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NEWS

■ State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, has received approval to redirect \$500,000 initially set aside for a distance learning law school between UTPA and the Texas Tech University School of Law. Texas Tech has decided not to pursue this venture. UTPA will host a news conference today at 10:30 a.m. at the International Trade and Technology Building detailing a cooperative pharmacy program with the University of Texas Austin and a certificate program in legal reasoning at the university.



■ Dr. Rob Johnson will give a talk about a famous American writer, titled "William S. Burroughs, South Texas Farmer and Junky," at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum. "Burroughs is one of the major writers of the 20th Century, and in the late 1940s, he was a cotton farmer in the Valley," said Johnson. "Burroughs' views on the necessity of using illegal labor in the Valley inspired him to articulate, for the first time, his well-known themes of America as a police state and bureaucracies as a cancer."

SPORTS

■ The only big surprise of the NFL draft Saturday came with the 17th pick. Oakland picked Florida State's Sebastian Janikowski. