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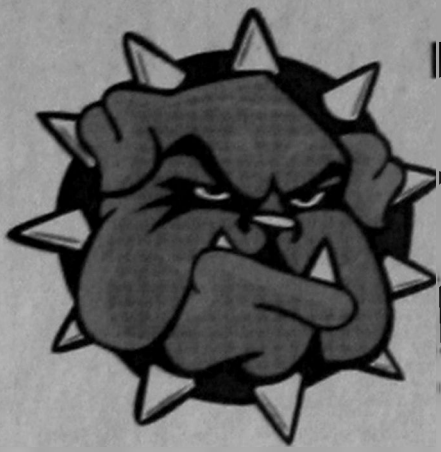
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The Southwestern

The Latest Happenings at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Former hostage shares his story

By AMARIN BAUTISTA/
STAFF REPORTER

The Panorama series will bring a former hostage and terrorism expert to campus next Tuesday.

Col Chuck Scott is said to be the Pentagon's foremost expert on terrorism, both in the United States and Middle East. He will speak on America's current efforts to battle terrorism.

"Terrorism is the modern form of warfare," Scott said in a recent



interview. "Terrorism is low risk, inexpensive and highly effective, and until we change those three parameters, we won't stop it."

Scott will also share the details of his captivity.

In 1979-1981, Scott and 51 other American hostages survived 444 days in the U.S. Embassy in Tehrah, Iran. According to a recent review of his speech, he encourages and stimulates his audience by talking about the capability he had to survive.

The opportunity to hear his story will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the Fine Arts Center. Admission is free.

Wal-Mart opens 24-hours to ease shopping students

By MICHELLE SMITH/
STAFF REPORTER

Something college students can look forward to is shopping sprees at 3 a.m. Weatherford's Wal-Mart stayed 24 hours a day as of last week. Both Weatherford and Elk City stores are converting to 24-hour stores.

"Almost all of the Wal-Mart stores in Oklahoma are changing to 24-hours, with the exception of some small town stores," said Brian Wilson, manager of Weatherford store.

Brian Wilson said as of right now there are no future plans of expanding the current store into a superstore.

Students seem to be happy with the change.

"It's good, it gives me something to do during the middle of the night when I'm bored," said Jennifer Smith, a freshman with a undecided major.



24-hour shopping will give students extra time to pick out their Halloween costumes.

"That will be great! Finally, I will have time to shop," said Anne Allen, a Sr. with a Political Science major.

"I will like the fact that I can go do my shopping after my kids are in bed," said Tara Clark a junior, pursuing an RN degree.

Small towns offer more dining choices

Look to neighboring towns for more variety

By LEANDRA MALLOY/
STAFF REPORTER

Looking for a place to take a date out to dinner but you're bored with Weatherford's options?

Before you drive to Oklahoma City, wait in a long line and pay for food that's way out of budget, try a restaurant in one of the surrounding towns.

Many small towns that surround Southwestern have great small diners.

The closest is Graffiti Grill in Hydro, seven miles east of Weatherford.

The Graffiti Grill is a family owned restaurant. They serve almost everything from rotisserie chicken to home-made

pizza. They are open Thursday-Saturday from 5 am-9 pm. It's a comfortable and well decorated restaurant.

Jiggs Smoke House is West of Clinton on the I-40 access road. To get there from the interstate take exit 62 and take the access road. You can't miss them because they are visible from I-40.

Jiggs is open year round but only serves lunch. Based on a rating system from roadfood.com, 100 percent of people surveyed would visit Jiggs again, food and atmosphere are tied at 92%. People think their food is so good that they

are willing to drive 88 miles just to eat there.

The Jiggs menu consists of southwestern Bar-beque and sandwiches.

The home of Adam's Place is 201 Main Street in Binger. To get to Adam's place take the Hinton exit on I-40 and

drive south until you see Binger.

Adam's Place serves up some great home-style food like the kind your grandma would make. Their hamburger patties are hand patted and their chicken is hand breaded

to add that good 'ol southern taste. Every Friday is their fish fry. Adam's Place has a wonderful atmosphere

and you feel like your apart of the family. Other restaurants include Simon's Catch (south on exit 34), Clinton Cafe (Clinton), 'Lil' Hacienda (Hobart), and Eagle's Nest (Watonga).



Homecoming royalty



Zach House and Nicole Moody are were named Southwestern's Homecoming King and Queen during Homecoming ceremonies at halftime of the Bulldogs' football game with Central Oklahoma.

Homecoming activity winners announced

FROM PUBLIC INFORMATION

Winners of the various competitions held during Southwestern Oklahoma State University's homecoming celebration on October 1-2 in Weatherford have been announced.

At the parade, SWOSU's Society of Manufacturing Engineers won first place and \$1,000 in the float competition. The Resident Life RA's

won second place and \$500, while the Black Student Association finished third and won \$300.

In the popular bed race, Jefferson Hall won top honors, while Rogers Hall finished second.

Oklahoma Hall won first place and \$300 in the Residence Hall decoration contest. Neff Hall finished second and Stewart Hall third.

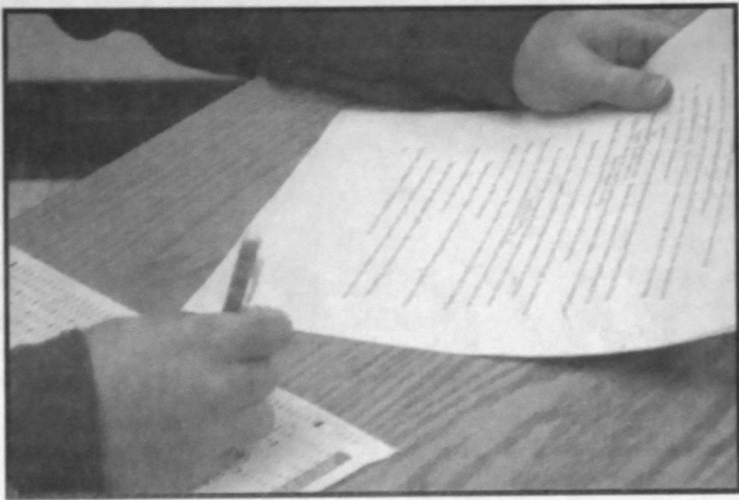
In the outside decorations competition for organizations, the Biology Club won first place and \$300. The Technology Education Collegiate Association finished second, while Alpha Alpha Sigma/Mu Rho Alpha finished third. Information Technology

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Test taking tips are important

By Lisa Jarvis/
Staff Reporter

According to TestTakingTips.com, "Students with better study methods and strategies score higher on their exams." It is best to be in an environment conducive to learning. Candace Smith, a recent Southwestern graduate, said, "I learned quickly that I had to lock myself in a quiet room and give my studies complete attention." However, other students have said that they listen to the radio and watch TV while studying. This worries some teachers. "I have seen many students say that they have no



problem listening to music or watching TV while studying, but the test scores usually tell a different story," said Anna Everhart, a high school math teacher. Here are some tips that may help when studying.

Start by studying the most important information first. Make sure that you understand the material, do not just try to memorize the information. Memorizing the test material instead of learning it can cause many

problems; one being that the information tends to get lost when under the pressure of test taking. "Study 50 minutes and then take a 10 minute break. Stretch, relax, have an energy snack," suggests Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Do not cram for a test. Studying the material soon after it has been learned will keep it fresh in the mind. Keep refreshing the information by going over it several times before the actual test date. CAPS says, "Above all, review regularly and plan to study ahead, so that the night before an exam all you do is review material. Avoid all-nighters!"

Maize tells students to get lost

By Kelsi Knauf/
Staff Reporter

The Liebscher family has drawn over 45,000 visitors to their 8 acres of corn. With a new design each year it seems to get more challenging. The popular Weatherford Labyrinth can be walked in 30 minutes if all correct pathways are taken. "But it usually takes an hour for most adults and children to travel through the 9-foot-high puzzle. Because of the 95 decision points," Owner Kim Liebscher said. The new design for the puzzle this fall is P_Bar style of the American Gothic Farmer Bill and Wife. The maze contains 300,000 stalks of corn and 3.5 miles of twists and turns. P_Bar farms will give visitors the chance to get lost September 4th through October 30th. The farm is open Thursday and Friday from 5-10, Saturday from 10a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 2p.m.-9p.m. Special events and field trips are available by reservation. P_Bar farm is located on I-40 between Hydro and Weatherford. Exit 88 (from East) and follow Route 66 (North access road) for approximately 3 miles. Look for the red barns. "Cost is \$6 for ages 12 and over, \$4 for ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. We provide discount coupons that are for a dollar off admission. The farm offers this discount to groups also" Liebscher said. For more information or to make reservations, call (580) 772-4401 or visit www.PBarFarms.com.

According to P_Bar Farms, there are many ways to enjoy your visit to the maze. P_Bar farms experience offers something for everyone, visitors will find an increased number of ways to experience the maze this year. "The farm is open both day and night, the farm caters to school field trips during the day with an education campaign including: customized ag-in-the-classroom lesson plans and activity sheets, discount coupon opportunities, educational displays, and an agricultural passport that integrates education



into the maze experience and helps guide students along the correct pathway. "The farm also offers team building activities for older students and corporations. "Hayrides will offer maze-goers the opportunity to see each of the farm's crops and even take home treasures from the pumpkin and watermelon patches. "Interactive "passports" at ten points throughout the maze that quiz maze goers. Those who answer the questions correctly will receive clues that guide them along the correct path to the exit. Subjects include agriculture, history, scripture, sports, etc. "Customized activities have been added for birthday parties, church, corporate outings, and group rivalries / races. "In October the farm will take on a Halloween twist. In addition to the spooks lurking in the caorn at night, families can come enjoy "Trick-or -Treat Saturdays" during daylight hours. "Students from SWOSU will be the hunters of the maze this year," Liebscher said. Please contact: Tamera Misak, P_Bar Farms, Marketing / Media Relations Tamer@pbarfarms.com or (405) 820-3211 for more inforamtion about the maze and the farms.

FCA hosts rally tonight

Southwestern's Fellowship of Christian Athletes invites students to attend today's Fields of Faith event. The Southwestern FCA chapter has teamed up with Weatherford High School's FCA to host the event, which starts at 8:30 p.m. at the Weatherford High School football field. If it rains, the event will be moved to the high school cafeteria. According to the FCA, the event will be a rally to make a public stand on a common belief in Christ and the Bible. The event will kick off a challenge for participants to read the book of John in 21 days. The FCA praise band will play at the event. Also, several local and area residents will give testimonies. Included in those testimonies is Southwestern basketball player Kayla Horn. "I realize that my testimony, though not extravagant, might relate and help the lives of others and if God can use that, then I want to give it," Horn said. Weatherford mayor Mike Brown will also give his testimony. "The Bible directs us to be servants and witnesses for God and that is what I try to do day in and day out," Brown said. The FCA said the event is free and open to everyone.

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Services won the staff / faculty contest with their impressive office display. Auxiliary / Food Services won second place, while the College of Professional and Graduate Studies finished third. Taking place late Friday night and into early Saturday morning was the 3 on 3 Marathon Basketball Tournament. The winning squad in the men's competition was Mueggenborg's Team consisting of Jarrod Mueggenborg, Evan Garner and Simay Johnson. The winning women's team was The Players, featuring Sarah Drabb, Jessica Musick, Shannon Owens and Larissa Mainers. Scholarship winners at the tailgate party were Kavita Bhatthela, Tim White, Shantel Gray, Antono Wahyudi and Amanda Jones. Each won \$250 scholarships. And, Nicole Moody of Oklahoma City (PC North) and Zach House of Lookeba-Sickles were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the SWOSU football game.

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Wireless network accessible now on much of the campus

By CHARLES BILLY/
STAFF REPORTER

Wireless access for laptop computers is available, and more access is on the way.

Mark Engelman, director of Information Technology Services, said misconceptions have arose about the increase in wireless access.

Computer labs and faculty offices will not be replaced with laptops. Engelman said these computers will remain intact.

With the campus going wireless, according to Engelman, each building will be set so an individual with a laptop may access the internet anywhere in the building.

The laptop must have a network card or a 802.11 B card, which may be used for either a laptop or desktop.

The library was the first test site in Fall 2002, Engelman said. The project was successful.

Stewart and Neff Halls in the Spring 2003 were next to receive wireless

access.

Across campus, the Education Building and Stafford Building also received wireless access in the spring 2003.

The Student Union Building, Pharmacy Lounge, part of the CPP Building and the Arts Building received wireless access in the summer 2003.

"Access anytime, any where," is the ultimate goal, Engelman said.

Old Science Building, Campbell Building and the rest of the CPP Building will receive wireless access possibly as early as fall 2004, or later in early spring 2005.

Technology, Health & Physical Education, Psychology, Fine Arts and the Pharmacy Annex may receive wireless access as early as spring 2005 or late in the summer 2005, Engelman said.

The main reason for providing wireless access is because the dorms needed internet availability and there was no wiring that would

support high speed internet service.

Engelman said the computer labs in each academic building will remain the same because the wiring is already in place, the connections are faster, secure and are at no cost.

Engelman said there are no plans to set up a campus-wide outside network.

Outside the Student Union Building and Stafford Building, limited wireless access is available.

John Regmund pharmacy student said he would not take advantage of wireless access.

"If I had a laptop, I probably wouldn't use it everyday because it is too much to lug around," he said.

However, two students said they would love it.

"Absolutely," Jacki Banks said. "I would certainly take advantage of wireless access. I have the wireless card and I am ready."

Angel Humbargar said, "If I had a laptop, I would use it all the time."



Pi Kappa Delta members with faculty sponsor Dr. Robin Jones.

Pi Kappa Delta

By ZACK MCCURTAIN/
STAFF REPORTER

Have you been thinking about joining a fraternity or sorority, but can't seem to pick one out?

Have you thought about a coed group, such as Pi Kappa Delta, a.k.a. Speech Club?

Ok, so I probably just lost a few readers when they read the words

Speech Club.

However, for those still following along, especially any communication arts majors, this may be worth checking out.

Dr. Robin Jones is the faculty sponsor. She describes the group as "civic minded."

The club participates in several competitions. The next one is Oct. 29 and 30 at Tulsa Community College.

Garrett Castleberry is the president and Rebecca Manney is vice president.

If you have any questions ask them for more information.

"Just come in, there are no prerequisites, the more the merrier and we'd love to have you join us," Jones said.

Pi Kappa Delta meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Campbell building in room 108.

