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Suicide attack kills at least 68 in Basra

By Abbas Fayadh/Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — Suicide attackers unleashed car bombings against police buildings in Iraq's biggest Shiite city Wednesday morning, striking rush-hour crowds and killing at least 68 people, including 16 children incinerated in their school buses. Iraqi leaders blamed al-Qaida militants.

The attacks — which wounded about 200 people, 168 critically — marked a revival of devastating suicide bombings, which U.S. of-

ficials blame on foreign militants and which had not been seen during this month's widespread battles with homegrown guerrillas across Iraq.

In Fallujah, the bloodiest battlefield in April, an agreement aimed at bringing peace to the city ran into trouble Wednesday. Insurgents attacked Marines, prompting fighting that killed 20 guerrillas. Marines said most weapons turned in by residents were unusable, undermining a crucial attempt at disarming fighters.

About 350 miles to the south, in Basra, bombers struck at 7 a.m., just as the city's main street market, near one of the targeted police stations, was opening for the day. Shoppers were headed to the stalls of vegetables and other goods, and children were passing on their way to school.

The attackers detonated four cars packed with missiles and TNT in front of three police stations — one of them next to Basra's main street market — and a police academy. An hour later another car bomb went off out-

side the police academy in Zubair, a suburb of mainly Shiite Basra.

Police discovered two other car bombs before they were detonated and arrested three men in the vehicles, said Gov. Wael Abdul-Latif, who blamed the attacks on al-Qaida.

The blast in front of the Saudia police station wrecked and charred vehicles, including school buses taking kindergartners and girls ages 10-15 to school.

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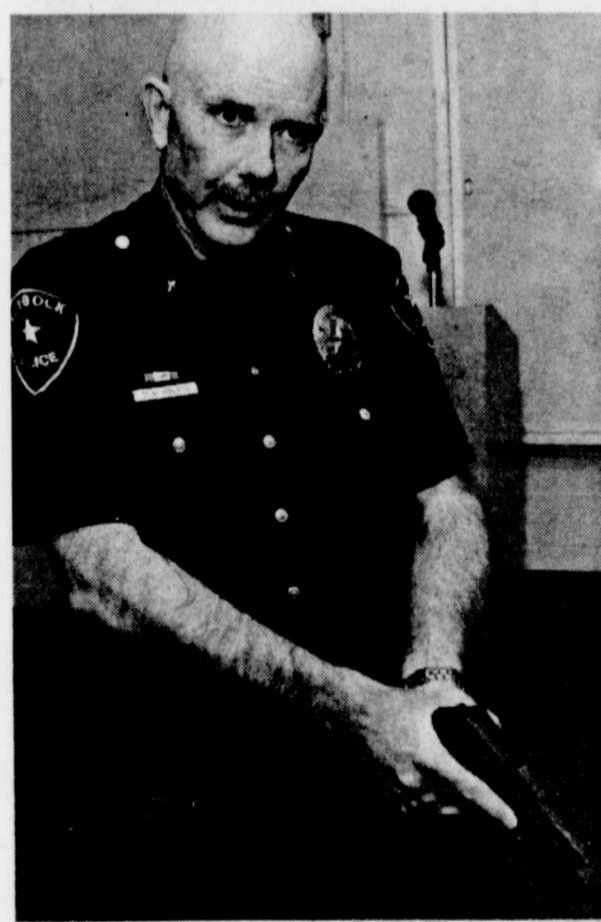
WAR ON TERROR

FIRE POWER



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A LUBBOCK POLICE officer fires the new side-arm at the LPD firing range Wednesday afternoon.



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DALE HOLTON, ASSISTANT chief of the Lubbock Police Department demonstrates the functions of the department's new side-arm.

Lubbock police department purchases 331 new handguns for officers

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Sitting at a table with fellow Lubbock Police Department officers, Jeremy Jones worked diligently to clean the rust inhibitor from one of the 331 new handguns purchased by the police department.

Jones, a Texas Tech senior finance and economics major from Lubbock and LPD officer for six years, said he had not fired the new weapon but thought it seemed "pretty nice so far."

He was given a chance later at the firing range to use the gun that provides more accurate shots through the use of a thinner trigger.

The LPD will receive the updated handguns by the end of the month, said Assistant Chief Dale Holton.

The handguns are a newer, updated version of the current type carried by all officers of the LPD. Money for the handguns will come from the seized fund. No taxpayer dollars were used in the purchase, Holton said.

Proceeds from illegal activities such as a drug investigation are placed into the seized

fund, which averages about \$250,000. Holton said the money can then be used for operating funds, equipment, training or paying informants.

SiGARMS, a weapons manufacturer, approached the department in November 2003 regarding a deal for new equipment. The LPD purchased each handgun for a net cost of \$75 each. The retail price of each pistol is \$600, Holton said.

"That's a significant discount," he said. "It was one we could not afford to let pass."

The new weapons have updated features. The hammer is bobbed, which prevents it from getting caught on jackets of undercover officers, Lt. Travis Sanders said.

The trigger pull is not as heavy as the old style and will help people with a weaker grip, Sanders said.

New, higher security holsters also are being bought by the LPD to hold the new handguns. The holsters are different in that the safety latch pushes forward instead of unclipping. They also have a second safety

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Campus News

French Consul General speaks to Tech students

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

It's safe to argue America, since leading what has been dubbed the Coalition of the Willing into Iraq last year, has not earned favorable international opinion in several arenas.

In an effort to offset a highly-publicized and usually negative battle of the wits between the United States and France, whose population overwhelmingly opposed going to war with Iraq, Houston-based Consul General of France Denis Simonneau addressed an audience at Texas Tech on Wednesday to outline reasons for the opposition and the future of the two nations' relationship.

"The issues between our countries started in 2003 when an organized campaign led by the media and certain politicians blamed the French people, who some said were anti-American," Simonneau said. "This campaign was not only in the conservative media, but surprisingly, in a lot of the media."

France was hesitant to join the U.S.-led coalition into Iraq for several reasons, Simonneau said, the primary being the desire to avoid pre-emptive war without sufficient evidence of what U.S. officials were touting most — Iraq links to al-Qaida and weapons of mass destruction.

"The concept of pre-emptive war was, for us, a very dangerous concept for the future of international relations," Simonneau said. "What we were saying was let's spend more time on this before military intervention. Personally, I think if we had given more time for inspection we would have had a totally different situation than we have now."

Some of the myths about the French that have been spoon-fed to Americans, Simonneau said, include the perception that France does not maintain peacekeeping forces and is overly dependent on Iraqi oil, which the trade of, some believe, is still connected to years-old contracts between Iraq and France.

"This is completely false," he said. "Today we are among the three or four nations in the world that have peacekeeping forces. As far as the old con-

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CONSUL GENERAL OF France Denis Simonneau speaks to students before his speech at the International Culture Center Wednesday evening.

KICKIN' IT



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

JASON BUCKNER, A junior business and marketing major from Houston, right, and Macie Britten, a junior human development and family studies major from Groom, left, attempt to tag out Michael Bohac, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Dallas, center, during a game of kickball. The students were playing outside the Jerry S. Rawls School of Business.

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Student Affairs

New SGA executive officers to speak to Senate tonight

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

With new executive officers and senators, the Student Government Association is preparing for another year of serving Texas Tech students. The effort will commence when the Student Senate begins its 40th session at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the Lankford Lab of the Electrical Engineering Building.

To introduce the new senators to the executive officers of the SGA, President Mitchell Moses and External Vice President Anne Hunninghake will



attend the meeting to speak to the Senate.

After being sworn into office last week, Moses stressed the importance of the Senate preparing for the year to come.

"They are in an office and have responsibilities now," he said. "The summer is a great chance to develop ideas, do research and speak with faculty and administration."

Hunninghake said she will speak to the Senate about the committees that will be in effect for the next year. This is important for incoming senators because they can find an organization that appeals to them and begin work for the student body as soon as possible.

Usually, the Senate cannot introduce legislation at the first meeting of the new session. How-

ever, the Senate will decide to suspend the rules and begin looking over resolutions. Senator-at-Large Chris Carr said the suspension of the rules is to get the senators started as soon as possible for the next year.

According to the Senate agenda, the SGA also will swear in Alisa Abuzeineh, the vice president of graduate affairs, and the senators who were unable to attend the banquet last weekend. During the meeting, the Student Senate plans to discuss three resolutions.

The first concerns the implementation of a graduate student orientation. According to the resolution, there is a formal new student orien-

Court overturns death sentences

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned two death sentences Wednesday, throwing out the capital murder conviction of a man police said aided the ambush killing of an officer, and reducing a retarded inmate's sentence to life in prison.

Texas' highest criminal appeals court overturned the conviction and death sentence of Kenneth Vodochodsky, who was found guilty in the 1999 slaying of an Atascosa County sheriff's deputy. The death sentence was commuted for Willie Mack Modden, who was convicted of killing a Lufkin woman 20 years ago.

