. At one point he paused to straighten flowers knocked over in the strong Oklahoma wind.

He stopped before one chair with Jeannine Gist, the mother of a victim, and placed a hand gently on her shoulder.

Clinton dedicated the memorial with the promise that "America will never forget" the suffering inflicted by the bombing.

"There are places in our national landscape so scarred by freedom's sacrifice that they shape forever the soul of America," the president said. "This place is such sacred ground."

Bells tolled at 9:02 a.m., the exact moment when the fuel-and-fertilizer truck bomb exploded and stripped the face from the building, turning its nine floors into a tomb of concrete and steel.

After the names of the victims were read, family members, survivors and rescuers stepped through one of two golden gates marking the entrance to the memorial. There were 149 big chairs for the adult victims and 19 little ones for the children who died.

"I felt their presence there. I feel their presence every day in the office," said Renee Kiel, who clutched roses as she walked among the 35 chairs representing Housing and Urban Development co-workers.

Children with thick sticks of chalk scrawled messages on tiles beneath artwork in the children's area of the memorial. Some

dipped their fingers into the dark reflecting pool that stretches along what once was the bomb crater.

P.J. Allen, who was severely injured but was one of the few children in the building's day-care center to survive, stood waving an American flag.

His hand still bears scars and a tube helps him breathe.

"I thought it was lovely," said his grandmother, Delores Watson.

An honor guard representing the rescuers who rushed into the building first and stayed for weeks to recover the dead hoisted a U.S. flag over the site. Lifted by a stiff breeze, the flag snapped to its full length.

Clinton, appearing with Attorney General Janet Reno, called the bombing an "attack on all America and every American."

by Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

# Students manage \$1.6 M in stocks

While many people can only dream of having more than \$1 million to invest in the stock market, a group of Texas Tech students in the College of Business Administration are getting this opportunity.

"This is a great way to gain real-world experience," said Kimberly Casper, a senior finance major from San Antonio. "It helps you learn how to get out there, find stocks and manage a portfolio."

The Student Management Investment Fund began September 1997 as a way to teach business students the principles of investing.

Casper said students in the class are in charge of managing an existing stock portfolio, and choose to buy or sell the stocks based on research they conduct.

William Dukes, professor of business administration and instructor of the course, said the \$1.6 million used in this class comes from endowment funds set up by Board of Regents Chairman James Sowell.

The endowment provides funds for two professorships, two scholarships and a chair of the fund.

Dukes said his students have money invested in 36 stocks this semester and said any money made goes to the school.

"This money belongs to Texas Tech," he said. "The university could say it's over and want its money back at any time."

Scott Hein, professor for business administration, said investment gains made by the students help pay for two professorships, salaries for faculty, research and travel for business administration officials.

Dukes said while his students do not make money on every stock they invest in, they have made money every semester so far.

"We can't know what the market is going to do," he said. "We make our decisions based on the information we receive. It's an educational process we're involved in."

A 60 percent vote by the class is required to approve each stock investment.

Hein said students must have a 3.25 GPA and are required to submit an application that must be approved by Dukes and the COBA dean to take part in the class.

The class is open to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Applications are available in 902 or 1012 Business Administration building. For more information, call 742-3419.

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# Newspaper president discusses trends, future of journalism

by **Adrienne Gaviglio**  
Staff Writer

With the new year underway, the question has arisen as to where the future of the media is heading.

George Irish, president and corporate vice president of Hearst Newspapers, addressed mass communication students Wednesday about the changing faces of media.

Interactive communication, greater access to the media, new technology advances for media and more consolidations were among the various new advances discussed.

With the Internet and digital age, journalists have and are going to realize a dramatic change, he said.

"This year will mark 106 million people using the Internet compared to 84 million in 1998," Irish said.

Newspapers have started combining with broadcast news to form Internet-ready news. This allows for full coverage of things such as court cases on the Internet, background information on an individual and history of a presiding judge.

"By taking what journalists were doing and moving it to the Internet, it allows the news to expand and ex-

**"Journalists need to be well-rounded to deal with the pressures today."**

**George Irish**  
president of Hearst Newspapers

ploring deeply information more readily to people," he said. "It can give a little newspaper worldwide impact."

Traditional competitors also are being brought together via the Internet, and they are providing wonderful possibilities for the future, Irish said.

"Steve Case, founder of America Online, did not know five years ago that he would become Ted Turner's boss when AOL and Time Warner combined," he said.

Students were informed about different issues media is facing, said Chelsea Loper, a junior advertising major from Fort Worth.

"I liked being able to hear someone so important tell us that even though the way the information is being conveyed is changing that our

jobs are not going to be in jeopardy," Loper said.

Irish said as of last Thursday the total value and price of news companies' stocks equaled \$69 billion, and this was a result of a broad range of access to things such as the Internet.

Journalists are not changing, but the interpretation of news is changing due to such things as palm pilots and Internet-ready cellular phones.

Irish encouraged qualified journalists to keep up with new-media landscape and the Internet.

"Journalists need to be well-rounded to deal with the pressures today," he said. "If I had to do it all over again, I would background myself in a subset of knowledge. It might be through a minor in school you could attack knowledge in a more broad range."

# Universities accept students via e-mail

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Northwestern University is responding to successful applicants with a message attuned to the information generation: You've got mail.

Northwestern is one of a few universities around the country sending quick e-mails to prospective students congratulating them on their admission. For some, the messages are welcome relief to weeks of nail-biting over their applications.

"It's very high-tech," said Diana Garber, a 17-year-old high school senior from East Hills, N.Y. "It made it easier because people found out early. They weren't stressed out."

Garber gained early acceptance to Northwestern, so here e-mail was a formality. For many of her friends, she said, the notes ended worries over whether they would receive a thick envelope or a thin denial letter.

Rebecca Dixon, associate provost for enrollment at Northwestern, said the school sent e-mail congratulations to about 4,000 students. This marks the first year that all accepted applicants who had provided e-mail addresses got the notes before their packets of admis-

sion information. The e-mail messages were meant to follow formal acceptance letters sent through regular mail. In some cases, the electronic missives beat the postal service.

Jerry Sullivan, executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said the use of e-mail acceptance notes seems natural as more and more colleges turn to online applications for new students.

Both Sullivan and Dixon said not to count out the traditional acceptance letter just yet.

Sullivan said he expects many universities will use a dual system, with an e-mail and a postmarked information package.

Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, did just that this year, sending congratulatory e-cards to accepted students as a follow-up to traditional letters. American University in Washington beat the post office to the punch by letting about 4,200 prospective freshmen know through e-mail that they had been accepted and their official admission letters would soon come in the mail.

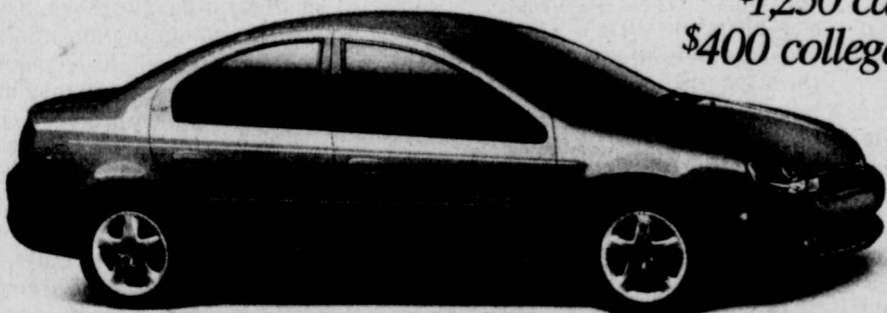
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# Covering up important during sunny days ahead

## Skin cancer awareness seminar to expose warning signs, prevention tips helpful for early detection

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

As the weather warms up, sweaters are being stored, tank tops are being dug out, and doctors are reminding people not to forget to cover up.