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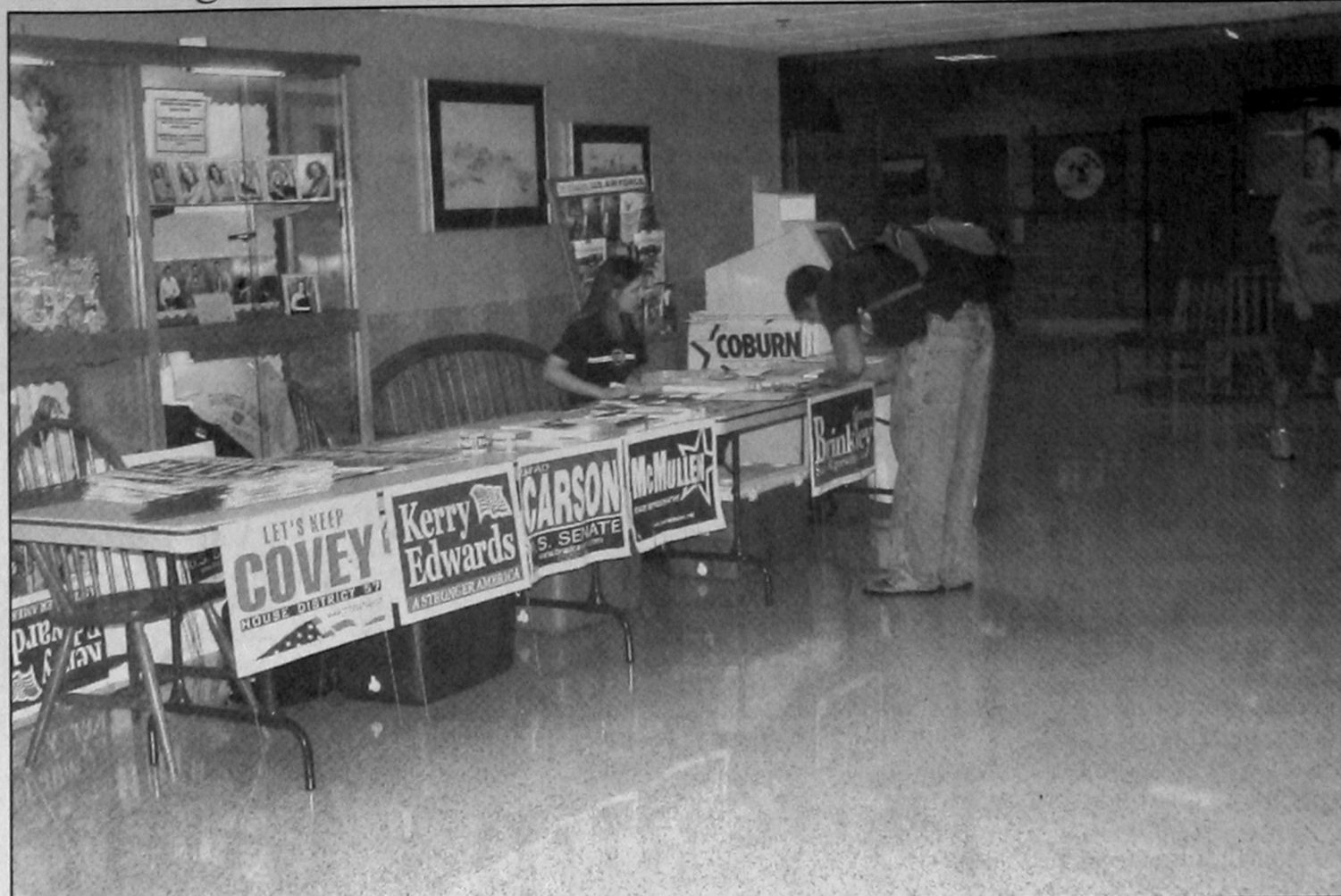
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Voter registration push



Students register at the Student Union last week during a Voter Registration Push. Registration deadline is Oct. 8.

Absentee ballots still an option

By ROYCE YOUNG/
STAFF REPORTER

The time to register to vote for this year's election has come and gone.

Although, voters here at Southwestern who are not resident's of Custer County will need to vote via absentee ballot or return to their respective county in order to have their say in our countries future.

The best way to get an absentee ballot is to simply write a letter to the student's home county election board (at which registered in). On the letter be sure to include: full name, birth date, address at which registered, election of request, address

to where ballots should be mailed and a signature.

After completing the ballot, all that needs to be done is mail, fax, or personally deliver it to the student's county election board. The deadline for requesting ballots is the Wednesday before the election (in this case, October 27) before 5 p.m.

The ballot will need to be received before 7 PM of the Election Day or it will not be counted.

For additional information, contact the county election board. To find out more on the absentee ballots and how to contact election boards, visit www.state.ok.us/~elections/absentee.html.

The Case for War

By MICK GARR/
STAFF REPORTER

I will vote in the upcoming elections this year. It is important to vote in elections, whether it be presidential, county commissioner, or for the state senate race.

This is the one time you get to tell the elected officials what you think. We are all very fortunate to be able to choose our leaders. In many parts of the world people are not given the

opportunity to choose their leaders. The leaders are chosen for them.

On Nov. 2, I will vote for George W. Bush. I think he has done as well as anyone could expect in Iraq. There will be people who say we did not have the right to go to war. That is a garbage argument. We did have the right. Saddam was a threat to everyone; he was a threat to even his own people.

Inaction helps create ruthless dictators. If we had acted faster maybe

Hitler would not have killed as many innocent people. I do not hear people say that World War II was bad. I am proud of President Bush. He helped restore honor in the White House after eight years of shame brought on by the Clinton presidency.

The USS COLE was bombed before President Bush took office. Clinton knew Bin Laden was a threat but failed to stop his organization from proliferating terrorism

Rock the Vote appeals to Kerry supporters

By CHRIS BROWNER/
STAFF REPORTER

With Nov. 2 coming up, it is a special and important time for many U.S. citizens. With all of the commercials on MTV and BET with slogans like Rock the Vote, many young adults should know what happens on this day as well-the presidential election between our president, George Bush and Senator John Kerry.

This is especially an important election due to the tragedies that hit this country on 9/11. It would seem that this would be an important event to any U.S. citizen, but the

question still remains: Is it?

With the way the war on terrorism has been handled, I asked whom people thought should win the presidential election. "Kerry should win, because he seems to care more about the people compared to Bush who is just sending troop after troop overseas for something that seems to be alleviant," said A.J. Pannell, a senior mass comm. major from Tulsa.

Another topic is the problem with immigration in this country. This may not be a huge issue to those in some of the Midwest states, but to

those close to the border that would make or break the candidate's chances for election. So I asked James Sadler, a California resident going to school at Southwestern his thoughts about this topic dealing with the election.

"It seems like Bush just wants to herd illegal aliens into this country, I don't like that, I'm definitely voting for Kerry," Sadler said.

This seems to be an election year for the books. I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens when everyone hits the polls on Nov. 2, ELECTION DAY.

One View: Bush should stay

By BRIAN HILL/STAFF REPORTER

"I had a choice to make then. Forget the lessons of September the 11th, trust a madman, or take action to defend our country. Every time I will defend America."