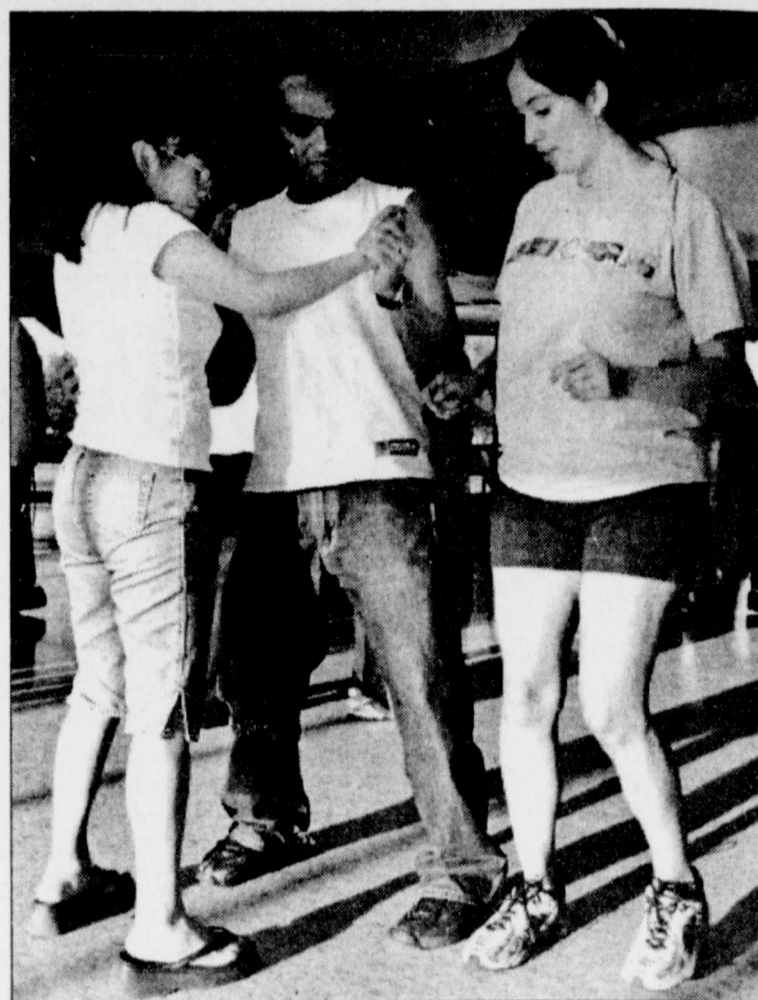
In the Vodochodsky case, the court said in a 6-1 ruling that evidence did not support the jury's findings that Vodochodsky helped roommate Jeremiah Engleton, the triggerman in a murderous spree that killed three officers and wounded two other men.

The court said none of Vodochodsky's statements about what he did or knew before the shootings showed he aided in the murder plot. The evidence was "so weak that our confidence in the jury's verdict is undermined," Judge Mike Keasler wrote in the majority opinion.

Judge Sharon Keller was the dissenter. Judges Lawrence Meyers and Barbara Hervey did not participate.

The decision sends the case back to the lower courts, where prosecutors must decide whether "it should have been a slam dunk," said Greg Wiercioch, who handles death row appeals with the Texas Defender Service. "It's not a slam dunk... that scares me."

SPICY STEP



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

GLORIA ARAUJO, A junior microbiology major from El Paso, right, teaches Lily Arias, a graduate student from Lima, Peru, left, and Deven Patel, a graduate student studying management information systems from Bombay, India, the basic steps for salsa dancing Wednesday afternoon at the BA rotunda as part of Hispanic Culture Awareness week.

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The Rundown



Three men on trial for decapitation of man

GILMER (AP) — Three East Texas men are accused of beating a man to death, then beheading him and setting his body ablaze in a pasture.

Joe Carroll Nickelbur Jr. was bludgeoned in the throat after the trio confronted him about "giving bad drugs to their girlfriends," according to witness statements as reported in an arrest affidavit.

The body of Nickelbur, 32, of Gilmer was found intact Monday about one-half mile south of Farm-to-Market Road 2088 by a rancher who left to summon law officers.

When the rancher returned, the victim had been moved, the head was missing and the body was on fire, according to Upshur County Sheriff Anthony Betterton.

Bond was set at \$1 million each for Gregory Scott Narramore, 33, and Jeremy Jay Narramore, 29, both of Gilmer, and Jason Fredrick Baughman, 24, of Ore City. They remained in custody early Wednesday on murder charges.

Sheriff's Lt. Wayne Young said two of the men had confessed to the crime, but he declined to specify which ones.

Robert Bennett, Baughman's court-appointed attorney, said he did not know what his client had told authorities.

Church settles abuse case for \$1.7 million

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Archdiocese of St. Louis will pay nearly \$1.7 million to a family whose son was sexually abused over three years by a Roman Catholic priest now serving 15 years in prison, the family's attorney said.

Robert Ritter said he and attorneys for the church settled in the case of the Rev. Gary Wolken, former associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

In pleading guilty in December 2002 to two counts of statutory sodomy and six counts of child molestation, Wolken admitted exposing himself to the son of a family friend, inappropriately touching him and having oral sex with him from 1997 to 2000. The abuse began when the child was in kindergarten and often took place while Wolken baby-sat.

The archdiocese said the settlement was its largest in a sexual-abuse case in its 157-year history. "While the settlement represents closure of the civil case, our pastoral concern and our prayers continue for all who have been affected by this tragic abuse," church officials said in a statement.

Wolken was arrested in 2002.

In February 2003, Circuit Judge John Kintz sentenced Wolken to 15 years in prison, after a family counselor read statements to the court from the father, mother, sister and victim. Among other things, the boy, then 10, said he was teased at school and was getting counseling.

Russian spacecraft docks at space station

KOROLYOV, Russia (AP) — A Russian spacecraft delivered a Russian-American-Dutch crew to the international space station on Wednesday, as U.S. and Russian space officials on the ground squabbled over conditions for future missions.

The Soyuz TMA-4, working on autopilot, docked with the ISS three minutes ahead of schedule at 9:01 local time, approximately two days after blasting off on a rocket from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. It was the third Russian spacecraft to fill in for the U.S. space shuttle, which has been suspended since the Columbia disaster.

Less than 90 minutes after docking, the crew slowly floated into the hatch, shook hands with the current occupants and spoke with Russian, U.S. and European space officials at Russian Mission Control in Korolyov, outside Moscow via a television hookup.

"So far it was excellent, it was fantastic," said Dutch astronaut Andre Kuipers. "We are looking forward to starting the program."

Russian commander Gennady Padalka and American flight engineer Michael Fincke's mission will be to maintain the orbital outpost, whose assembly has been on hold since the February 2003 disaster. Kuipers is going on a nine-day mission to conduct experiments for the European Space Agency.

Service started to aid immigration process

DALLAS (AP) — An online service starting Wednesday will help immigrants work their way through a backlog at the immigration office and dramatically reduce the time it takes to get residency status, officials with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said.

The online program, INFOPASS, will allow customers to schedule appointments with immigration officers. An accompanying pilot program will enable qualified applicants to receive their permanent resident card within 90 days of filing their applications.

"People need to understand they don't need to come here and get in line for our information services anymore," said Jeffrey Sapko, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services program manager.

The Dallas pilot program allows customers filing either a petition for alien relative application or an application for permanent residence or adjustment of status to be processed within 90 days of filing, said Angela Barrows, USCIS district director. Applicants would have to wait far longer under the previous system.

"If our pilot's successful, we can say goodbye to backlog," Barrows said. "No more waiting six months, nine months, a year for your adjustment status. If your package is complete, you'd have your interview the same day."

Kerry to introduce message-based ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry outlines his plans for a "safe and secure" America and for the nation's involvement in Iraq in two new campaign commercials meant to introduce the relatively unknown presidential candidate to voters.

"My priorities are jobs and health care. My commitment is to defend this country," Kerry says in one ad. In the other, the presumptive nominee says he would "reach out to the international community in sharing the burden" in Iraq.

Airing in 17 battleground states starting Wednesday, the 30-second television ads are considered by Kerry's campaign to be the first major launch of his general election ads, even though the candidate has been running modest levels of ads, mainly criticizing President Bush, since early March.

Bush's campaign released a commercial Wednesday that contends "Kerry's problem is not that people don't know him. It's that people do."

The 60-second ad, to air on national cable networks, quotes several newspaper editorials that say Kerry engages in doublespeak and waffles on positions. And, the ad says, "The non-partisan National Journal magazine ranks Kerry the most liberal member of the Senate — more liberal than Hillary Clinton or Ted Kennedy."

Kerry spokesman Chad Clanton called Bush's ad bogus and said that newspapers nationwide also have said that Bush is trying to mislead the public with his ad campaign.

Palestine asks Bush to reconsider position

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinian prime minister asked President Bush on Wednesday to reconsider his tacit recognition of some Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Israeli troops, meanwhile, killed nine Palestinians in fighting in the Gaza Strip, where gun battles in the town of Beit Lahiyah trapped about 4,000 residents of a housing complex indoors for several hours.


Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia wrote to Bush, saying recent U.S. declarations that Israel could keep some of the West Bank and would not have to absorb Palestinian refugees contradict longstanding U.S. policy.

In 1991, Qureia wrote, the U.S. government stated that it "opposed unilateral actions that prejudice the outcome of permanent-status negotiations." Qureia said Bush is allowing Israel "to continue creating illegal facts on the ground" by expanding West Bank settlements.

Bush gave the assurances to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon during a White House meeting last week.

At the time, Bush also endorsed Sharon's plan of "unilateral disengagement" from the Palestinians, including a withdrawal from Gaza and the evacuation of four small West Bank settlements. In exchange, Israel wants to keep and expand five large West Bank settlement blocs with tens of thousands of settlers.

Bush's backing boosted Sharon's chances of winning crucial approval for the plan in a referendum of his Likud Party on May 2.

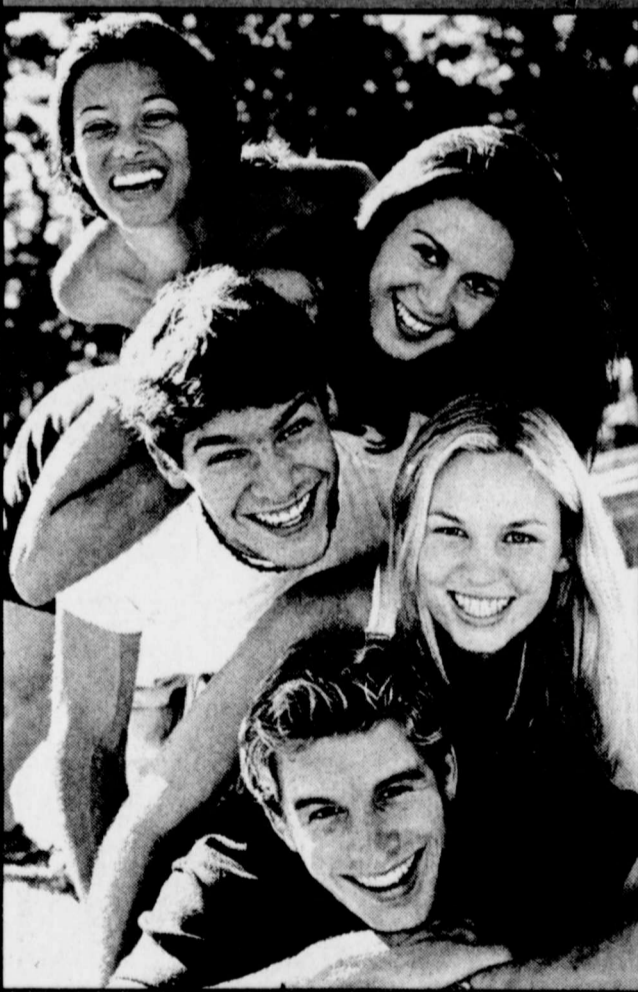


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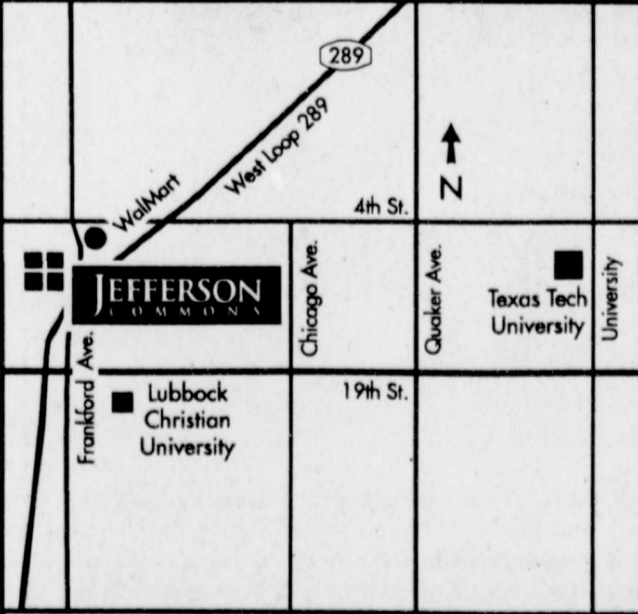
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Study: West Texas youth more prone to asthma

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

An asthma attack is like being a fish with no water, or so says a national advertisement promoting awareness about the disease.

A study conducted by researchers at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center found the rates of asthma in children and adolescents in West Texas urban areas are more than twice as high as the national average.

This is the first time a study of its kind has been done concerning the occurrence of asthma and potential risk factors in West Texas.

Amhed Arif, assistant professor in the department of family and community medicine, division of health services research, said the study revealed West Texas averages 15 percent, while the United States averages 7 percent.

"We definitely see that a much higher percent of children are affected in our region," he said.

The study also showed black children living in urban areas have the highest rates of asthma, Arif said.

Mexican-American children are at a lower risk for asthma.

According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Web site, asthma is a disease in which the airways become blocked or narrowed.

Asthma is the only disease with an increasing death rate.

There is no cure for asthma, Arif said, so children who develop asthma prior to reaching college age run the risk of living with a life-long disease.

"It's a chronic disease," he said. "It can be controlled. A person can live an as normal life as possible."

Arif said many children grow out of asthma, but the disease can regress and re-emerge as time passes.

Indoor allergens such as dust mites and pet dander as well as outdoor allergens such as air pollution, including exposure to nitrous oxide, ozone and tobacco smoke, can aggravate asthma, Arif said.

"We know that second-hand smoke is one of the causing factors of asthma," he said.

Asthma and obesity are also correlated, Arif said. The prevalence of asthma in obese people is not limited to children, he said. Similar results were found in adults as well.

Arif said obese children are more likely to develop asthma because they are sedentary and are exposed to a higher amount of indoor allergens.

The onset of asthma usually occurs between the ages of 11 and 16, Arif said.

However, asthma can develop in any stage of life, he said.

Adults, as well as children and the elderly, are at risk for the disease.

"Asthma can be developed at any age," he said. "Even after age 40."

Asthma occurs most frequently in female children, Arif said. This could mean the disease stems from female hormones, he said.

The symptoms of asthma include wheezing, nocturnal cough, chest tightness and shortness of breath, Arif said. Sufferers may encounter all or few of such symptoms.

"Not everyone who wheezes has asthma," he said, "but everyone who has asthma wheezes."

Arif suggested anyone who experiences similar symptoms should consult their doctor for allergy testing and treatment.

He said asthma can be controlled with medication and by working to identify and avoid attack triggers.

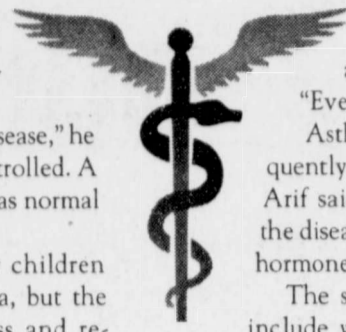
"If you have severe allergies," he said, "you are at a high risk for developing asthma."

Cigarette smoking does not necessarily cause asthma, Arif said, but someone suffering from asthma, who smokes, runs the risk of destroying silia in the respiratory system, worsening their condition.

"If you have asthma," he said, "stay away from smoking as much as you can."

Arif said he would like to follow up this study with an exploration of environmental factors in West Texas to discover why so many allergens are in the South Plains air.

For more information about asthma, visit www.aafa.org.



TECH TALK

QUOTE OF THE DAY



DR. KELLIE FLOOD-SHAFFER
Associate Professor
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for the OB/GYN
Department at HSC

"If a man has a low sperm count, we recommend that he wear boxers. Briefs are often too tight, and the testicles get too hot."

Dutch court approves Texas' bid for millionaire's extradition

HOUSTON (AP)—A millionaire who fled to the Netherlands to escape a murder-for-hire investigation should be returned to Texas to face passport fraud charges, a Dutch court says.

A Haarlem prosecutor's officer said Tuesday that the court will give former River Oaks bookie Robert Angleton two weeks to appeal to the Dutch Supreme Court before sending its recommendation to the Ministry of Justice, which will make the final decision.

A Haarlem court ruled in February that Angleton could not be returned for federal trial on the murder-for-hire charge because he had already been acquitted by a Texas jury in 1998 on a nearly identical accusation. However, the court allowed his

extradition on charges that he evaded paying \$1 million in income tax.

U.S. prosecutors also sought to add the passport fraud charge against Angleton, who was arrested in the Netherlands in June.

"The person whose extradition is asked has not proven in the court's session that he is innocent," Ed Hartjes, spokesman for the Haarlem prosecutor's office, said Tuesday.

He said the three-judge court, which conducted a hearing April 5, did not consider a failure-to-appear charge also mentioned in the extradition request.

Angleton's Houston attorney, Stanley Schneider, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions that the decision on whether to appeal rests with his Dutch at-

torneys, who had not yet contacted him.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Herrera said her office could not comment until it had received official notification.

Hartjes said Angleton has a blanket request for refusal of extradition pending before the justice ministry, but it cannot be considered until he has exhausted all appeals or has chosen not to pursue them.

Angleton was arrested at Schiphol Airport on June 12, five days before his trial on the murder-for-hire charge was to begin in a Houston federal court. He was carrying forged passports and \$140,000 in cash, authorities said. He was accused of hiring his brother to kill his wife, Doris, in 1997.

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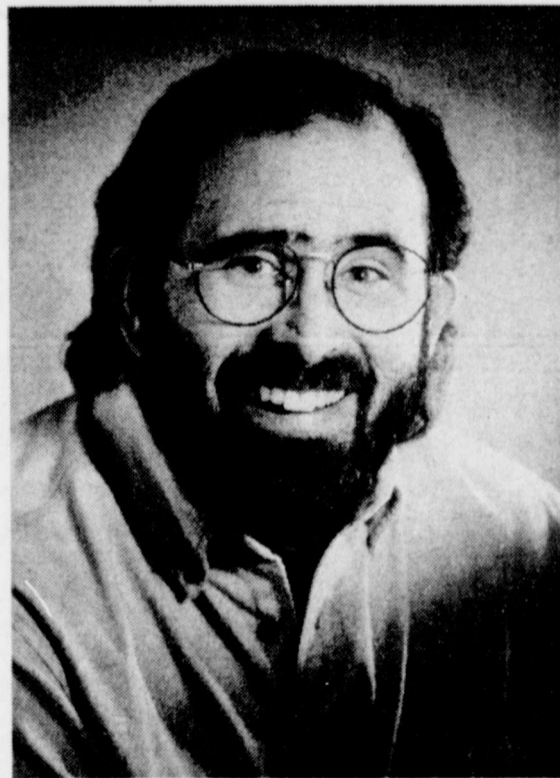
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Remembering Columbine

Violence never solves problems

Five years ago Tuesday, at about 6:15 p.m. I was driving home from soccer practice. I left early so I could get to an interview for a leadership camp sponsored by the Roswell Rotary Club. On the way home, talking to the radio, the anchor started talking about how sad the whole situation was.

The next day, at about 6:15 a.m. in my early morning church class, my teacher mentioned the horrible tragedy, that 13 people had died, and then asked what did we thought about it? Were we afraid?

Tuesday marked the five-year anniversary of the shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the most well known of the dozens of school shootings our nation has witnessed.

This was the massacre that killed 12 students and one teacher; the day when fingers pointed in every possible direction, except inward, to find the source of the problem; the moment when the quiet, shy, kind of nerdy kids that people either ignore or make fun of suddenly become the enemy.

At least, they become the enemy that we can see, that we can blame, that we can do something about.

We've all heard the individual stories of what happened that day, the story of the young woman who was asked by one of the shooters if she believed in God, and she said yes, with full knowledge of the consequences of that honesty. The young black man, a good athlete and popular throughout campus who was a few weeks shy of becoming the first member of his family to graduate from high school. My mother even has a lesser-known story; she has friends who live in Littleton, and one of their sons, who was 17 at the time, gave CPR and first aid to the teacher who died from gunshot wounds.

Everything changed that day. At my high school, the dress code became so stringent that cargo pockets and shirts with numbers on them were not allowed. Shirts had to be tucked in at all times. Fire drills became less common, while drills that involved shooters taking over the school started taking their place. Nail files and clippers suddenly became weapons.