A Skin Cancer Awareness Seminar will be conducted at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside to provide information on preventing and treating skin cancer.

Dr. Brent Paulger, a dermatologist in Lubbock, will address the three different types of skin cancers and its biological behaviors as well as show examples of each. He will conduct the seminar with questions and answers. The seminar is May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Arnett Room at Covenant Medical Center.

"The patients will be educated as to what they need to look for,"

Paulger said. "They will be informed about when something is wrong, and when it is time to go into to see a doctor."

The seminar will feature a discussion on prevention of skin cancer and the different kinds of sunscreens available. There are sun protection factors of sunscreens with certain ingredients that people should use in certain situations, Paulger said.

"With the ozone problems that are going on now and the intense rays, people need to use sunscreen to protect the skin," said Wes Stripling, a senior advertising major from Tyler. "I know if I don't do it now, I will regret it later on in life."

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, sun is the main cause of the most common form of cancer, skin cancer. Research shows that two or more



**Skin Cancer Seminar**  
May 10  
Covenant Medical Center

blistering sunburns during childhood or the teen years increases the risk of developing skin cancer in a person's life.

"Most of our exposure is in the first 18 years of life," Paulger said. "People are most susceptible when they are younger."

Skin rejuvenation measures will be discussed as well as information on how to reverse skin damage, Paulger said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests the following tips to remember when receiving sun

exposure:  
• The sun's rays are strongest between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Avoid activities in the sun during those hours.

• Damaging ultraviolet rays can bounce back from sand, snow or concrete, so it is important to be careful in these areas.

• Most of the sun's rays can come through the clouds on an overcast day, so use sun protection on cloudy days.

• Sunscreens are for skin protection and should not be used as a reason to stay in the sun longer.

"I am going to educate the public and especially parents because kids are not aware of sun damage," Paulger said.

The skin cancer seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 725-7977.

### Free cancer screening available at Covenant Health Center

The Joe Arrington Cancer and Treatment Center of Covenant Health System will offer skin cancer screenings from 8 a.m. to noon May 6.

About one million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, accounting for half of all new cancer cases, according to the American Cancer Society.

The most frequently diagnosed types of skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and malignant melanoma.

Although less common, malignant melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer. It makes up six out of seven skin cancer-related deaths.

Risk factors for skin cancer include the following factors, ac-

ording to the American Cancer Society: family history of skin cancer, fair skin or freckles, repeated overexposure to the sun, light or red hair and sunbathing or use of a tanning bed.

The cure rate for basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, as well as early malignant melanoma, is better than 95 percent if detected and treated early, according to the American Cancer Society.

The skin cancer screenings are free and open to the public.

Reservations are required, and the center will try to accommodate everyone who is interested.

The treatment center is located at 4101 22nd Place.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 725-7977.

## Instead of ticket, surprised parkers receive \$20 gift

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — At first, Felix Pepe thought the piece of paper on the windshield of his 1987 Plymouth was a parking ticket.

"I was going to get upset," Pepe said. "But when I went to take it off my windshield, I realized that it was a \$20 bill."

Pepe wasn't alone. A few residents awoke last week to find \$20 bills tucked under the windshield wipers of their cars.

"At first I thought it was fake or that someone was playing a trick on me,

but the car behind me had a \$20 bill on it and a car down the road also had a \$20 bill on it," Pepe said.

He took the bill to the management office of his apartment building to see if someone had reported losing the money.

Pepe's wife, Haydee, guessed that an anonymous donor with extra money was giving to those who have less during the Easter season. Pepe spent the money on groceries and a trip to McDonald's with his daughter.

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### LAWSUIT, from p. 1

day the work remained incomplete.

After the completion date was rescheduled to May 5, 1999, Centex agreed to have all work completed and if it was not, Centex would pay the liquidated damages.

"Centex failed to construct the work in accordance with the plans and specifications, or in a good workmanlike manner, all to the damage and detriment of Texas Tech University," according to the petition.

The basis of the lawsuit claimed that both Rosser and Centex created direct and consequential damages to the university and are being accused of professional negligence and breach of both the design and construction contracts.

The original price estimate of the United Spirit Arena was \$45 million, but the final cost expanded to \$62 million by its completion date.

Arena Manager Kent Meredith said most major building projects end up costing more than originally estimated.

Final touches to the arena are still being made and a "punch list" full of small repairs and touch ups are being completed.

"There are still items on the punch list that need to be done, but other than that it is a great facility," Meredith said.

## Tech Air Force ROTC members honored with scholarships

Two Texas Tech Air Force ROTC cadets recently were named to the primary scholarship board of the Air Force ROTC Headquarters.

Michael Hefferly and Michele Risko will receive three-year scholarships that include full payment of tuition and fees, a \$480 book allowance and a \$200 tax-free monthly stipend.

Hefferly is a history major from Columbus, Miss., and Risko is a me-

chanical engineering major from McKinney.

As a technical major, Risko is eligible to extend the scholarship an extra year.

First Lt. Adrianna Creech said it is not that difficult to receive a scholarship from the Tech ROTC.

"Almost anyone can apply," she said.

Air Force ROTC scholarships are available for most Tech students.