Attacking John Kerry's character is not the best way to promote President Bush's agenda. Both candidates should have the benefit of a doubt that they are human and can have character flaws. I believe, however, candidates should be held accountable of their record while in office.

The disaster of Sept. 11 made the United State reorganize our fronts and shift concerns toward a stronger America.

Immediate concerns facing this nation also shifted to education, national security, homeland security, jobs and economic growth and the war in Iraq.

Education

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was President Bush's pillar in the 2000 election. After taking office, Bush asked Congress to give attention to federal function in education to close space between the disadvantaged, minority students and their peers. The bill's reforms symbolize four principles:

- Stronger accountability for results
- Expanded flexibility and local control
- Involving the parents
- Enforcing proven teaching methods

Federal spending on education has jumped nearly 50 percent since Bush took office.

The president put the world on notice by holding any person or regime that harbors or supports terrorist as guilty of terrorism as the terrorists

themselves. Bush has pushed his major theme of national security to the terrorists.

The Department of Homeland Security was created, under Bush's administration to make America more secure with an immense national network of organizations and institutions.

Their mission to prevent and deter terrorist attacks, protect against and respond to threats of hazards to the nation.

The President's budget clearly demonstrates the continuing priority placed on Homeland Security in requesting \$40.2 billion for the FY 2005.

America has fought through a crucial moment in the nation's economic history. A recession formed and corporate fraud was uncovered. In response to these fronts, the president acted boldly

to reinforce the economy and generate jobs. The president's direction resulted in tax refunds to the families, entrepreneurs, innovators and investors who earned it.

Bush has sought to cut down on "junk and frivolous" lawsuits which are "driving up the cost of doing business in America," according to the Republican platform.

Bush is proposing to boost the tax benefits coupled with medical savings accounts and allowing small businesses to combine their resources to get better deals in insurance. Bush's target is to cut the deficit in half within five years as a percentage of gross domestic products.

"The role of Government is not to create wealth; the role of our Government is to

create an environment in which the entrepreneur can flourish, in which minds can expand, in which technologies can reach new frontiers", said Bush.

During this time, the world spoke again and America decided to give Saddam another chance. We gave the inspectors the chance to work; until we found out, he was deceiving them.

What was he trying to do by deceiving? Was he trying to find out if he had the capacity to make weapons again? Did he need to keep the U.N. Inspectors on a turn around and not allow them to search certain areas?

Both Congress and the president looked at the same exact intelligence and came to the same conclusion. John Kerry, his opponent, looked at the

very same intelligence and came to the same conclusion.

Bush won congressional approval of \$87 billion for continued military operations and aid in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has also pushed plans for an interim government to run the country until scheduled elections for January.

On September 2, 2004, in New York City, President George W. Bush accepted the republican nomination for president.

In his address, he promised to build on the accomplishments of his first term by building a safer world and more hopeful America for our workers, families and children. Believing in President Bush to provide a safer America will allow the decision on Nov. 2 2004, for president, an easy decision to vote on.

The Other View: Bush should go

By EMILY SCHIMMEL/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When I started to think about how to write this article I thought that I could list all the reasons why I would not vote for President Bush, and instead vote for Senator Kerry. Then, I realized that I'm not voting for Bush because he's Bush, and that there is a better alternative to his kind of leadership-John Kerry.

Over the past four years I've watched and waited and worried about where Bush would lead us next. I've also wondered what would happen if he was allowed to continue his reckless neglect of what the American people want and need for four more

years. And then I worried some more.

President Bush has led the American people so far away from where we were when he took office that it is hard to even remember what he started with. I do remember that the economy was up, crime was down, people could find a job, and the national deficit was zero.

Since taking office the economy has seen a severe drop, Bush has cut monies for law enforcement, people are having to find a second and third job, and the national deficit is at its highest in the history of the United States, \$7.3 trillion and rising daily.

And what has Bush done for the environment except ignore scientific research about global warming and propose plans for the drilling of oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other supposedly protected lands. Not to mention that Bush led us into a war that we were not prepared for and that we had no backing on at the time.

Senator John Kerry has a plan for all of these little details that Bush has seemed to over look.

Kerry has a plan for cutting the national deficit, he believes in spending money to properly train law

enforcement, border guards, port officials, and airport security.

Kerry wants to create good paying jobs for America's middle class. He's also promised to cut taxes for businesses that will keep jobs here in the States instead of sending them over seas. Kerry also wants to raise minimum wage to \$7 an hour.

Senator Kerry has also shown great interest in the environment. He has authored legislation to fight global warming, promote domestic energy security and cut greenhouse emissions.

As for the war on

terrorism Kerry has received much criticism. It should be known that Kerry does support our troops and the disintegration of all terrorist groups. He does not, however, support the way President Bush handled the situation.

Bush did not properly supply our troops with the equipment and supplies needed to fight this enemy. Bush left the job of capturing Bin Laden to former warlords that were once in cahoots with Al-Qaeda.

Kerry wants to strengthen our military's special forces, to achieve energy independence

from the Middle East and to let nations that launder money to support terrorism know that it will no longer be tolerated. Kerry wants to reform alliances that Bush has severed and put America back where it belongs, as a respected and powerful world force.

Senator John Kerry has a plan to bring America back up to super-power status. He is the right choice for our next president. This is why I'm voting for John Kerry on November 2.

For more information on John Kerry's plan for America visit www.johnkerry.com.



REEL topics

By Brandon Berry

Forcing things to work, doesn't work

"I may not be a smart man, but I know what love is."
- *Forrest Gump* 1994.

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is to just love and be loved in return." - *Moulin Rouge* 1998.

Forrest Gump learned the greatest thing. Both giving and receiving it is a necessity, not one or the other.

Last week, I thought it might be a good idea to break away from the original format because I felt I might be distancing many readers. With reactions from people about the deviation, I'll switch back to the topics in which I feel less comfortable, but can be more real.

I'm almost 21 and haven't been able to go out a girl more than a week, and there have been less than five. College students usually find their significant others during high school or sometime during college. Feeling the society's "peer pressure" to hurry, I feel pushed to start and that I've been missing out.

I don't like to rush these things. Marrying only after dating for six months is something I wouldn't do. When I like a girl, I try to see no wrong in her. Unlike the article two weeks ago, this girl, in my mind, is one who is definitely a possibility. The push to hurry makes me forget the long-term situation.

By ignoring the flaws, am I just deceiving myself? I try to make excuses if others catch her flaws I may not see or let go. This can't be good for me, but since this is one of the few possibilities I've found, I figure I can change her.

That isn't a very good idea. When someone thinks they are going to "change" someone for this area, he's more likely to be changed by the other person. He doesn't want this rare possibility to leave.

I'm kind of a control freak. I like everything to be in order so things go smoothly. The less down time I have, the more I feel I will accomplish. But forcing a relationship to happen isn't good for either person. It's better to find this out before ever getting into a committed relationship.

In my opinion, true love usually comes with mixing common personalities and an attraction; it just happens. It's not a good idea at all to compromise a stand on issues just because a significant other.

Am I right, or am I wrong? I don't know; it's just my opinion. I'm still waiting for the one.



Up Close Ryan Patterson

Every time I turn on the television I see a misleading political ad. Truth is not the ultimate goal in politics, but winning is and both sides will go to any length to achieve victory.

I wish every time an ad came on there would be fine print at that bottom of the screen that read, "Likely taken out of context" and "not exactly the whole truth." Like most of you, I have begun to tune out when an ad comes on. I swear if I see one more Coburn or Carson ad I am going to scream.