All of this happened because two young men believed the only way out of their misery was to hurt those who had hurt them and then die when their horrifying work was complete. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, both young white men from upper middle

Heidi Toth



class families, bright and creative, entered their high school that day on a mission of revenge. Later, reports said they were taunted, teased and ignored by their peers, swept aside by the student leaders, the athletes, and to some extent the teachers.

Fingers pointed at the boys for pulling the trigger, their parents for never noticing the violent tendencies and the pipe bombs going off in the garage, the school system for allowing lax security and bullying to take place without doing anything about it, even gun manufacturers and retailers for making the weapons. Parents pointed fingers, administrators searched for people to take the blame.

Now, five years later, I don't know that anything has been solved. The finger-pointing has led to a lot of accusations, a couple of lawsuits, dozens of new rules and regulations, but are schools really any safer? It seems to me the problem is not who will take the fall for this one but instead how we can make it better.

Harris and Klebold did what they thought was the best course of action. I'm not saying it's OK; they had to have known there were better ways to deal with the problem. Their decisions ended, ruined and scarred so many lives, and it didn't have to be that way.

But I don't think the solution is suing the parents. I don't think blaming the school system is really going to get us anywhere. Taking guns away from people with the legal right to have them isn't the answer. All of these solutions are solving the wrong problem. We don't need more rules to make sure Columbine doesn't happen again. We need to find out why it happened, and solve that.

That, however, is not cut and dried. That problem lies a little deeper, within the boys, within the bullies, within each of us. Whoever taunted those two young men most likely had problems of their own that they took out on others. The Harris and Klebold families probably weren't the Cleavers of Littleton but had some issues. The answer to violence does not lie within the system. It lies within each of us.

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April 20, 1999, the day of Columbine, was probably the first of many days my generation can look back on and remember. My parents have the assassination of John F. Kennedy, while my older sister remembers seeing the Challenger blow up on live TV. We, Generation X, the future of America, the high school and college students of today, have Columbine. We have 9/11.

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We all have the ability to change ourselves, influence those around us and even change the world. Please, make sure your contribution is a good one.

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Letter to the Editor

Few bad apples shouldn't ruin good sportsmanship

The University Daily is to be commended for the special section that dealt with student behavior at sporting events. This important issue carries great importance because athletics are used to market the university.

Good points were raised in the articles, but two more need to be emphasized. The few bad apples have caused some to lose sight of the positives from strong student support of Texas Tech athletics.

Strong student attendance and support is good for Tech. Enthusiastic students help the home teams win and market the university to potential Techsans.

Plus, students that have attended home games will be more

likely to support Tech athletics when they become alumni. This may involve buying tickets or merchandise.

Also, let's remember that students who attend games are supporting Texas Tech. This is a positive activity that helps students meet new people and become part of the greater Tech community.

Tech's leadership has made the decision to use athletics to market the university, and students who strongly support Tech athletics are the few to put Tech on the map.

Don't let the few bad apples cause everyone to lose sight of this.

— William Mattiford Graduate Student from Lubbock

Marching for our rights

We are fighting to protect choice, justice, health, family planning ... freedom

This is not about feminism. This is not about abortion. This is not about George W. Bush. This is about my sisters. This is about my daughter. This is about me. This is about our lives.

April 25 is March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. In a magnificent display of unity, women from all over the nation will join together to stand for what they believe in — themselves. And while I cannot be there, my support will. They represent me. I believe in them. That makes us a collective we.

Officially we will be marching for "Choice, Justice, Access, Health, Abortion, Global and Family Planning."

We will be marching to ensure all women of the world have access to all possible choices concerning reproductive rights. These reproductive rights mean access to birth control, family planning education and the decision to have or not have children. These rights must be available to all regardless of income, education, race or nationality.

We have more reproductive freedom today than ever. But we must fight, not only to ensure this freedom for our daughters, but to keep it for ourselves. There are those that would wish to take it away.

There are rooms full of men that think they know what is best for us. In capitals all over the nation, congressmen have tried thousands of times to take away what we have fought so hard for.

What would these men know? How could a room chocked full of testosterone possibly know anything about the anguish of making choices? They cannot know. They cannot feel the fear of bearing the child of the man who raped them because the doctor will not prescribe an emergency contraceptive. They cannot feel anger toward insurance companies who will not pay for birth control but will pay for "anti-impotence" (i.e. "more sex" pills).

They cannot feel the humiliation when "abstinence only education" didn't prepare them for the consequences of a night of passion. They cannot feel the pain of an 18 hour labor or feel the joy of bringing a living being into this world. They cannot feel the relief of choosing what is best for themselves.

Our rights have been under attack Texas pharmacists have denied two doctor-prescribed medications — an emergency contraceptive and birth control — to women. Bush has placed a global gag rule on all agencies that list abortion as a pregnancy option.

Congress passed the "Partial Birth Abortion Ban" in 2003. The Justice Department has started confiscating private medical records concerning abortions. Funding to abstinence only sexual education programs has increased dramatically. And the scariest thing — several Supreme Court justices are slated to retire soon. These justices will be replaced by our next president. Conservative replacements will all but guarantee an overruling of Roe v. Wade.

These things need to be remedied. Emergency contraceptives should be sold over the counter. The global gag rule should be lifted because millions of women no longer have access to reproductive education, contraceptive or family planning.

State supreme courts have already started hearing the Partial Birth Abortion ban because it is unconstitutional. The Justice Department has been banned from confiscating medical records. Obviously "abstinence only" sex-ed is not working. Teenagers of appropriate age should be educated on safe sex. And most importantly, there is not a neo-conservative, anti-women in office to appoint new Justices (This is a hint about who not to vote for in November).

Women's rights are hard issues to discuss. I have tried for 21 years to not become overly involved. Too often this de-

Sarah Looten



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bate boils down to "pro-choice" or "pro-life," while other issues take a back burner. I have addressed the other issues, but it is time that I face this elephant in the room.

Yes, women's reproductive rights do include abortion. I have tried to skirt the issue. I have straddled the fence and walked the line. I did it because I was afraid. I did it because I was not comfortable with the idea of being labeled "pro-choice." But it is time for me to take a stand.

I was just a silly girl worried about what people would think about my political ideologies. But there are real women out there with real problems. They are worried about what people will think about their unplanned pregnancies. They are worried about what people will think about their decisions considering those unplanned pregnancies.

My worries are nothing compared to theirs. I will no longer undermine their crisis with my trivial worries. I support them in their decision — what ever it would be. Though my worry, pain, and distress are only a fraction of theirs, I not only sympathize, but I empathize. It's hard enough being pro-choice.

I cannot begin to imagine having to be in a situation to make a choice. I have no idea what my choice would be, but I know I would want all my options to be open. I'm not anti-life. I'm not a feminist. I'm just a girl who believes no woman should ever have limited rights. I'm just a girl that believes in freedom.

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Attack

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Dead children, burned beyond recognition, were pulled from the wreckage. One body, black as carbon but apparently an adult, was taken away in a pickup truck.

An Associated Press reporter counted the bodies of 10 kindergartners and six older girls at Basra's Teaching Hospital, where the morgue was full and corpses were left in the halls.

Nine of the dead and 36 of the wounded were police, Abdul-Latif said.

President Bush condemned the suicide attacks in Basra and in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, where a car bomb blasted national police headquarters, killing at least nine people

and wounding 125.

"They attacked today in Basra. Killed innocent Iraqis. They attacked today in Riyadh. ... They attack all the time. They'd like to attack us again, by the way," he said.

There was no indication of a connection between the two attacks.

The last major suicide attack in Iraq also targeted Shiites: Suicide bombers detonated explosives strapped to their bodies among thousands of pilgrims at holy shrines in Karbala and Baghdad on March 2. At least 181 people were killed.

U.S. officials said they believed those attacks were planned by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian linked to al-Qaida who they say intends a campaign of spectacular attacks to spark a civil war between Iraq's Shiite

Muslim majority and Sunni minority.

But since the start of April, attention has shifted to Iraqi insurgents, with U.S. troops besieging the Sunni stronghold of Fallujah and a radical Shiite militia launching a revolt in the south. Those two fronts — plus a flare-up of insurgent violence around Baghdad and across the country — have stretched U.S. forces in Iraq.

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the Army's 1st Armored Division, suggested the bombings were timed to coincide with the relative quiet over the past few days.

"If I were them, I think I would probably want to stay in the news. And the way you stay in the news is space (attacks) out, you conduct attacks sequentially, not simultaneously" with other violence, he told AP.

Police

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that prevents someone from pulling the handgun out of the holster from the side, Sanders said.

"The toughest adjustment will be getting used to the new holsters in a short amount of time," he said.

An integral rail system allows an accessory light to be attached underneath the barrel of the gun. This will eliminate the use of handheld flashlights by officers, Holton said. The light attachments are about \$100 each and have not been purchased. Holton said he does not yet know what fund the money for the lights will come from.

The pistols being replaced are eight

years old and were bought from SIGARMS originally.

If new pistols had not been purchased, then the old ones would have had to be sent to the factory to be cleaned, Sanders said. The cost of cleaning, not including shipping, would have been \$150 per gun, he said.

Officers have the option of purchasing the retired pistols from the department for \$350. The weapons become personal firearms after purchase. The money and guns not bought by the officers will be returned to SIGARMS as part of the deal.

Holton said about 150 officers have shown interest in purchasing retired guns.

Assistant Chief of Police Tom Mann said he purchased his old weapon but

has yet to requalify for the new gun.

The Lubbock PD requires its officers to requalify twice a year, while the state requires it be done once a year, Mann said.

Requalification includes a one-hour classroom session and a 50-round course of live ammunition, Sanders said.

The officers fire from a three-, five-, seven- and fifteen-yard distance. The rounds are scored by accuracy to determine requalification, Sanders said.

"Ninety percent of police-involved shootings are seven yards or closer," he said.

Sanders said he is pleased with the new equipment and believes they will be a good addition to the force.

"I like them," he said. "They are quite an improvement over the old ones."

Senate

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tation for undergraduate, international and transfer students. However, there is no formal orientation for graduate students.

Abuzeineh said many departments expect incoming graduate students to know the ropes of the courses and the university. However, many do not have a clue as to what to do once they come to Tech. With an orientation, graduate students could become more involved with the university, according to the resolution.

The SGA and the Graduate School will host the orientation and the resolution proposes the implementation of the event every spring and fall semester beginning in the fall 2004 semester, according to the reso-

lution.

One of the main goals of the new executive officers is to create better communication between themselves, the students and the administration, each executive officer said. The goal also includes the improved communication between outgoing and incoming senators.

To help develop this communication, the Student Senate will discuss a resolution concerning the mandatory attendance of the senators at a Senate retreat. According to the resolution, the retreat educates new and old senators on Senate operations.

If every senator attends the retreat, the organization could develop a cohesive group that works to establish goals and ideas for the session, according to the resolution.

Last week, Marvin Cepica was named dean of the College of Agri-

cultural Sciences and Natural Resources after being the interim dean since September 2003. In honor of his new position, the Senate will also look over a resolution congratulating the dean, according to the resolution.

If any students have questions or concerns for the new executive officers and senators, the SGA can be reached at 742-3631. The SGA office is located on the third floor of

CHIPPING AWAY



LINC ARMESThe University Daily

MIKE FALLS, LEFT, a sophomore political science major from Midlothian, and Jack Drakeford, a sophomore biochemistry major from Austin, take aim at a laundry basket while practicing chipping outside the Flint Avenue Parking Garage Wednesday evening.

Bush, Kerry set fund-raising records

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry quickly rebuilt his depleted campaign fund after securing the Democratic nomination last month, raising roughly \$44 million and beating one of President George W. Bush's money records.

Kerry collected about \$60 million from January through March, topping the previous presidential quarterly record of \$50 million set by Bush last summer.

Bush raised \$52.9 million in the first three months of this year.

Kerry surpasses that even after about \$3.5 million in campaign loans are subtracted.

He has not won the money race yet, though. Kerry has a long way to go to catch up with Bush's record overall fund raising, however.

Kerry raised about \$85 million from January 2003 through last month; Bush has raised more than \$185 million since launching his re-election effort last May, according to campaign finance reports the two filed Tuesday with the Federal Election Commission.

Bush and Kerry are setting records with every dollar they col-

lect. That is in part because this is the first time both major-party nominees have skipped public financing for the primary season, freeing them from the program's \$45 million spending limit.

Kerry, who loaned his campaign about \$6 million to keep it afloat as the new year began, surfaced from the primaries nearly broke but since has watched fund raising surge as he enters the race as the only Democratic candidate.

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Consul

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tracts with Iraq go, you have to look at some of the facts. Eight percent of Iraqi oil goes to France, 40 percent goes to the U.S."

Since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, Americans have been anxious to bandwagon onto usually underwhelming clichés intended to assert criticism of France. One of the most frequently used: Freedom Fries, America's fast food influenced response to France's criticism of the war.

Simonneau playfully dismissed the term and cited it often in his speech, but maintained that despite the negative rhetoric that may exist between the nations, the countries are maintaining a positive outlook on the future, and are working together to debunk terrorism.

"We've been creating strong initiatives lately to strengthen our relationship," he said. "President Bush will be in France the first week of June to celebrate and recognize the 50th anniversary of D-Day, for example. What we want to stress is that nothing can replace the direct visits between our leaders, and that's what we are doing now. We meet regularly in Paris and Washington, D.C., to discuss anti-terrorism efforts, and we will continue to do so."

What Simonneau does remain critical of, however, is the lack of debate in America during the period leading up to the war.

"It was disturbing that leading up to the war there was not much debate between Americans," he said. "The debate is going on now because it's an election year and the media are asking tough questions, but before the war I was surprised to see such little conversation about the issue."

For the most part, Simonneau maintains, the people of France disagree with the initial decision to go to war but recognize the need to continue the efforts now and focus on rebuilding the nation.

"I would say there are people in France who are upset about what is happening in Iraq, but at the same time some people feel it's necessary to finish the job," he said. "They feel leaving now would be dangerous for the stability of the country. There's an active minority of people who are upset and anti-American, but they want to see the job finished."

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BOXERS or BRIEFS



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Boxers or briefs? Either way, experts say they are becoming more of a fashion trend

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

It is a common argument — are boxers better than briefs? Experts say the type of trunks men choose to wear are not only for comfort, but are quickly becoming a fashion statement, and the type they choose to adorn every day can have more of an effect on their reproductive parts than previously thought.

According to manstouch.com, the Egyptians, by way of a leather loincloth, first wore undergarments.

Early underwear was worn like skirts and used for comfort and hygienic purposes. Boxers and briefs stepped into the picture in the 1930s when elastic was invented. Before elastic, men's underwear was laced up or used buttons and snaps for closure.

Dr. Kellie Flood-Shaffer, an associate professor and program director for the obstetrics and gynecology department at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said in the case of general health, a man's underwear choice does not matter.

"Boxers and briefs are no different, if a man is healthy. If he isn't, there are certain choices that are better," she said.

Infertility, sperm count, altered testosterone levels and discomfort are some of the consequences that can occur from the type of underwear a man wears.

Flood-Shaffer said the prominent difficulty in wearing briefs is infertility.

"If a man has a low sperm count, we recommend that he wear boxers," she said. "Briefs are often too tight, and the testicles get too hot."

Flood-Shaffer said the reason a man's reproductive organs are located outside of the body, as opposed to a woman's ovaries being located inside, is because of the temperature difference a man's testicles need to work properly.

"A man's testicles need to be one or two degrees cooler than the rest of the body to function properly," she said.

Another reason men choose to wear boxers Flood-Shaffer said, is because of comfort.

"When the testicles become too hot, it can become itchy and uncomfortable for a man - that is why

they are always adjusting themselves," she said. "Boxers are looser than briefs, but briefs have more support and the new boxer-briefs are a combination of the two."

Steven Herrera, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Abilene, said he either wears boxers or nothing at all.

"It's either boxers or nothing — briefs are uncomfortable because they are way too tight," he said. "Besides, boxers are more manly — briefs are for little kids."

Amy Felton, a junior business major from Plano agreed.

"I don't like briefs on guys because it makes their legs look too skinny," she said.

Boxers and briefs are no longer solely used for hygiene and comfort. White-tighties and their counterparts are quickly becoming one of the biggest fashion statements of the new century.

Flood-Shaffer said just as girls like to peek their thongs out of their low-rise jeans, men are jumping on the fashion bandwagon and showing the tops of their underwear too.

"Underwear has now become sort of a fashion statement," she said. "Guys like to buy thongs for girls, just as much as girls like to buy fun boxers and briefs for guys — it's a huge gift giving thing."

Brad Rieger, a junior management informational systems major from Decatur, said he likes patterned boxers as long as they're not polka-dotted.

According to Manstouch, the new form of underwear, boxer-briefs, were introduced in the early 1990s. Boxer-briefs take the long shape of boxers, but maintain the tightness and support that briefs provide.

Felton said she likes boxer-briefs on men, although her favorite choice of men's underwear are boxers.

"Boxer-briefs accentuate all that a woman likes in a man if he has a good body," she said. "I still prefer guys to wear boxers though, because if I stay with them, I have shorts to wear to sleep."

Rieger said he thinks women like boxers better than briefs.

"I've never asked them, but I think most women would say they liked boxers better," he said.

Flood-Shaffer said there are many myths that underwear affects a man's risk of getting testicular cancer or erectile disfunctions, but to her knowledge no study has proven these myths to be true.

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'Pirates' leads in MTV movie award nominees

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's no aarrg-uing: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" collected a leading six nominations for the MTV Movie Awards on Wednesday, including best movie and best on-screen team for co-stars Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

Depp also was chosen for best male performance and comedic performance, while Geoffrey Rush's performance as a skeletal buccaneer earned him a mention for best villain. Keira Knightley, the seafaring movie's damsel in distress, was recognized among the breakthrough fe-

male nominees. One surprise in the male performance category: Jim Caviezel collected a nomination for his role as Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," the film's only MTV bid. Other nominees: Bill Murray for "The Last Samurai" and Adam Sandler for "50 First Dates."

Four nominations each went to the Sandler and Drew Barrymore comedy "50 First Dates" and the superhero sequel "X2: X-Men United." Along with "Pirates," both will compete with "Finding Nemo" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" for best movie.

Although the third installment of the blockbuster "Rings" trilogy swept the Oscars this year with 11 awards, it had only two MTV nominations.

The 13th annual MTV Movie Awards will be taped June 5 and broadcast on the music channel June 10.

The show is known for its mockery and parody of the movie industry, featuring satiric clips of top movies edited with jokes and irreverent categories such as best kiss, best villain and best fight sequence.

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Sundays charm for Raiders

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

All the Red Raiders do on Sundays in 2004 is win.

The Texas Tech baseball team (25-12, 6-5 Big 12) is undefeated on Sundays this season with an 8-0 record. Junior shortstop Cameron Blair said there is something in the air those days, and whether it is spiritual or not it helps the Raiders win.

"Sunday is one day we can relax," he said. "Whether we're up two games or down two games, we can come out and feel more relaxed. There's no worries."

The Raiders can make a list of Holy Day wins. Tech first ousted Ohio State on Feb. 15, in Houston at the Minute Maid College Classic. That is when the roll began. Northern Illinois took the next fall at Dan Law Field on Feb. 22. Tech finished off TCU on Feb. 29, in Lubbock, while Air Force got beat March 7, at the same location. The last Sunday win before conference began came on March 21, against ACC powerhouse Clemson.

This is the point where junior right fielder Madison Edwards said it gets interesting.

"Texas A&M was up two games on us in the first series of conference," he said. "We were down there, and we really wanted to scratch in a win, which is hard to do."

The Raiders, sure enough, took the Sunday win only to skip the next Sunday game due to inclement weather. Tech was supposed to face Texas in the third game, after the Longhorns won the series in a doubleheader on April 3.

Edwards said the cancelled third game of the series with Texas could have had a good or bad effect if it was played, but the next two weekends were surely more than perfect for the Raiders.

"We got rolling that Sunday against Nebraska after winning the Saturday game, then the Sunday against Kansas State was tough too," he said. "But we won those, 'cause we got them rolling out, and we put them together."