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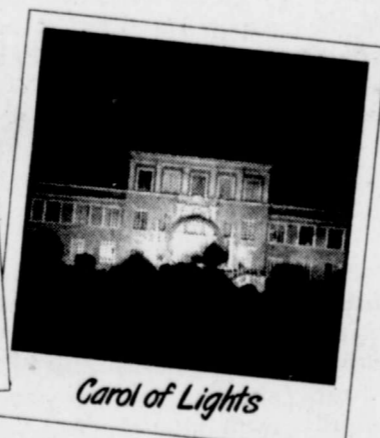
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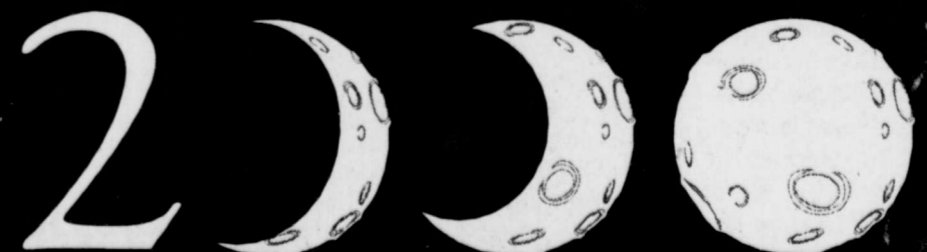
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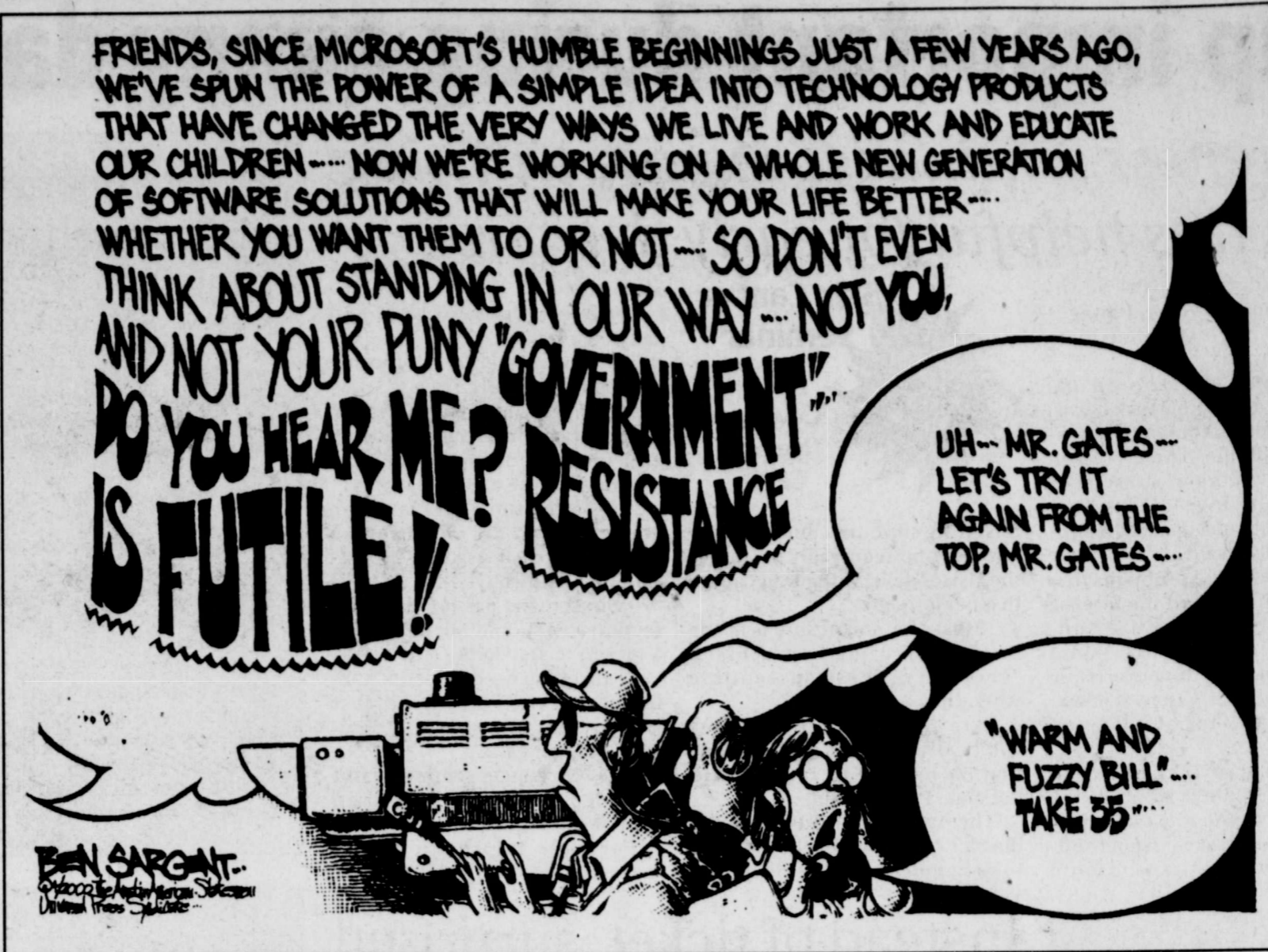
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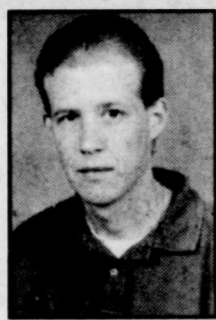
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## Today's kids lack creativity

It saddened me the other day when I realized it has been about a year since the Columbine tragedy, and nothing has changed. The NRA still points their finger at the media who point their finger at the federal government who vote themselves a hefty pay raise for pointing their finger at the negligent parents and so on.



**Jay Hudec**  
Columnist

Meanwhile, guns still are in the classroom and school shootings still occur — we just don't hear about them as much because they don't involve Elián Gonzales. God bless that child, he's going to need some serious therapy.

As for me, I point my finger primarily at the toy industry, but unlike many people, I don't feel the problem is the violent toys.

I spent the majority of my formative years with an obsession for G.I. Joe. I played with the toys, read the comic books, watched the cartoon, and I turned out all right. The only detriment it has caused me is a tendency to say "and knowing is half the battle" at inappropriate moments.

Rather, I blame the toy industry for sapping kids of their imagination, and for creating Pokémon (that's actually relatively harmless, but it still annoys me to no end). Granted, I don't have any children (I'm still waiting for them to go on sale at Wal-Mart), but I usually think like a child and often act like a child, so

I should know what I'm talking about.

Toys today are too extravagant and sophisticated for our children's own good. Action figures shoot projectiles and talk, dolls learn language, and cars make every possible engine noise imaginable. While this can be fun for those of us older children who like to walk down the toy aisles and set them all off in succession, it's hindering children's ability to imagine the noises these things should make or make up noises of their own.

While some would argue that these toys give kids a better grasp of reality, I feel that it's like forcing them to color pictures with the correct colors and stay within the lines.

The only kids who are forced to use their imagination these days are those whose parents make them keep the toy in the packaging because it might be worth something some day. Those people are just sick.

Parents, possibly wanting to cure their guilt for spending less time with their kids, tend to buy the biggest, fanciest toy they can without even thinking of the repercussions.

The toys I often ended up having the most fun with were those that initially seemed about as exciting as an Al Gore doll. While I was attracted to many of those cool-looking toys at the stores with all their bells and whistles, in the event that I ever successfully begged my parents into buying me one of them, they seemed to lose my fascination much faster than the simple toys that required more imagination.

I often had more fun with some of my dad's old Lincoln Logs and army men than the latest, cool toy to become available. When I wanted a big fancy G.I. Joe base, I had to build my own out of Kleenex boxes and toilet paper

rolls and endless amounts of duct tape. It didn't quite look like the one they advertised on television, but I was kinda proud of it.

When using Legos, I tended to build something random instead of what was on the box. But now even Legos don't let you build many different things because they have too many special pieces to make the constructions look more real.

I think that building or creating something unique can expand a child's mind, allowing them to find creative ways to deal with situations that arise in the future.

Whenever we got mad at anyone in high school and wanted revenge, we tended to fork their lawn, Vaseline their door knob, or pour sugar on their sidewalk. While these things were still rather destructive in nature, they were cathartic and relatively creative.

When today's kids get mad at someone, they lack the ability to come up with a creative solution so they seem to resort to violence which is the refuge of the uninspired.

Anyone can attack someone else, while it takes a creative mind to think of painting their rival's house purple and yellow while they sleep. Plus, it leaves more room for reconciliation later when both parties can laugh about it.

So I urge all you parents and future parents out there to not give in and buy your kids the latest toy for their birthday. Instead, give them a stick, a wrapping paper tube and a large cardboard box, and watch them have hours of fun using their imagination (once they get past that initial shock factor).

*Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He is trying to convince the YMCA to offer a little league kick-the-can program.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The issue at heart

**To the editor:** The real issue in the Elián Gonzalez case has been overlooked — freedom. Many people are being led to believe that this is a simple case of a parent's right to his child. While this is a simple case, it's about freedom, not about which country can provide Elián with a more comfortable lifestyle.

Mr. Colley states that Janet Reno should not only return the boy to Cuba because it is the law, but that more importantly, he should be returned because the bond between a father and son supersedes any man-made law.

Well, in contrast to the propaganda being shoveled out by the press, Elián, according to our laws, is eligible for political asylum, regardless of his age or circumstance.

However, the Clinton administration and Reno have disregarded our law and decided that this boy will be denied this right and sent back to Castro. Additionally, I don't think it is difficult to argue that freedom is also an inherent natural right which supersedes even family ties. Just consider this scenario in our own period of slavery. If a mother escaped slavery with her child and died getting her son to freedom — should the boy be sent back to slavery with his father? Of course not!

Communism is inherently a form of human slavery — so what is the difference? The answer is there is no difference. This boy could have been a defeat for Castro and communism, but because foreign relations with dictators are more important to this administration than the freedom our great country is based on, Castro and oppression will be victorious over our American symbol of liberty.