If Tom Coburn would quit sticking his foot in his mouth he would probably win, but Brad Carson seems to have the edge right now. The two were on Meet the Press Sunday. For thirty minutes they answered questions from Tim Russert. Neither was overly impressive. They looked like they did not want to be sitting so close to each other.

Last Thursday was the first presidential debate as you already know. I hear through the echoes in the halls that a lot of you believe George W. Bush won the debate. Obviously, we were not watching the same thing.

I thought Kerry won handily. He was clearer, appeared more presidential and plainly, more knowledgeable. I thought the president was not on his game, he seemed angry and keep repeating himself. Public speaking is not his strong point. Some would say that it is not that important in the whole realm of presidential requirements and that even if Kerry won Bush would still be the better president.

But I think the debate was the most telling part of the campaign thus far. Think about it, when the candidates are on the trail they are preaching to the choir, same thing at the conventions. Everything else, chiefly, the ads and surrogates are filled with and talk in half-truths.

Be wary of the spin doctors. But at the debates there are no applause pauses, no submitted questions. Sure it is rehearsed rhetoric, but for ninety minutes we get a peek at what might happen in the next four years.

Did it answer all of our questions? No. Did it have an abundance of substance? No. But it is as close as we will probably get.

And even though there were pages and pages of rules attempting to protect the bubble boys I thought it was a spirited debate. Kerry won game one, but likely has to still win the next two to become president. Bush does not. A week ago I thought Bush was going to win re-election, now I am not so sure.

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Dear Mr. Patterson:

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There are some similar looking firearms, but they do not function like an AK-47. Secondly, your remark stating that "It can knock down a concrete wall and rip through a tank." is absurd, and shows total lack of

firearm knowledge. The 7.62 x 39 caliber bullet fired by many Soviet rifles is a medium power round basically equal to .30-30, a common hunting round. It is much less powerful than the cartridges used by most deer hunters in Western Oklahoma, and it would hardly scratch the paint on a tank, much less "rip through it".

The assault weapons ban that recently expired has no effect on the importation of rifles that were previously banned by other legislation. For further clarification, visit the web site of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives at www.atf.gov.

You seem to think that the second amendment has something to do with hunting. As they reported in *The Federalist Papers*, it is obvious that the authors of the Bill of Rights were not thinking about hunting when they debated that issue. Senator Kerry seems to be as confused as you are regarding the 2nd amendment.

In fact, the last time the Supreme Court heard a case regarding the Second Amendment (*United States vs Miller*, 1939), it ruled that a shotgun in question was not protected by the Constitution because it was not suitable for military use!

--- Dr. Ric Baugher
Technology Department

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Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

BY CHARLES BILLEY/
STAFF REPORTER

Sky Captain and World of Tomorrow was a little above average movie.

The movie was filled with action but the plot was somewhat weak because the chain of events was not well defined.

The movie is about an evil scientist who prepares for the end of the world.

Ace aviator hunts down this mad man. Ace aviator's (Jude Law) relationship with Polly

The Chronicle and with Franky Cook (Angelina Jolie) who commands an all-female amphibious squadron left you wondering until the end.

was filmed on a blue screen using mostly animation. Some scenes from *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* reminded me of Lois

Lane's character as the reporter for the *Daily Planet* in *Superman*.

Toward the end of the movie there was one scene that paralleled Noah's Ark.

Sky Captain and World of Tomorrow is worth seeing. I would give the film a B-.

The film rates between the series *Buck Rogers* and *25th Century and Star Wars*.



Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow) the reporter for

The movie was hard to follow at first because it

NYPD Blue and Raymond say goodbye

BY ANDY TSCHETTER/
STAFF REPORTER

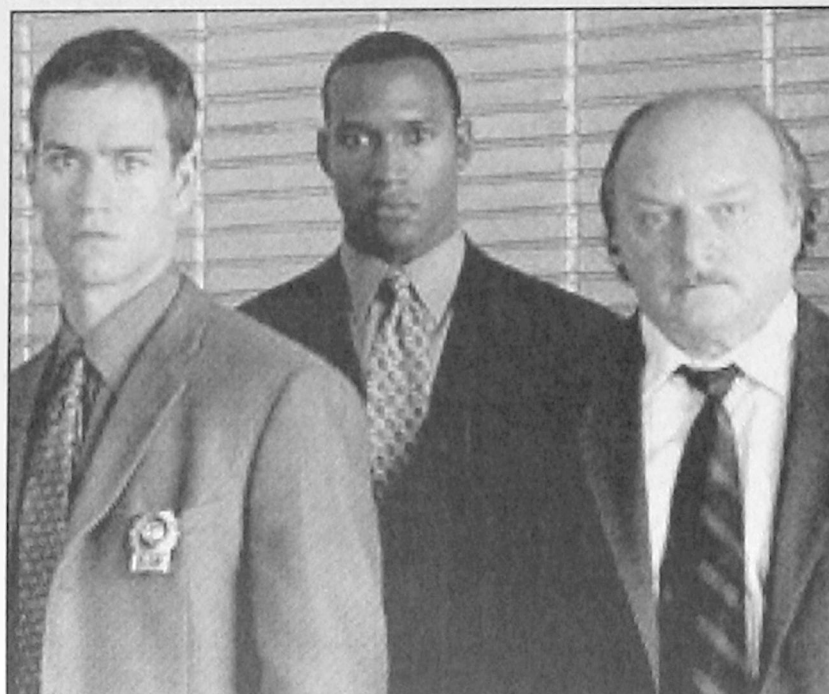
Fans of *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *NYPD Blue* will soon have an emptiness in their lives. After seven seasons of *Raymond* and twelve of *NYPD Blue*, producers decided to call it quits at the end of this season.

Both shows were pioneers for their genre.

NYPD Blue laid the foundation for hard-hitting cop shows. *Everybody Loves Raymond* proved that one could have a family show and not be ridiculously cheesy (*Full House*) or obscene (*Married: With Children*).

Southwestern students expressed various opinions on the shows.

"I think it's time for



them to go," said freshman Bert Whitehead, a pharmacy major from Mustang. "They have had

a good run."

Jason Myers is not so ready to see them leave. "Whenever you have a

show that has been popular for this long, it is tough to see it go," Myers said.

"I never got into the shows, but when I did watch, I enjoyed them. I can't imagine what it must feel like for a person who really loved those shows. There is going to be a void in that person's life. It's tough."

Both shows have lasted through the test of time. It'll be hard when they go.

NYPD Blue airs on ABC on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. and *Everybody Loves Raymond* airs every Monday at 9 p.m. on CBS.



Green's Top
10

Game picks

All gamers have games they love and games they hate. Here is a top 10 list of my favorite games.