Junior first baseman Josh Brady said he does not know what is special about Sundays.

"I don't know, it's really hard to say," he said. "I think it just gives us time to figure out stuff."

When the Raiders are on the road, Brady said there is something that inspires Tech more than the third game, prior to returning back to Lubbock.

"We go in there like there's nothing to lose," he said. "We try to get them before we go home or before they go home."

Win or lose, Edwards said Tech goes out on Sundays to get in a game of baseball, whether it helps or hurts its chances for future games.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

OUTFIELDER CODY FULLER slides safely into third base during Tech's win against Kansas State on Sunday. The Raiders are undefeated in Sunday games this season.

"It feels good to get that win, especially in the last game of the series," he said. "Whether we're up or down, we just somehow put it together."

When asked if a mighty being was looking down on them from above on that day, Edwards said they'll just have to wait and see.

"I think it's something like that," he

said. "We still got five more ahead of us."

The Raiders face their next opponent, trying to keep the streak alive, against Baseball America's No. 13 team, the Oklahoma Sooners (25-14, 12-3), at 1 p.m. Sunday. But that is not before Tech begins the three-game series at Dan Law Field at 6:30 p.m. Friday and again at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Texans getting defensive about draft

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Texans signed one big-fish defensive lineman in free agency, retained another and expect a third to be healthy by the opener after knee surgery.

So they're out of the market at that position with their 10th overall pick, right?

No so fast, says general manager Charley Casserly.

"I still think if there's a defensive lineman there we'll take him with the idea that you never can have enough," Casserly said.

After having the top pick in 2002 (QB David Carr) and the No. 3 choice last year (WR Andre Johnson), conventional wisdom has the Texans concentrating on defense after building a competitive young offense.

That wisdom focused on the defensive line until Houston plucked Robaire Smith from AFC South rival Tennessee and restructured a deal to keep two-time Pro Bowler Gary Walker. Assuming Seth Payne will be ready in September after multiple knee operations, the starting unit in the Texans' 3-4 alignment appears set.

But the Texans lost backup Steve

Martin to the Minnesota Vikings and still hunger for depth at a position where coach Dom Capers consistently rotates players to keep them fresh.

Hence, Southern California end Kenechi Udeji could be a first-round candidate. Or Oklahoma tackle Tommie Harris. Or Maryland tackle Randy Starks.

Then again, the Texans ranked last

against the pass a season ago and need safety help. Sean Taylor of Miami could fill that void, although Houston might have to trade up to get him.

Neil Stratton, who runs industry Web site InsideTheLeague.com, believes two teams ahead of Houston expected to be interested in Taylor—Washington and Atlanta—might go in different directions, meaning Tay-

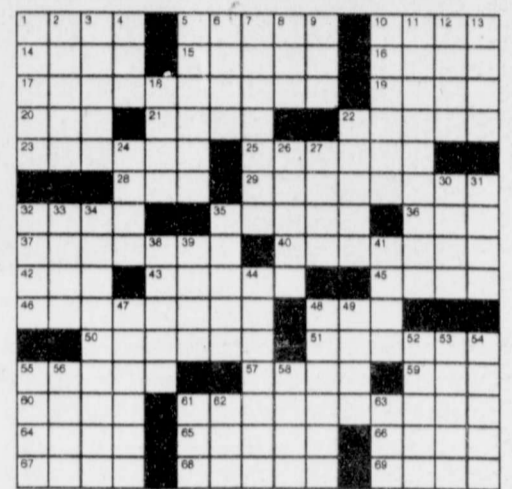
lor would fall to the Texans.

"I think the Redskins need to take a cornerback, they've got a really big hole at cornerback right now after trading Champ Bailey to the Broncos," said Stratton, who believes this year's draft goes "about nine or 10 deep" as far as top-tier talent.

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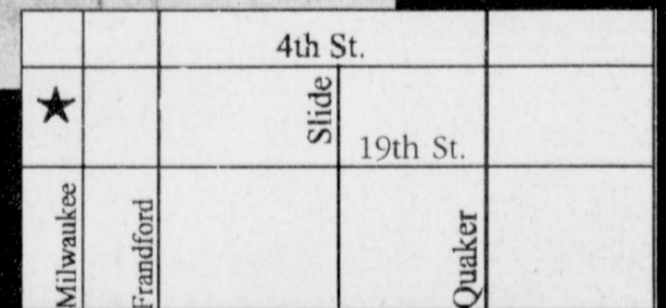
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Freshmen jumping high into college track



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HIGH JUMPERS LACEY Wilson (left) and Misty Coley have jumped their way to the top in the Big 12 Conference as freshmen. Both have jumped 5-10 this season and hope to reach six feet before the end of the year.

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

On the surface they appear as polar opposites. One came from a high school of more than 3,000 students, and the other from a class 1A school in a town boasting a population of 2,029 people.

But when examined more closely Misty Coley and Lacey Wilson have much in common. Both freshman high jumpers jumped 5-9 in the Texas UIL State Meet their senior years. Coley finished fourth in the event in 5A for San Angelo Central, and Wilson finished second in 1A for Shamrock.

Both also have a common goal with the 2004 track season winding down for Texas Tech — hit six feet and be a shoe-in for the National Championship meet in Austin, the site of their high school state meet accomplishments.

Wilson has made an attempt at six feet this season, but failed to convert. "That's where I want to be," Wilson said. "I hope to jump six feet sometime. I was excited just to attempt it. I

thought I had it, but my form was bad." Coley said she has had the goal since she entered high school, and knows she will get it soon.

Both women have topped out at 5-10 this season, and as freshmen their performance excites head track coach Wes Kittley.

"They're right on the bubble of making the national championships right now so we're hoping both of them can jump six feet some time this year," he said. "I don't know if it's gonna happen for both of them, but hopefully for at least one this year."

Kittley said he had been looking for a female high jumper for four years. Luckily, he found two.

"I thought about it and realized it would be hard to have one and not the other," he said. "I think they complement each other very well. They may not both be on every day, but one of them is on, and hopefully at some point we'll get it all together."

Coley said it is good to know she will have someone she can work with in practice for the next three years. "(Lacey's) a great teammate," she

said. "She helps me out a lot. We help each other a lot, like 'you did this' or 'you did that' if the coach isn't there or something, then we'll let each other know."

Wilson had a bit of a disadvantage coming out of high school because she did not get a lot of coaching for the high jump, Kittley said.

"When I saw her I saw a Class A kid that had a ton of talent and hadn't been coached that much," he said.

Kittley saw Coley in high school and immediately knew she had the potential to do great things for him at Tech.

"I had seen Misty more (than Lacey)," he said. "She had run the 300-meter hurdles and was on the mile relay. She did a lot of things. I thought to myself, 'here's a good athlete — tall, slender, at least she can do something for me.'"

Kittley said both jumpers had to make many adjustments and correct bad high school habits.

"No one likes to change how they do things," he said. "They've been reluctant at times, but they've bought into it really well, and I think they see

the results." Coley said the changes have been difficult, but will be beneficial in the long run.

"It was really, really hard because I'm trying to get rid of six years of habits," she said. "Stuff that I believed was the right way, and then come to figure out that it's not right and needs to be tweaked."

Coley is not content with just jumping, she wants to get back on the track and relive some high school glory.

"I thought I would like just doing the one event when I got here," she said. "But now when I do bad I don't have anything else to do to get my mind off it and maybe do better in. That makes it horrible just sitting there watching everyone else do their stuff."

As badly as she wants to step on the track, Coley wants her ultimate goal even more.

"I can definitely see Lacey and I jumping 6-something before we leave here, at least 6-4," she said. "We're almost jumping six now, there's no reason we can't go at least 6-4. It's just a matter of time before we get it."

Price trying to change UTEP

EL PASO (AP) — While Mike Price tries to rehabilitate his tarnished image, the new Texas-El Paso coach believes his biggest challenge is to change the tendency of a team that has gotten used to losing.

The Miners are coming off three consecutive two-win seasons under coach Gary Nord.

"We're working on their self-confidence. We're encouraging. We're positive in our teaching approaches," Price said. "When you start making that spiral downward, you have to find your switch, you have to pull the nose of the plane back up."

That's the same kind of comeback Price is trying to make after a boozy night with strippers last April that cost him the Alabama job before he ever coached a game.

After Nord was fired in December, UTEP provided Price the chance to rebuild his coaching career. School president Diana Natalicio said Price had been

humbled by his mistake, paid for his error in judgment and had earned the opportunity to coach again.

Price's presence alone has provided a morale boost for the Miners.

"He cares about his players. We are excited to practice and excited to come to work," linebacker Robert Rodriguez said. "Guys around here have gotten discouraged too many times. Coach Price is not used to losing."

In 14 seasons at Washington State before being hired by Alabama to replace Dennis Franchione, Price turned the Cougars into Pac 10 contenders. He was 83-77 with five bowl appearances, including the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day 1998, a 21-16 loss to Michigan.

Price made some immediate changes at UTEP, which wraps spring practice with an intrasquad game Saturday.

"I think they understand that I'm not kidding and that we're serious about winning," Price said.

Clarett case advances to Supreme Court

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Clarett's status for the NFL draft is now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court on Tuesday. He asked for a stay of a federal appeals court's decision from 24 hours earlier preventing the former Ohio State tailback from being in this weekend's draft.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case. She asked the NFL on Wednesday to file a response to Clarett's appeal by Thursday morning. There was no word on when she planned to act on Clarett's emergency request or whether she would refer the request to the other eight justices.

In 1971, lawyers for Detroit high school star Spencer Haywood followed the same approach. A stay preventing Haywood from going in the

NBA draft was tossed out by Justice William O. Douglas, opening the door for underclassmen and teenagers to play pro basketball.

"It's the exact same scenario," Milstein said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It just needs to play out the same."

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the stay on Monday, putting a hold on a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can't force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

The NFL said the appellate decision will ultimately stand. "There was ample support for the ruling of the 2nd Circuit, which thoroughly considered and completely rejected the arguments that Mr. Clarett's lawyers have presented to the Supreme Court," NFL executive vice president Jeff Pash said.