*Dustin Mundorf*  
junior  
marketing major

## Mistakes exist to make people want to be better

Steve," as he preferred to be called, is a friend of mine that I work with. He received his nickname from a faded, blurry homemade tattoo on his arm. Talking with Steve is quite an experience. Steve, as he shocked me one night, is a ex-convict.

"We all make mistakes, and I've made my share," he said, noticing the stunned look of my eyes.



**A.P. Thompson**  
Columnist

Steve served almost 5 1/2 years in five different prisons. He was released after serving his full sentence four months ago come April 21. As he explained to me, he was stopped by an officer at a red light and had his vehicle searched. Two kilograms of cocaine were confiscated from his car, and Steve was sent to prison, narrowly avoiding a stiff 25-year sentence his first lawyer advised he take.

"I was hanging out with the wrong crowd. It took me three years being down (in prison) to finally crack. I started to write my mom and realized I had to shape up if I was going to get out."

Steve described the modern hell that prison is.

"The first day down I had to fight. Punks just want to know if you are going to stick up for yourself or let them use you. I had to fight for a month before they let me alone."

But the fighting didn't stop there. "Sometime, someone wants to start shit with you, and you can try to make a deal — cigarettes, money, whatever."

Money wasn't hard to come by either. "You get money from your friends and family, and you swallow it in a small bag. Then you drink shampoo to throw it up."

Steve even told me about the prison newspaper, *The Echo*. But what interests me in Steve's story is not the real-world horror of prison, it's the tone of voice Steve speaks with now.

"I learned my lesson from that five (years)," he said. "Prison can rehabilitate you if you want to be rehabilitated. Just most in there don't see the need."

Steve saw the need, and now, living with his mother, he is determined to keep from making the same mistake twice.

"Prison is one big routine. Same stuff, day after day. Dominoes, eat, dominoes, read, eat, work out, eat, sleep. Never changes. I even have a favorite author now."

And as I listen to Steve, I realize he's speaking to everyone, even if he only means to talk to me.

He's right. We all make mistakes. We all have to live with them and learn from them. And we definitely will never forget them.

"I will never, ever forget prison, as long as I live."

That's the point I've taken from Steve. Just one week ago, I wrote mentioning my last column, and here I am with another. So call me a liar. Call it a mistake.

I now know never to put into print that something is my last anything because sooner or later, someone will call my bluff, and I'll lose.

I've learned, as Steve has, that mistakes will always be made. Poor decisions on who to date, who to break up with, whose homework to copy, what crowd to hang out with, getting behind the wheel drunk, classes and professors ignored, the wrong major, the job you aren't happy with.

"You just have to want to get better," Steve said. "You have to want to learn, to see the mistakes more quickly to correct them or before you've made them."

Can I say this here? Amen, Steve.  
*A.P. Thompson is a senior journalism major from San Antonio.*

# Discipline essential to good parenting

It is 10 a.m. at Central Elementary School, and Mrs. Henderson is about to begin a math lesson with her second-grade class. So far this morning, everyone has been extremely well-behaved, everyone that is, except Johnny.

Mrs. Henderson has already pulled Johnny aside three times to talk to him about his unacceptable behavior, but as soon as Johnny returns to his desk, he starts poking and kicking the other children around him again.

Mrs. Henderson even sent Johnny to the time-out corner to think about what he was doing wrong but that didn't do the trick either.

Mrs. Henderson can tell that all the other students are eager to learn about math, but she is unable to devote her full attention to the lesson because of Johnny's unruly behavior.

Before beginning the math lesson, Mrs. Henderson pulls Johnny aside one last time.

"Johnny, you know that your behavior this morning is unacceptable in this class and simply won't be tolerated," Mrs. Henderson said. "The other students want to learn, and your kicking and poking is keeping them from doing this. If you disrupt this class or the other students one more time, I am going to be left with no other choice than to spank you. Do you understand?"

Johnny nods his head and returns to his seat, but within two minutes, he is kicking the student next to him in the shins.

Mrs. Henderson immediately takes Johnny out of the classroom and spansks him on the rear causing him to cry.

As his crying subsides, Mrs. Henderson proceeds to tell Johnny the reason for the spanking and waits until he says he understands why he got spanked.

A teacher in Mrs. Henderson's position 10 or 20 years ago wouldn't hesitate to spank a child if it was the last resort to maintain order and discipline in class.

Today, however, a teacher would be tempted to push the problem student off on someone else rather than discipline the child by spanking out of fear of possible repercussions in the future.

Pushing the problem child off on someone else does nothing to teach the child about discipline and what behavior is and is not acceptable. It's the responsibility of caring parents, teachers and other adults to discipline children so that they will know how to behave well.

In May 1999, a 48-year-old school teacher tried to do just that when he spanked his daughter on the rear with his bare hand for refusing to have her tooth extracted. Shortly thereafter, he was tried and convicted of assault.

The outcome of the trial sparked a number of comments from people around the world on the issue of whether or not spanking should be outlawed completely.

Andreas Kallika had one of the most poignant comments on the issue.

"A little smack here and there does no harm as long as it is explained to them what it was for," Kallika said. "We cannot allow the law to dictate parenthood."

Spanking a child is something that no one, especially parents, like to do. In fact, many parents will tell you that the pain they go through when spanking their child is far greater than the sting the child feels on his or her rear.

Nevertheless, parents and other adults need to follow through when disciplining children so the child will learn there are consequences for all actions as well as the difference between right and wrong.

Not spanking a child because you feel the child will not like you is actually a rather selfish position for an adult to take.

Is it more important to remain popular in the eyes of a child for the short-term or make sure that the child will learn lessons that are in the child's best interests in the long run?

The truth of the matter is, after a spanking, most children will whine for a few seconds, but then they will turn off the faucet of tears once they realize their bawling is not getting them any attention. It is at this time that the disciplining adult must talk to the child and make sure the child understands why the spanking was given.

Oftentimes, the simple threat of a spanking is enough to get a child to behave if the child knows the adult means business. However, the threat must be backed up by action if necessary.

If an adult does not follow through when disciplining a child, the child will know that anything the adult says can be disregarded. Ultimately, this can lead to a complete lack of respect by the child toward others and that is the worst possibility of all.

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## Troupe STOMPs back to Hub City

by Amber Morgan  
Staff Writer

International percussion sensation STOMP will make its triumphant return to Lubbock from April 25-27.

STOMP, a unique combination of percussion, movement and visual comedy, was created in the United Kingdom in summer 1991. It was the result of a 10-year collaboration between its creators, Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas.

STOMP is an eight-member percussion group that creates a rhythmic ensemble using everyday objects — garbage cans, brooms, Zippo lighters, matchboxes, wooden tea chests and ball-peen hammers, to name a few.

Ana Pomales of Puerto Rico has been with STOMP for almost three years and said her favorite "instruments" are the Zippos and the matchboxes.

"The Zippos sound like a lullaby and make a really beautiful pattern when they are all lit up," Pomales said. "The matchboxes have a sort of samba/Latin sound to them that is really appealing to me."

Pomales got her start when she moved to Orlando, Fla., and began working at Disney World.

Though she had a few minor dance recitals as a child, her real start in dancing came from the dance classes she took at Valencia Community College.