1. Final Fantasy X2: The girls from Final Fantasy X are back and this time with more abilities than ever. (PS2)

2. 007 Everything or Nothing: Finally a Bond game created just like a movie from start to finish. I wish they'd wouldn't have used real life images of the Bond girls... then I would probably be able to pay more attention to the game... (PS2)

3. Manhunt: After a long day at work or a short day where your boss yells at you, what better way to end the day than to kill massive amounts of people while never leaving the comfort of your room? (PS2)

4. Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic: Also known as KotOR. Best Star Wars game. Period. (X-Box)

5. WWE Raw 2: Wrestling is one of my favorite sports and although it is fake, I still love watching it. With a game that allows for a high level of character creation, it's hard not to like this game. (X-Box)

6. Resident Evil Outbreak: Since Capcom moved RE to Nintendo's system, Sony seemed to be hurting for a good RE game. But the rules of the contract only said that plotlines that have already been going on are the only things exclusive to Nintendo. Therefore, Sony was able to have a game created that gave them their own set of characters and a new plotline just for the Playstation 2. (PS2)

7. Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball: Real or fake, who wouldn't want to look at girls in their bathing suits without the fear of being slapped? DoAXBV is a game that not only has volleyball, but when you get tired of playing volleyball, it has a casino built into it (X-Box)

8. Pong: The Grandfather of games. And one of the most addicting as well. (Atari)

9. Diablo: One of the deepest in character creation I've seen in an RPG except for KotOR. (PC)

10. Grand Theft Auto Series: All of the Grand Theft Auto games rule. Who wouldn't want to grab a guy out of his car, jump in it, and drive around causing accidents while not even getting hurt? If you don't have at least one of this series your not a true gamer. (X-Box)

--Caleb Green

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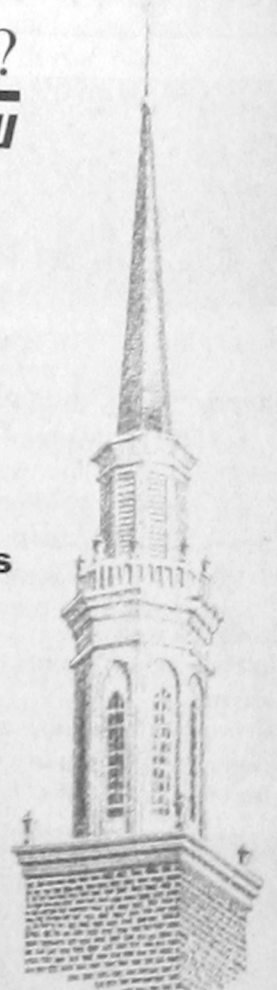
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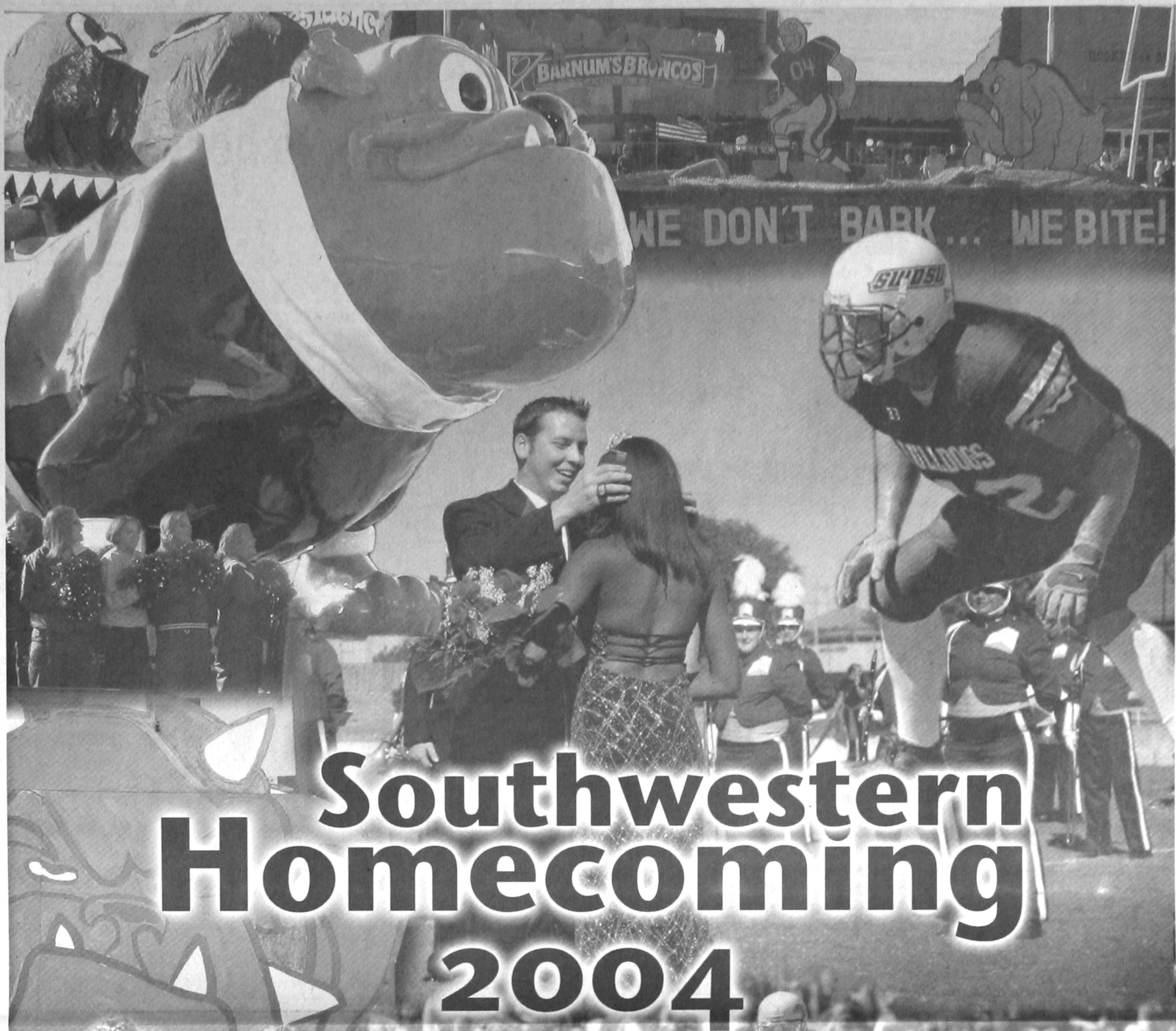
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Southwestern Homecoming 2004





Quarterback Beau Dodson looks over the line. Dodson threw for 321 in Saturday's loss.

Flag football highlights sportmanship in games

By JESSICA HOLLAND/
STAFF REPORTER

Determination and a winning record aren't the only things that determine how far a team goes in intramural flag football. The playoff system is based on a scale from 0 to 4.0 based on sportmanship. Each team is reviewed and graded

after every game. A winning record and a good sportmanship GPA will lead to an easy road in the playoffs.

Although the games are based on sportmanship, competition is a huge part of the games.

"It's hardcore. People are reliving their high school days through flag football," says Brandon Drumm, intramural

referee.

The biggest rivalry is held between the Nasty Boys and G-Unit. The Bushwhackers have won the last three seasons and are expected to be tough competition this year.

"There are four or five really good teams. It's gonna be an interesting season," Drumm said.

Southwestern's fast start not enough to beat UCO

By Sports Information

WEATHERFORD – Southwestern Oklahoma State demonstrated just how productive their offense can be while its defense again came up with big plays, pushing No. 7 Central Oklahoma before falling 37-19 Saturday at Milam Field.

SWOSU (0-6) led 13-0 after the first quarter only to see the Broncos reel off 37 unanswered points. UCO quarterback Justin Allgood hurt the Bulldogs with his pinpoint passing completing 23-of-32 passes for 300 yards and one touchdown. But he also threw two costly interceptions, the first one by Michael Hart was returned 40 yards to set up the game's first score.