Southern California sophomore receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan on Monday, saying the NFL issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft which caused him

to sacrifice his college career.

If they wind up being eligible, Williams would be expected to go in the first round of the draft, while Clarett might not be taken until the second or third round.

Clarett argued in Tuesday's filing that the NFL wouldn't suffer any harm if he's allowed in the draft — but he would be harmed if he is blocked.

Clarett led Ohio State to a national title as a freshman, but was ruled ineligible as a sophomore for accepting money from a family friend and lying about it to NCAA and university investigators. Williams declared for the draft after a lower court ruled in Clarett's favor.

Clarett, 20 and out of high school two years, would be eligible for the draft next year under the current rule. He dropped out of classes at Ohio State after the winter quarter.

U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled in February that Clarett should be allowed in the draft. She said the rule excluding him violates antitrust law and unjustly blocks

a player from pursuing his livelihood.

Ginsburg is a Clinton administration appointee who oversees matters from the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit.

There is no court deadline for Ginsburg to act on the request, but Clarett's lawyer said if no decision is rendered before the draft Clarett "will suffer substantial irreparable injury."

If Ginsburg or the full court turns down the request, the lower court's decision against Clarett stands.

Should the court decide against Clarett — and by extension, Williams — the players could only return to play college football if they met academic standards and their universities successfully petitioned the NCAA for reinstatement.

Steve Snapp, an assistant athletic director at Ohio State, said there were significant obstacles in the way of Clarett regaining his eligibility even if he wanted to rejoin the Buckeyes.

"There is a number of issues about whether or not he has professionalized himself," Snapp said.

The NFL also could be compelled legally to include Clarett and Williams in a supplemental draft. Former stars such as Reggie White, Cris Carter and Bernie Kosar entered the NFL after being taken in supplemental drafts.



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NHL playoffs have new look in 2004

(AP) — As soon as Toronto forward Joe Nieuwendyk slipped two long shots past Ottawa's Patrick Lalime, the transformation of the Stanley Cup playoffs was complete.

With the Senators gone, none of last year's semifinalists made it to the second round in 2004.

Ottawa was eliminated Tuesday night by the Toronto Maple Leafs, joining the defending champion New Jersey Devils for summer break. The Devils outlasted the Senators in seven games last year in the Eastern Conference finals.

Out West, there are four new teams in the conference semifinals. The finalists from a year ago — Minnesota and Anaheim — didn't even qualify for the postseason.

Of the eight remaining clubs this year, only the Tampa Bay Lightning and Philadelphia Flyers got this far a year ago. And both have a great chance to get to the next round because they will be well rested by the time they hit the ice again.

Philadelphia knocked out the Devils in five games, and the top-seeded Lightning did the same to the New York Islanders. Now they'll each face teams that were stretched to the seven-game limit.

The Flyers will get the Maple Leafs, the team they eliminated in the first round last year.

"We're ready to go," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said. "This is nothing new. The rivalry is as heated as it can get."

The Lightning will face sixth-seeded Montreal. The Canadiens were down 3-1 in their series with No. 2 Boston, but rallied to overcome that deficit for the first time in their storied history, which includes 23 Stanley Cup championships.

"Teams that win the Stanley Cup, they get those rests in between each series. It's very important," Tampa Bay coach John Tortorella said.



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Boedeker & Wiechmann debate 'the greatest of all time' Bonds breaking away as best Sultan of Swat reins supreme

Adam Boedeker



Barry Bonds is the best player in the history of baseball. That's right, I said it.

Before all of you with Babe Ruth crushes crucify me, let me explain myself, and then if you want to say I'm wrong, I'll probably say you're stupid.

I'm not even going to begin to say Bonds is a good person. In fact, it would be safe to say he is not that nice of a guy in the public light. It's been well documented he does not get along with his teammates and in fact has a locker separated from everyone else by three or four lockers. He's definitely not a "clubhouse leader," at least not by words. He does so by actions.

What actions am I talking about? How about these — 667 homeruns, 1,761 RBIs, 2,088 walks and 500 stolen bases, and those numbers are still subject to improvement considering Bonds has homered in seven consecutive games, eight being the Major League record.

Could Ruth have done that against pitchers throwing 99 mph fastballs and breaking balls that drop four feet? I can't say for sure but my inclination would be no.

Let's look at the most debated opponent for Bonds in the "best player in history" debate and do some number crunching.

Walks may not seem too important to the average spectator, but a free base runner is a free base runner, especially when you look at how Bonds has run the bases throughout his career.

Though his 39-year-old body has begun to give way in the speed department, Bonds has 500 career stolen bases.

In case you're wondering, Bonds is the only player in Major League history with at least 500 career homeruns and 500 career stolen bases. There is not even a player in the game's history with 400 homeruns and 400 stolen bases. That is amazing. Bonds has only been caught stealing 140 times, giving him a 78 percent success rate.

Let's talk about the "Sultan of Swat," "The Great Bambino," "The Colossus of Clout" Babe Ruth. OK, so he was the greatest homerun hitter to ever live, hitting a

homerun every 11.8 at-bats, a truly incredible statistic.

Ruth has all the hitting numbers, no question about it. The RBIs and at-bats are pretty much identical to those of Bonds. Everything's pretty even, especially when you consider Bonds still has a few great years ahead of him barring injury. Everything's the same until you get to the stolen bases department.

As we all know, Ruth for most of his career, was not what you call a slim fellow. He couldn't run, period. He stole 123 bases in his career and got caught red-handed 117 times; that's a 51 percent "success" rate. Now, I am by no means saying stolen bases are "the statistic" to determine greatness, because that would simply be tomfoolery. In that case, Juan Pierre would have won the NL MVP last season for the Marlins.

People like to scream, "But Ruth was a great pitcher!" OK, let's examine this argument. Ruth had four good seasons early in his career with the Red Sox before he started belting balls out of the park. In fact, for the final 17 seasons of Ruth's career he was nothing but a great hitter. He basically had two different careers.

Now let's look at Bonds' contributions on the defensive end of the game. Bonds won eight consecutive National League Gold Glove awards from 1990-1998. He was a great fielder and still is a good one.

A great baseball player is a great baseball player, no matter what. Bonds, at 39 years of age, has incredible bat speed with his patented short swing enabling him to take inside pitches into McCovey Cove on a regular basis. Just ask All-World Dodgers closer Eric Gagne, who saw a 100 mph pitch get pulled, that's right, pulled into the Cove.

Forget about off-the-field issues. Ruth was a womanizing alcoholic, Ty Cobb was the most hated player in the game. Look at the numbers, they speak for themselves.

Or listen to sportswriters. Bonds has won the last three NL MVP Awards, and six in his career. Only four players in history have won two consecutive awards, no other has won three. Could Bonds make it four? On the torrid pace he's on now, the only answer is yes.

He's proven to be the most dangerous offensive weapon in the game and will surpass Ruth this season, and Aaron next. I hope they enjoyed their stay at the top.

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David Wiechmann



Barry Bonds put himself at No. 3 on the all-time homeruns list, and he is being touted as the greatest baseball player of all time.

Sportswriters across America must have forgotten their roots because The Babe is still head and shoulders above the rest.

Yes, Bonds has won eight Gold Gloves and three National League MVPs in a row. Yes, he holds the record for most homeruns in a season, but you cannot compare eras and say Bonds is better than Ruth.

The type of baseball played when Ruth was king was a different style than it is now. Homeruns fly out of the park at a blistering pace. Today's ballparks are also built for the longball. What field doesn't have a short porch down one of the lines?

Compare today's fields to what Ruth had to play in. Some parks were 500 feet to dead center, and there was no such thing as 320 down the line. Plus, he was hitting against pitching that was significantly slower.

Some may argue it is easier to hit. Don't think so fast. The faster a ball comes in, the faster it goes out. Ruth was hitting 500-foot dingers off 75 mph fastballs. In further argument against Bonds, the pitchers mound has been lowered recently, which gives the hitters more of an advantage because the ball comes in more level and pitches with movement has less effect. Result — easier pitching to hit.

But Bonds is fast, or was.

Yes, he is the only player to have 500 homers

and 500 stolen bases, and no one is in the 400-400 club. However, he stole 62 percent of his bases during the first half of his career. The last time he stole 40 bases in a year was 1996. His totals during the last five seasons respectively are 15, 11, 13, 9 and 7. Sounds like a guy who just wants to put himself in a special club.

More comparisons include homerun average. Bonds averages 41 homeruns a year while Ruth tagged 46 per season. Bonds' average batting average is .297, Ruth's was .342. Bonds career batting average is .370, and Ruth's was .393.

Here's the kicker: Wins: Ruth 94. Bonds 0.

Ruth was not only the world's greatest hitter; he was also a dominating pitcher with a career winning percentage of .671. Roger Clemens can only claim a .660 percentage. If Ruth had played a 162-game schedule he would have averaged 20 wins a season and started 32.

Just how dominating was The Babe?

In his most successful year on the mound (1916) Ruth was 23-12 in 41 starts, with 23 complete games and nine shutouts. Oh, his ERA was 1.75.

In seasons he started 15 or more games his ERA never exceeded 2.98. He never gave up more than 75 earned runs in a season.

If Bonds had the marbles to stand on the mound and prove he could play any position on the field, I might give him consideration as the greatest player of all time. No I wouldn't. I'm a purist and there is no one better than the Sultan of Swat.

Speaking of swat. If Ruth and Bonds were given the same amount of at-bats as current homerun king Hank Aaron and continued at their respective career paces, Ruth would have 1,051 homers to Bonds' 925.

Bonds wouldn't stand a chance.

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Cowboys stadium site faces hurdle

DALLAS (AP) — Proposed tax revenue to help pay for a new \$1 billion Dallas Cowboys stadium development might not be available if the facility is built in Fair Park, county officials say.

The location where the State Fair of Texas is held annually has been the front-runner among alternatives for a new venue to replace the aging Texas Stadium in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

But a portion of state law that forbids using rental-car taxes to finance a sports venue that is part of a city park and recreation system was cited by county officials as a likely impediment. They said the law also may forbid the use of hotel occupancy taxes.