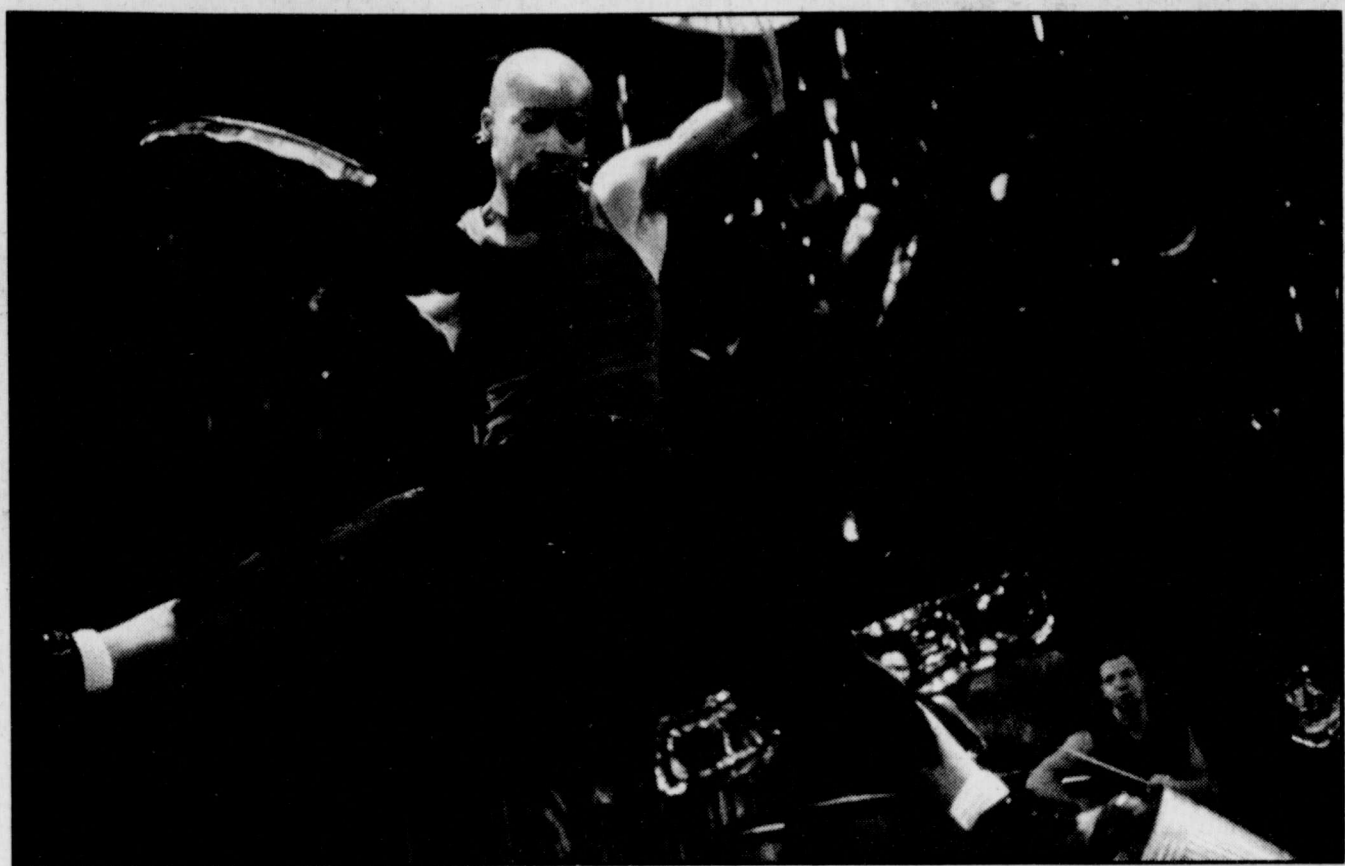
Despite attending both Rawlins Community College and University of Central Florida, Pomales earned her associate's degree from Valencia in 1993.

While working at Disney World, she got her first major dance part in the "Spirit of Pocahontas" production. She loves working with the STOMP cast and crew.

"It's the best company I've ever worked with," Pomales said.

Since opening in New York in 1994, STOMP has appeared on shows ranging from "The Late Show with David Letterman" to "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" to "The 68th Annual Academy Awards."

The cast also have done numerous television commercials for such companies as Coca-Cola and Target



STOMP • Courtesy Photo

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STOMP has won many awards, including an Emmy Award, an Obie Award, an Olivier Award for Best Choreography, a Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatre Experience and many more.

After wrapping up their performances at Southern Methodist University's McFarland Auditorium this weekend in Dallas, the cast and crew will roll into the Hub City for three days.

Pomales said she is looking for

ward to returning to Lubbock.

"Since I began touring around, I prefer traveling to smaller towns," Pomales said. "The people are so much nicer and friendlier, and it feels much safer."

That is not the only reason she is looking forward to coming to Lubbock.

"I have family here, too," Pomales said.

After finishing their Lubbock engagement, STOMP will travel to Amarillo to perform there as well.

STOMP is for adults and children of all ages. The show runs for 90 minutes with no intermission.

STOMP will appear at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium from April 25-27.

Tickets can be purchased through Select-A-Seat by calling 770-2000, or online at [www.selectaseatlubbock.com](http://www.selectaseatlubbock.com).

Student Rush tickets also will be available at the door and are "buy one, get one free" on all remaining tickets one hour prior to show time.

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- Half a Chinese dog?
- Play parts
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- Garden vegetable
- Michael Crichton novel
- Instrument with seven pedals
- "ER" network
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- Letters from the morgue
- Top dog
- Dejected
- Chaps
- At some prior time
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- Piggybacked
- Best of the best
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- Heaviest of the noble gases
- Forum VIP
- Milk sugar
- Diplomacy
- Bully boss
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- Costly/Culp TV series
- Guitar relatives
- Norse god of thunder
- Roe source
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- Fan blade
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- Chip dip
- Supplications
- Norse god of thunder
- Acacia crawlers
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- Italian lawn bowling
- Bake-sale items
- Affectionate
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- Old-time motorcar
- Highlights
- Mild, yellow Dutch cheese
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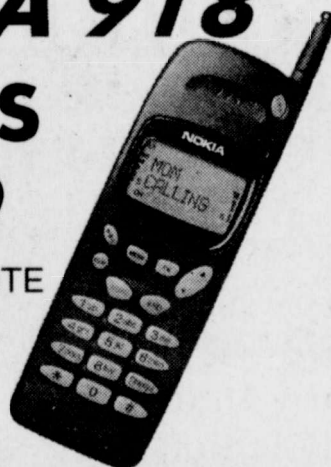
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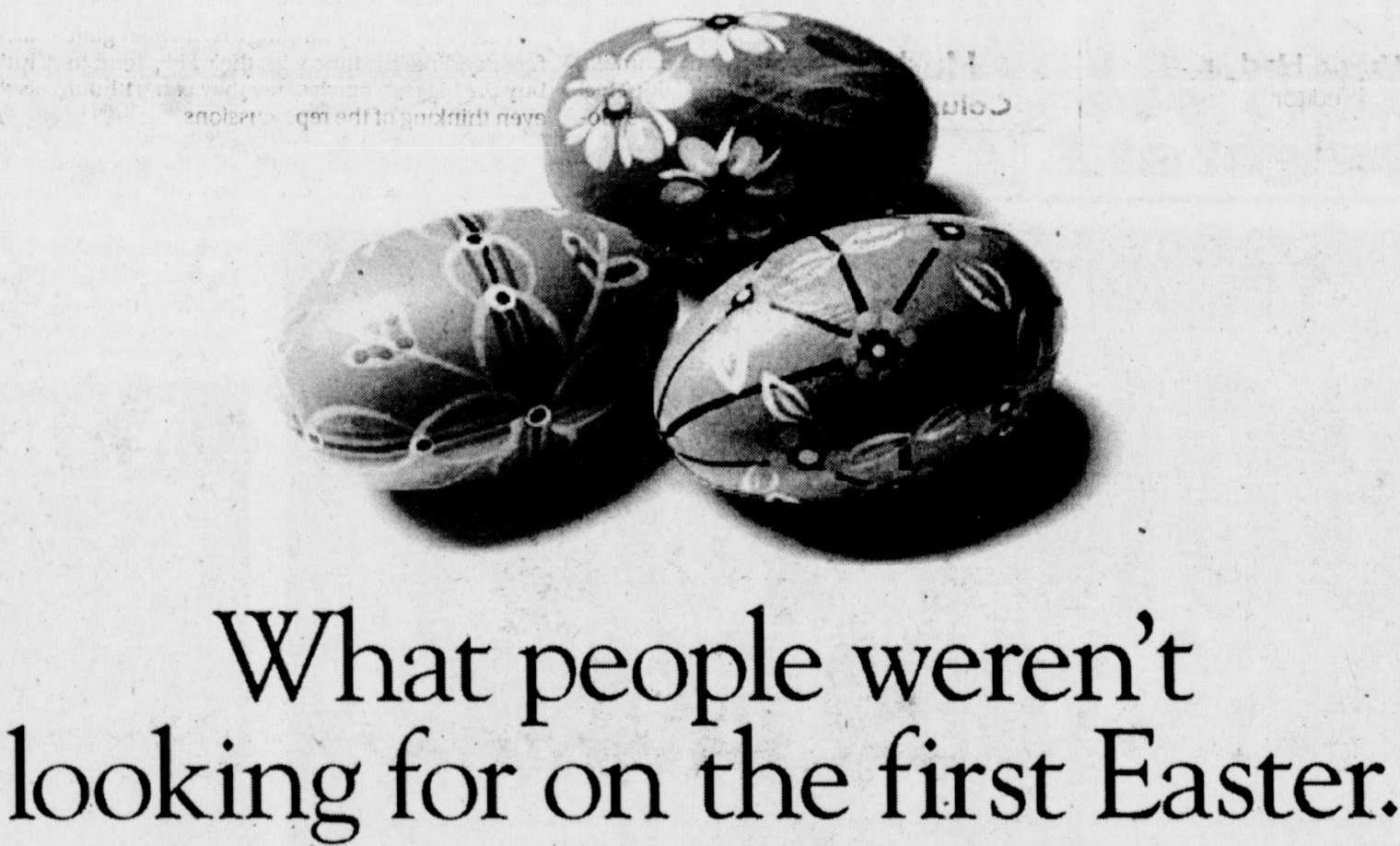
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# Diet useless against colon cancer