Hart's interception gave SWOSU the ball at

the Broncho 18. Jimmy Jenkins' six-yard run gave the Bulldogs first-and-goal at the three. He scored on a one-yard run to give SWOSU a 7-0 lead with 11:19 remaining in the first quarter.

SWOSU's defense again forced a turnover on the Broncos' next possession when Charles Thomas jarred the ball loose from Kevin McKenzie. SWOSU's Terry Joiner recovered the ball at the Bulldog 15 ending UCO's threat.

SWOSU quarterback Beau Dodson, who threw for a season-best 321 yards, lofted a 64-yard rainbow pass that James Sadler caught and outraced the UCO secondary to the endzone. Sadler ended the day catching five passes for 211 yards, the second most receiving yards in school history.

UCO (6-0) then went to work offensively behind Allgood. The quarterback marched the Broncos on second-quarter scoring

drives of 83, 93 and 50 yards and had his team ahead at the half, 20-13.

UCO built its cushion in the third and fourth quarters on scoring runs by Kevin McKenzie and Chris Jones and a field goal by A.J. Haglund to lead 37-13.

SWOSU showed it had some firepower left late in the game when Dodson connected on an 80-yard rocket to Sadler who was brought down inches from the goal line. Dodson quarterback sneaked the final yard to cut UCO's final margin to 37-19.

UCO ended the game with 522 yards of total offense compared to SWOSU's 314. The Broncos had the ball more than 40 minutes and ran 42 more plays.

SWOSU's next game will be Saturday, Oct. 9 at East Central University. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. in Ada.

Box Score

	UCO	SWOSU
FIRST DOWNS	28	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	53-206	17-7
PASSING YDS (NET)	316	321
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-25-2	29-15-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	88-522	46-314
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-36.3	7-37.1
Penalties-Yards	9-71	11-61
Possession Time	40:11	19:49
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 17	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-7	2-2
RUSHING: Central Oklahoma-Kevin McKenzie 22-139; Chris Jones 12-43; Chad Tsotigh 10-32; Ryan Lopez 1-15; Cedric Jones 1-minus 5; James Smith 1-minus 6; Justin Allgood 6-minus 12. Southwestern Okla.-Ronnie Osborne 2-1; Jimmy Jenkins 8-0; Beau Dodson 7-minus 8.		
PASSING: Central Oklahoma-Justin Allgood 23-33-2-300; James Smith 2-2-0-16. Southwestern Okla.-Beau Dodson 15-29-1-321.		
RECEIVING: Central Oklahoma-Zach Edwards 10-177; Cedric Jones 10-73; Jared Meers 3-41; Kevin McKenzie 1-13; Brandon Verrett 1-12. Southwestern Okla.-James Sadler 5-211; Charles Bolds 4-26; Tristen Aimes 2-48; Jimmy Jenkins 2-1; Danny Howard 1-27; Chase Pratt 1-8.		
INTERCEPTIONS: Central Oklahoma-Fred Shaw 1-23. Southwestern Okla.-A.J. Pannell 1-0; Michael Hart 1-40.		
FUMBLES: Central Oklahoma-Justin Allgood 1-0; Kevin McKenzie 1-1; Cedric Jones 1-0. Southwestern Okla.-None.		

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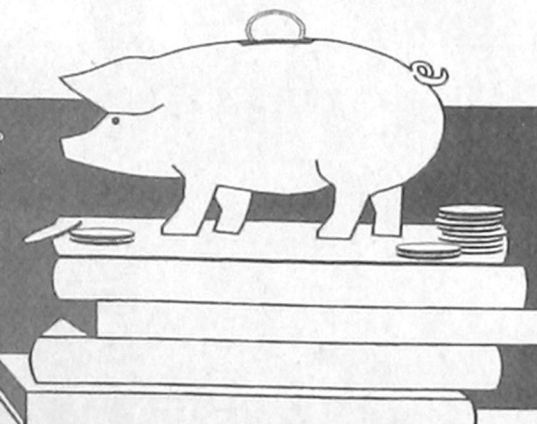
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Ingram leads cross country team

By ROYCE YOUNG/
STAFF REPORTER

Of the sports at Southwestern, women's cross-country is the smallest and probably least known. Rachel Ingram hopes that changes.

"I wish people would be more aware of all the hard work and effort that goes into the sport," Ingram said. "It's not easy for college kids to get up at 5:30 every morning and run. It takes lots of dedication."

Ingram is a freshman pre-pharmacy major who attended Willard High School, which is near Springfield, Mo. Besides class and practice, Rachel participates in Chi Alpha, CRU, the BCM, and is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, or SAAC. She looks forward to being more involved in the



spring.

Rachel has had a love for running ever since she was a little girl. Her mother was a member of the Army running team and encouraged Rachel to do her very best. She received All-State Honors in both track and cross-country in high school. More recently, she was named LSC Runner of the week and has ranked highly at her college cross-country meets. Her goal this year is to make it to Regionals by placing in the

Team to host fund-raiser

Southwestern Oklahoma State women's cross country runners will be raising money for the university's athletic program Saturday, Oct. 9 in a "Run-for-Funds" effort in downtown Weatherford. Members of the cross country team will collect pledges in which persons contribute money for each mile the runner or runners complete. Minimum pledges are \$1 and runners will attempt to complete a 10-mile course primarily located along Weatherford's business district.

The event is set for 1 p.m. with the start/finish line located downtown.

Interested persons should contact SWOSU cross country coach **Melanie Miller** for questions or their pledge amounts at 774-7186

top ten in the Lone Star Conference. Teammate Heather Wallace, a sophomore from Edmond, says Ingram has been a real positive influence on the team. "Her speed and

encouragement pulls everyone else to be faster," Wallace said. Look for Rachel Ingram and her cross-country team to represent our school at the University of Arkansas Chili Pepper Run on Oct. 16.

Rodeo team looks forward to Pratt

By HOLLY HAYS/
STAFF REPORTER

The weekend of Sept. 17-19 rodeo was a good preview of what Coach Chad Ramirez hopes to see more of this season. Southwestern men's and women's rodeo teams finished strong in their first competition in Colby, Kan. and are getting ready for this weekend's competition in Pratt, Kan. Oct. 8-10. The Men's team finished second behind Ft. Scott Community College, and the women's team finished fourth.

Sophomore Hunter Herrin of Apache led the men's team in calf roping. Other high finishers were:

Senior Jarrod Dilka of Galleton, Colo. placed in Bull riding.

Junior Steven Smith of Adrian, Mo. Placed in Bareback riding.

Senior Dru Melvin of Winfield, Kan. placed in steer wrestling.

Junior Julie Dawson of Arnett Placed in breakaway roping.

Ramirez believes the teams will compete for the regional title again this year.

"Our greatest competition would probably be Panhandle state, Fort Scott community college, southeastern and Northwestern," Ramirez said.

This is Ramirez's fourth year as head rodeo coach. Every four years will be a rebuilding year, so to speak. He lost approximately half of his team either due to graduation or ineligibility. Coach Ramirez has eight incoming freshman. Although the team is smaller than usual his main focus is on building a strong team. "My main goal is to get as many people to college national finals as possible," said Ramirez. Future goals include a national championship.