Fair Park, just southeast of downtown, has emerged in the last several weeks as the favorite site for the development, which includes an all-weather stadium with an estimated cost of \$650 million. Team representatives have been meeting with city and county officials on the project, which would be financed with up to \$400 million in hotel and rental car taxes.

However, Fair Park, as the city's second-oldest park, is part of the park and recreation network and is administered by the Dallas Park Board.

Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels said Tuesday that the team is examining how the law might affect public financing for a Fair Park stadium.

"We do see it as something that needs to be addressed and are working through the process," Daniels told *The Dallas Morning News* in Wednesday's editions. "They are looking at a number of different options that may be the best way to go."

According to stadium opponents, the issue as an impediment to tax financing for a professional sports stadium.

"It looks like it would be a very big obstacle," said Pat Cotton, a Dallas political consultant working with the group No Jones Tax. "I don't think the county commissioners or the city officials would want to be in a position to violate the law."

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Raiders hoping for upset First round QBs not guarantees

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Although she is a senior, Kendall Brooks is sending a message to all Big 12 teams as a caution for next year's Texas Tech women's tennis team.

"I hope all these tennis players getting the close wins this year," she said. "Cause we're not gonna be in the lower half anymore."

The Red Raiders are ranked anywhere in the lower to middle half of the Big 12 standings, and although it is not where Brooks said she would like to be, it is a big improvement from last season.

"We've had a tough season, and we've picked up some good wins, unlike last year," she said. "I think our record speaks for itself."

Tech (11-8, 4-6 Big 12) is a big change from the three wins the Raiders earned last season. Brooks said with her last match in close range and the program turned around, she dreams she could stay at Tech to see the team continue to grow for the better.

"I wish I had three more years left," she said. "I think it just set in last weekend that it was coming to a close."

The Raiders fell to Oklahoma 7-0 in their last home match at the McLeod Tennis Center on Sunday.

Tech's next test is even tougher on the road against the No. 11 nationally ranked Texas Longhorns. Brooks said a team win would be what Tech has ordered, but if it is not possible, some players must come out on top of their opponents.

"I think it's important that we win as a team, but if not, we need to get the individuals some wins on the court," she said.

Assistant coach Majorie Terburgh said either of those two goals will be hard to accomplish against a tough Longhorn team.

"UT is very tough," she said. "They have no losses in conference, but we can never say never."

If Tech plays like it practices, Terburgh said the players have an opportunity to finish the season on a good note.

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The win would help the Raiders boost up in the rankings prior to playing in the Big 12 tournament. Terburgh said it is important to Tech's success to a win against Texas.

"I know we win a couple of rounds, but we need to get higher in



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KATJA KOVACIC RETURNS the ball to her opponent during a match at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech finishes the regular season at No. 11 Texas on Sunday.

the rankings so we don't face those number one teams in the first rounds," she said.

Senior Irina Tereschenko has several years of experience against the Longhorns and said she knows what to expect from their young players as well.

"They are really strong. All of their players at all of the positions are hard to beat," she said. "Their record is a representation of their skills and abilities."

But Tereschenko said leaving Austin with a win is a good possibility if Tech

takes the steps to achieve that goal. "Every member on the team has to play their best game at every position," she said. "That is the key, and I already know the front players play well. We just have to come together, that's the crucial part."

Tech will travel to face Texas at 1 p.m. Sunday in Austin for its final regular season match of the year before reaching the Big 12 tournament beginning April 28 and stretching to May 1 in Norman, Okla.

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's draft has three "can't miss" quarterbacks: Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger and Philip Rivers.

Buyer beware?

Think of Ryan Leaf. And remember that Todd Marinovich and Dan (Mark's brother) McGwire were drafted ahead of a guy named Brett Favre in 1991.

Leaf, of course, is not the only quarterback bust: Rick Mirer, Tim Druckenmiller, Akl Smith, Jame McNow, Dave Brown, Marinovich and McGwire are all long gone or at the end of some bench.

Yes, drafting is a science, especially when it comes to quarterbacks. How else to explain that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady went in the sixth round in 2000, while two other current starters, Marc Bulger and Tim Rattay, were chosen in the sixth and seventh rounds.

"There's so much focus on the top two or three quarterbacks that a lot of people forget there are more than that who can play very well," St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz says. "There are 10 of them in this year's bunch that I would really like to have."

Martz has some credibility on the subject.

In the summer of 2000, he remarked during a casual chat that New Orleans had "a kid named Bulger I really like." A few weeks later, the Saints obtained Aaron Brooks and eventually released Bulger, who ended up with the Raiders, and now starts.

This year's top three QBs would seem to have a better shot at success than most first rounders.

Manning comes with a great pedigree — brother Peyton was this year's co-MVP, and father Archie was an outstanding player stuck on a dismal team in New Orleans. But horse breeders can tell you that

pedigree, keep these quarterbacks in mind: — In 1998, some teams thought Leaf would be better than Peyton Manning. They brushed off reports (most recounted after the fact) that Leaf didn't get along with coaches or teammates and had no leadership skills.

— In 1999, Tim Couch was drafted first overall; Donovan McNabb second; Smith third; Daunte Culpepper 11th and McNow 12th. McNabb and Culpepper are stars, but Couch is still struggling, and the other two are busts. Brooks, drafted in the fourth round by Green Bay before being traded to the Saints, is the third-best from that class.

— In 2000, Chad Pennington was the only quarterback taken in the first round and seems ready for the stadium with the Jets. The next QBs chosen were Giovanni Carmazzi (San Francisco, third round) and Chris Redman (Baltimore, third) and Tee Martin (Pittsburgh, fifth).

Then New Orleans took Bulger with the 168th overall pick, and England got Brady at 199. The next round, the 49ers took Rattay, who almost immediately showed more promise than Carmazzi and probably will enter next season as San Francisco's starter.

"The thing about quarterbacks that nobody really knows is work habits," says Gil Brandt, the NFL's chief draft consultant. "You get some that are going to study tape and keep studying. There are others who are going to get big money and think they have it made."

Summerall released after liver transplant

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Broadcaster Pat Summerall was released Wednesday from St. Luke's Hospital, where he received a liver transplant earlier this month.

Summerall will remain in the Jacksonville area for several weeks for outpatient care until his doctors clear him to return home to Texas, the hospital said in a statement.

The 73-year-old former NFL kicker of 10 years received a new liver on April 10.

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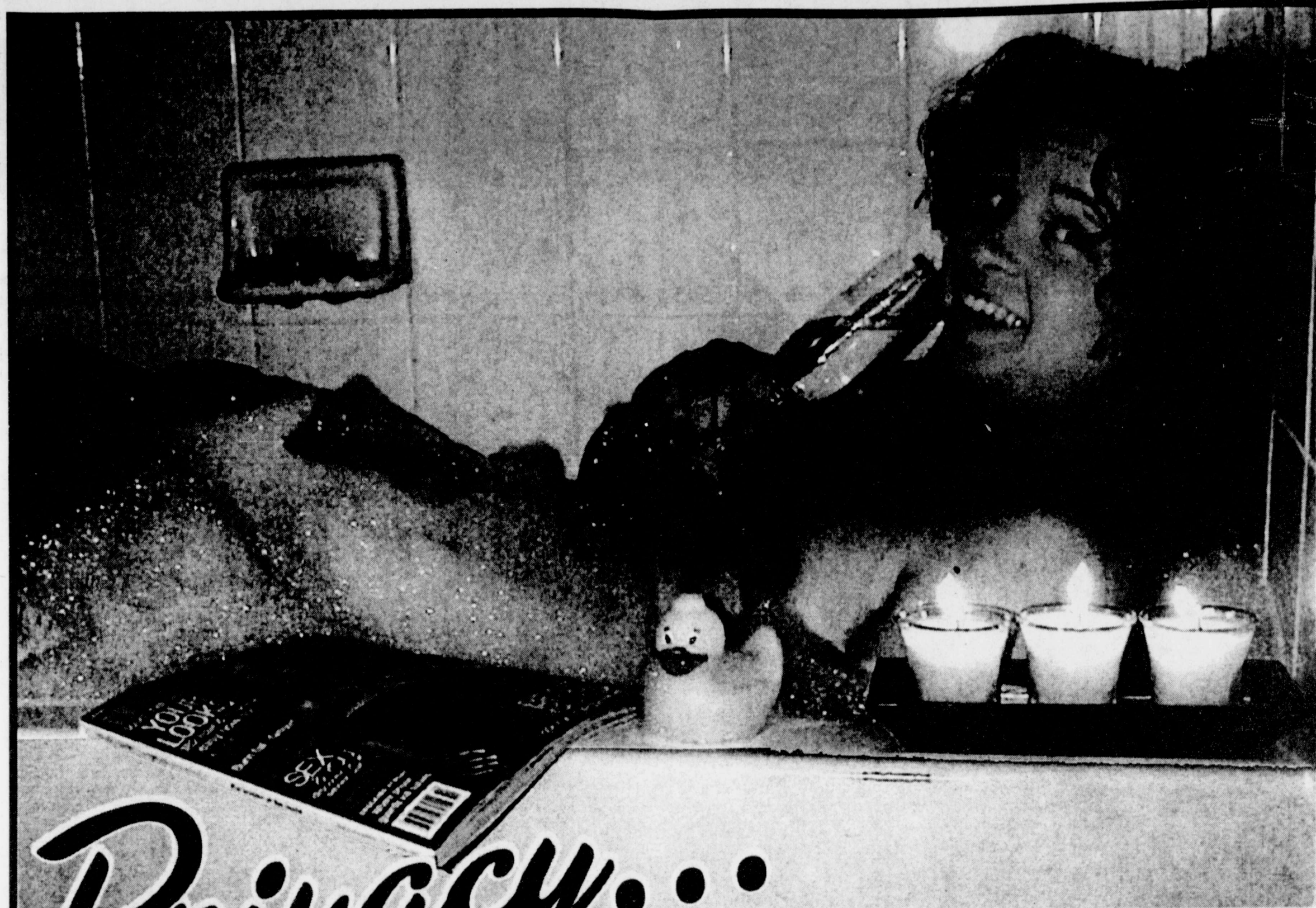
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