(AP) — Two large studies cast doubt on the widely held belief that eating low-fat, high-fiber food will lower the risk of colon cancer.

Such a diet is recommended by health groups for many reasons, but evidence of the anti-cancer benefit has been unclear.

To help resolve doubts, researchers conducted two large experiments, putting people on different diets and counting potentially cancerous growths in their colons and rectums for up to four years. The researchers were disappointed to find no apparent effect from the low-fat, high-fiber diet or high-fiber supplements.

The two new studies were published Thursday in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Similar results were reported in a study published in the journal in January 1999. That study tracked the colon and rectal health of 88,757 women who participated in the Harvard-based Nurses Health Study over 16 years. It found that the risk of cancer of the same regardless of how much fiber the participants ate, and researchers said they believed those findings apply to men as well.

The issue is still not settled. Animal experiments and some studies of large populations suggest that fruits, vegetables and fiber do indeed help ward off such cancers. And even if they do

not, experts maintain that this kind of food clearly carries other benefits, including preventing obesity, heart disease and possibly some other kinds of cancer.

"It's not a case of choosing the disease you don't want to get," said Melanie Polk, a dietitian at the American Institute of Cancer Research in Washington. "If we eat a diet that is high in vegetables, fruits, grains and beans we ... will protect our overall health."

About 130,000 cases of colon and rectal cancers were diagnosed last year in the United States. About 56,600 people died from the disease, which is second only to lung cancer in causing

cancer deaths.

One of the new studies, conducted at the National Cancer Institute and eight other health centers, watched 1,905 patients for recurring adenomas, or polyps, which are precancerous growths in the colon, or large intestine. One group of patients limited fat to 20 percent of total calories and ate five to eight servings of fruit or vegetables daily; a virtually identical group kept up its usual eating habits.

Polyps were removed from both groups at the start. Over four years, they came back in 39 percent of patients in both groups. The average number per patient and size were about the same.

## CBS shipwreck 'survivors' compete for treasure

PULAU TIGA, Malaysia (AP) — Catch fish with a bamboo spear, and roast rats over a fire that might also alert passing ships. Help another castaway track down water — then sabotage your own chances for survival by calling her a stupid cow.

Outwit, outplay, outlast. That's the motto of a group of adventurous Americans trying for a million bucks on this ferocious little island off the coast of Borneo.

Sixteen back-stabbing castaways, captured on film by camera crews lurking behind palm fronds and coral reefs, are trying to outfox each other as well as vipers, poisonous plants and other natural perils.

CBS is throwing millions of dollars behind "Survivor," which is scheduled to air in 13 weekly episodes this summer, in a bid to capitalize on America's obsession with reality TV.

The network chose eight women and eight men — a mix of personalities and professions — and turned them loose on this lush rain-forest island.

"This is like an extreme version of an office or a large family," executive producer Mark Burnett told *The Associated Press* during a two-day visit to the island, allowed only after agreeing not to talk to contestants or reveal who remained halfway into the six-week contest.

"People are out for themselves and only themselves," said Burnett, creator and producer of the "Eco Challenge" series on the Discovery

Channel. "Yet all 16 people will grow a bit stronger and may discover who they really are out here."

The castaways are working together to survive, yet every third night they hold secret ballots around a "tribal council" campfire to kick out one contestant, who is escorted away by helicopter with a consoling psychologist.

One of the first men voted off the island had been overheard saying something to the effect that the only thing stupider than a woman was a cow.

"The united women's front got that guy off the island right away," Burnett said. "They all moored at him — and he was gone."

Everything is unscripted and the emotions are real. Not only are the castaways competing for \$1 million, their every action will be judged by American viewers who could turn them into national celebrities.

On the 21st night, during the tribal council at which the number of castaways was cut to nine, the sunburned, exhausted contestants nervously chatted with host Jeff Probst and then marched off one by one to blackball someone.

"We love to see ourselves represented in reality TV," said Probst, who mediates the tribal councils and conducts on-camera interviews. "You start peeling away layer after layer and you get at the truth."

Does Hollywood ever really get at the truth?

The survivors are indeed camping out on the beach beneath a makeshift hut of hand-cut rattan and palm fronds. They're catching their own fish and stomaching field rats for protein to conquer the wilting heat and humidity.



Cary Pierce © Courtesy Photo

## Pierce stops in Lubbock to promote new solo album

Cary Pierce, former member of the band Jackopierce, will perform an acoustic set at 9 p.m. today at J & B Coffee Company, 26th Street and Boston Ave. Admission costs \$6.

Pierce was co-founder of Jackopierce but has a new solo album entitled *You Are Here*. He has performed on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and toured with numerous bands including Matchbox 20, Dave Matthews Band, Wallflowers, Del Amitri, Train, Better than Ezra, Wide-spread Panic, Stir and Vertical Horizon.

While a member of Jackopierce, Pierce was able to release six albums and performed at the Blockbuster Rockfest in front of several hundred thousand people. The band played in 44 states, on three continents and in 10 countries.

People can find information and music and video clips at [www.carypierce.com](http://www.carypierce.com).

Pierce's first solo in Lubbock with his new band was April 1 at the KTXT Birthday Bash. He played a mix of solo and Jackopierce material. At J & B Coffee, Pierce will be without his band.