"Finish out the year strong and get us to Nationals," Ramirez said. After Pratt the teams will travel to Northwestern in Alva, Ok. Oct. 28-30.

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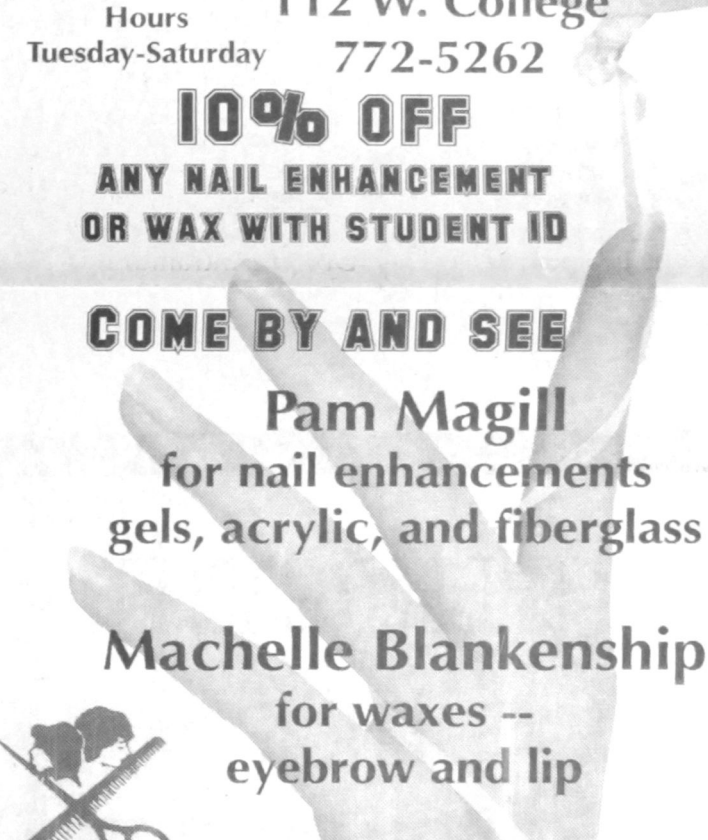
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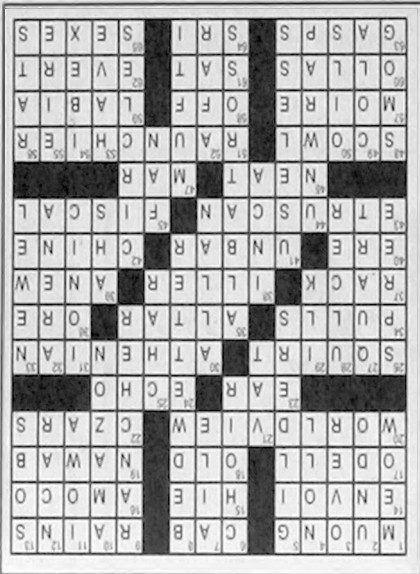
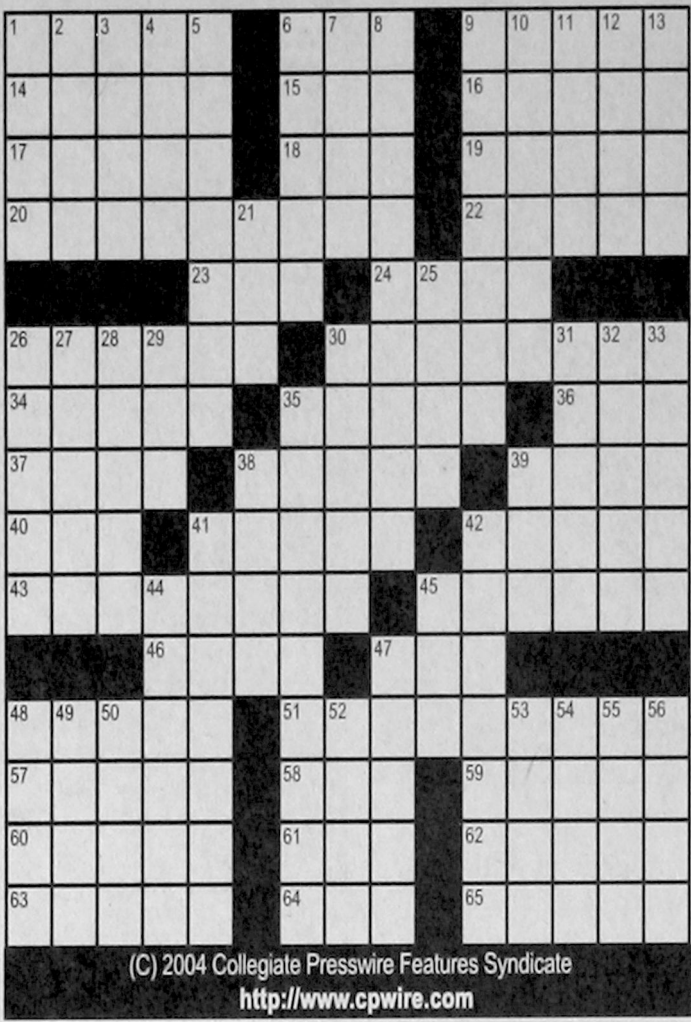
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- 1. Cat sound
- 2. Reverse
- 3. Excess
- 4. Head
- 5. Those who gild
- 6. Group of singers
- 7. Int'l Lottery org.
- 8. Small child, for one
- 9. Cowpoke
- 10. Online bookstore
- 11. Midwestern state
- 12. Atmospheric research org.
- 13. Cries
- 21. Tub
- 25. Scorch
- 26. Shopping or crime, e.g.
- 27. Two pints
- 28. Sore
- 29. Breed
- 30. Poe's middle name
- 31. Foot with four syllables
- 32. Sports facility
- 33. Staircase support
- 35. Hindrance
- 38. Highland Peruvian dwellers
- 39. Oohs and ____
- 41. Hopeless
- 42. Groups
- 44. Open, as in presents
- 45. Air cooler
- 47. Muslim scholar
- 48. Los Angeles hazard
- 49. Soda
- 50. Olive and Canola
- 52. Distant
- 53. Poses
- 54. Wild goat
- 55. Ireland
- 56. "Doh!"



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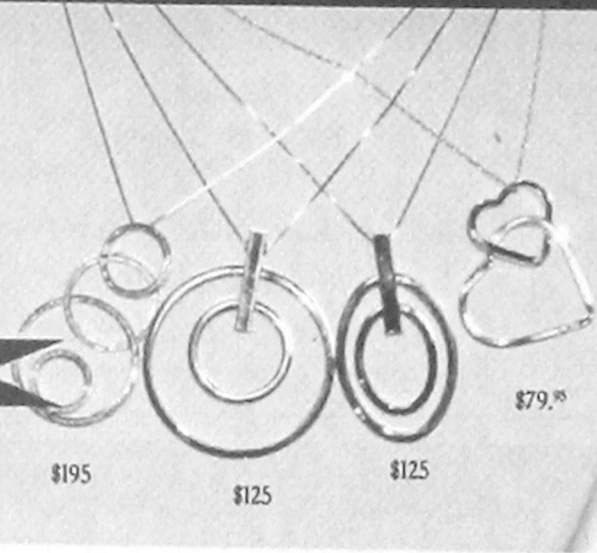
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