## Houston-based artist to open exhibit in honor of Earth Day

In an early celebration of Earth Day, the Texas Tech International Cultural Center will display "Earth, Divine and Wondrous," an exhibit of 12 rain forest paintings by Ruben Coy, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

A speaker and a reception also will highlight the evening and will be free to the public.

Beginning at 6 p.m., Dennis Williams will give a presentation on the tropical cloud forest and conserva-

tion issues. Williams is a historian for the Environmental Protection Agency and has taught a field course in Costa Rica during the past three summers.

Houston-based artist Ruben Coy has artwork displayed at the Sculpture Gallery and Blossom Street Gallery in Houston.

The International Cultural Center is located at 601 Indiana Ave. For additional information, call 742-2974.

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# Observers to monitor drug tests in Sydney

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — In a move to eliminate suspicions of cover-ups and faulty procedures, independent observers will monitor drug testing during the Sydney Olympics.

The initiative was announced Wednesday as the International Olympic Committee cleared the way for blood tests to be introduced in Sydney if a reliable method for detecting the banned hormone EPO is validated in time.

"The odds are 50-50 we'll have an EPO test for Sydney," Jacques Rogge, vice chairman of the IOC medical commission, said. "It's a race against time."

Rogge said the independent monitors will be appointed by the new World Anti-Doping Agency to watch over the entire drug testing system during the Sept. 15-Oct. 1 games.

The observers will be present at all stages, including the collection and analysis of urine samples and disciplinary hearings for athletes who test positive.

This will be the first time that independent delegates will observe testing at the Olympics. Until now,

the IOC has been the sole overseer of drug controls.

The need for greater openness, oversight and accountability in Olympic drug testing has been a major demand of athletes' groups. Critics have accused the IOC of hiding positive tests at past Olympics.

"Athletes want controls to be fair," Rogge said. "They feel that doping controls are generally not correct. They fear cover-ups. There is a general suspicion among athletes and part of public opinion."

"While these concerns are unjustified, the best way to alleviate the suspicion is to have an independent observer who follows the whole sequence of doping control."

IOC vice president Dick Pound, chairman of the anti-doping agency, added: "Unless the athletes buy into the doping control system, the system won't work."

It's uncertain how many observers will be needed. With more than 2,000 drug tests to be carried out during the Sydney Games, Rogge said the observers will be selective in their monitoring.

"We don't need the U.N. army with blue helmets," he said. "You

don't need a big brother mentality of observers behind the shoulder for every doping control."

Rogge, meanwhile, gave one of the IOC's most upbeat assessments of the possibility of having a test for EPO, or erythropoietin, in Sydney.

EPO, which enhances endurance by boosting the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells in the body,

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## Softball battling until the end

by Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

In mid-March, the Lady Raiders basketball squad had a never-say-die attitude. Now, one month later, the Red Raider softball team is playing with that same attitude heading into the final stretch of Big 12 Conference play.

With eight more games remaining this season, the Red Raiders (14-30 overall, 3-6 Big 12) sit in seventh place out of 10 teams in the conference. The Big 12 Tournament is three weeks away, and the Red Raiders said these next four series are important because only the top six teams in the conference get automatic bids in the tournament.

The four teams that do not get the automatic bids compete in a one-game playoff to decide the two remaining seeds.

"Our goal right now is to win all eight games from here on out," said right fielder Amanda Douglas who has the best fielding percentage in the Tech outfield. "We realistically have a shot, and I think we have to think that way to do well."

Two of the four remaining teams Tech will play, Missouri and Texas A&M, are ahead of them in the standings, and pitcher Amanda Renfro said the series with the Tigers this weekend will set the tone for the remainder of the year.

"Missouri is a big series for us," said Renfro, who is nursing a sore deltoid muscle in her throwing arm. "It is a must-win situation for us."

Missouri is one slot ahead of the Raiders with a 5-9 conference record and boast the Big 12's top pitching staff while the Aggies are alone in fourth place sporting a conference record of 5-4.

Renfro said the A&M series is always big for her because she has some friends on the team.

"Whenever you have friends on the opposing team, you want to beat them," Renfro said. "It will be a fun series but also tough."

The other series are against the Big 12's worse teams, Iowa State and Baylor.

"I really want to beat Baylor and Iowa State," Tech leading hitter Sandy Butler said. "I don't look at them as being tough threats, and we need to sweep both of those teams."

Butler said the team can go into two directions within the next week.

She said they could either start playing as a team more and start to do the little things, or they can just quit and give up by not executing and end up not making the tournament.

"We have already played half the conference horribly, and we just want

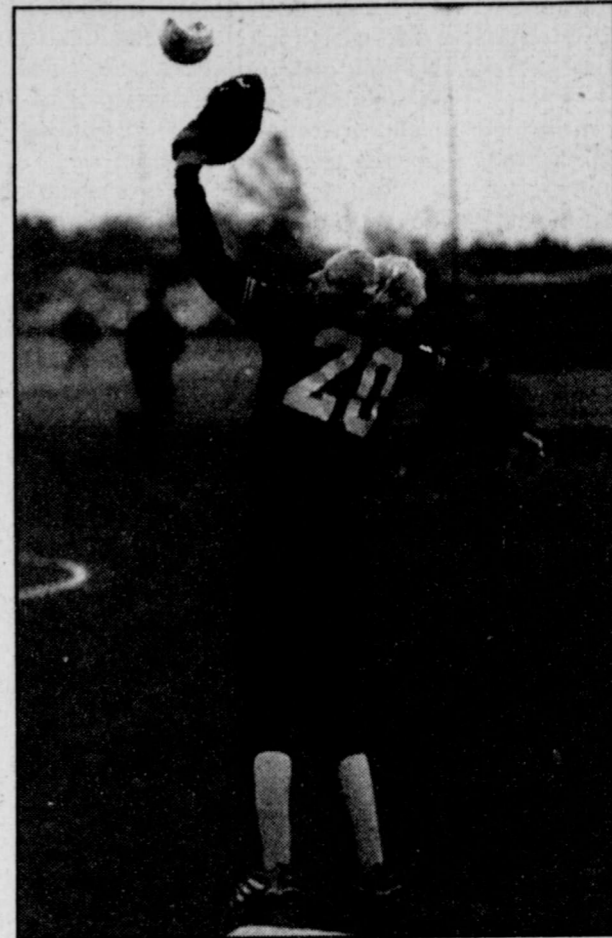
to get a win to start us going into the right direction," Butler said.

The Red Raiders said the one thing they have to do is score runs. Run production has hurt them all season long, scoring only 90 runs in 44 games. Renfro leads the conference in five categories, including strikeouts, but has a record of 11-17 because of lack of run support, Renfro said.

"It hurts because (Renfro) gives up one run, and we still lose," Butler said. "I have a lot of confidence when she is on the mound, and we need to help her out more to close out the season."

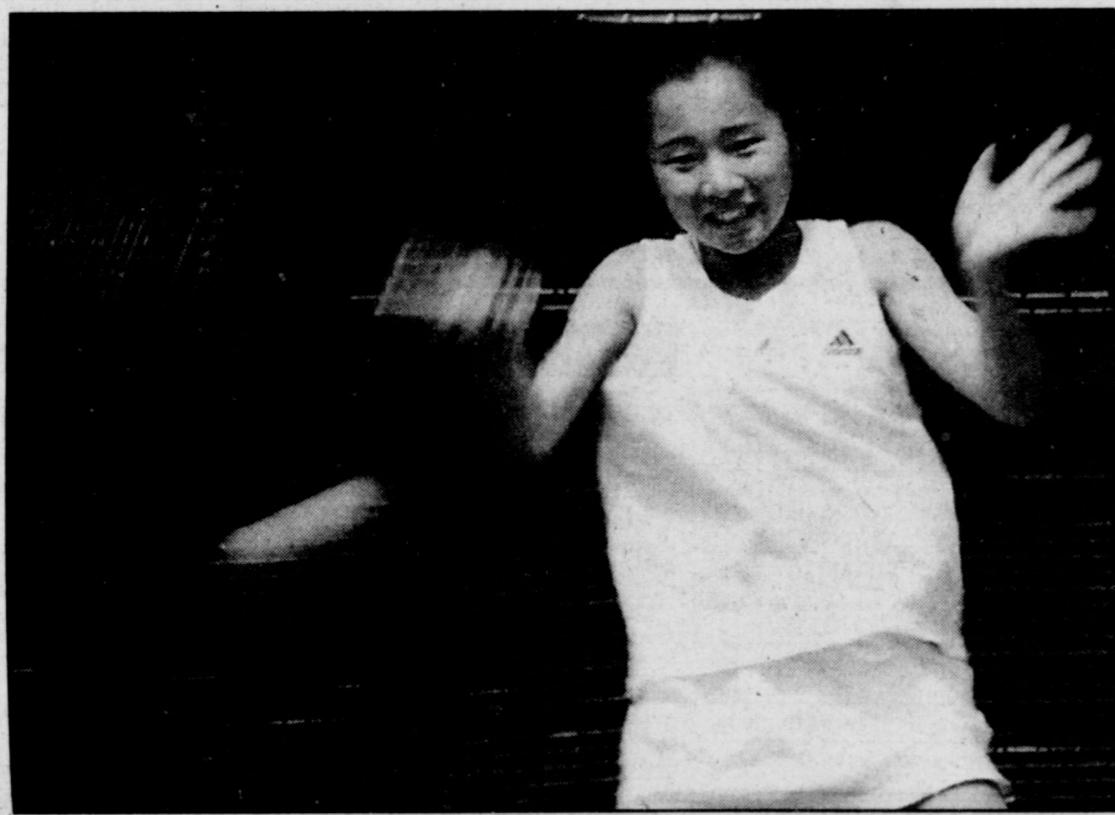
Right now, looking forward is all the team wants to do.

"We can't look back to what we have been doing, and we need to look forward," Butler said. "Right now, we just want to forget the past and not even worry who we play next."



Texas Tech first baseman Tamara Harrington and the Red Raider softball squad are battling for position in the Big 12 Tournament as the regular season winds down.

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Ayako Suzuki and the Texas Tech women's tennis squad failed to pick up a win in their seven home matches this season.

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## Women's tennis falls to OU

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The Red Raider women's tennis squad finished up its home matches this season with an 8-1 loss to Oklahoma on Tuesday at the Lubbock High School tennis courts.

The loss drops Texas Tech to 0-7 at home this season and 3-16 overall in the year.

Tech's lone point of the match came at the No. 2 singles position as Ayako Suzuki picked up her 10th win of the season with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 straight set victory against Oklahoma's Angela Stroup.

With the win, Suzuki climbed two matches above the .500 mark in Big 12 Conference action with a 6-4 record.

The match marked the first time

this season that the Red Raiders have played at the Lubbock High School tennis courts.

Tech had played its previous home matches at the Athletic Training Center.

Suzuki said playing outdoors was a lot different than playing at the ATC because she had to factor in weather elements into her game.

"At the beginning, it was fine because it was not that windy," Suzuki said. "But in the middle of my second set, it began to get more windy. That was kind of frustrating."

Suzuki did not get to compete in doubles action as her playing partner Amanda Earhart-Savell was injured in her singles match with Oklahoma's Viviana Mraanova.

Earhart-Savell has played at the No. 1 singles position for Tech this

spring and was up 5-4 in the first set of her match but was forced to default because of an injury.

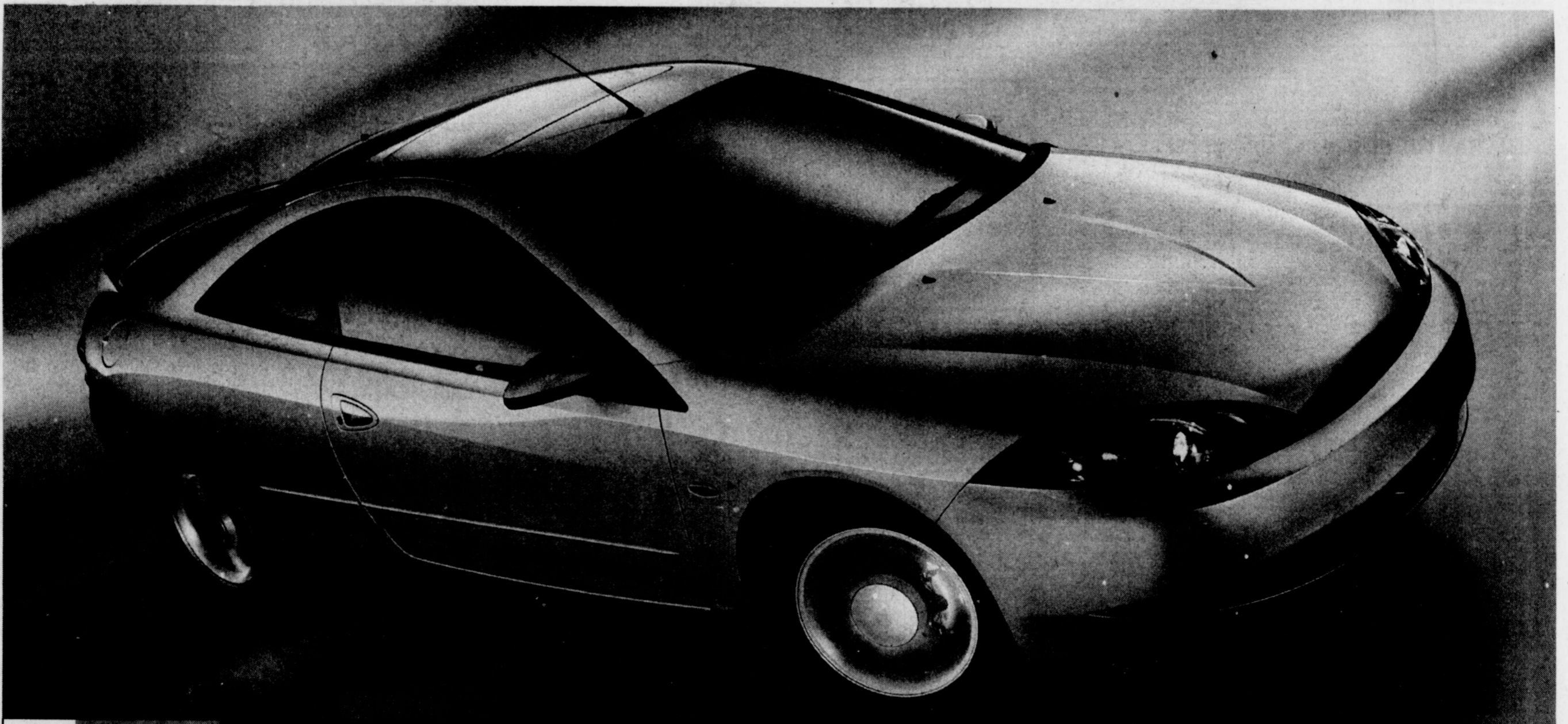
Earhart-Savell is a senior, and the injury caused her to default in the final home match of her career.

She fell to 4-6 in Big 12 matches on the season with the loss.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said her squad has been competitive at the top three singles positions all season but has lacked support from the lower players.

"At the top, we can hold three points, but we need two more points from somebody," Brown said. "We're just not getting enough support because we have a lot of freshmen."

Tech has one more regular season match left that will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Austin as the Red Raiders take on the Longhorns.



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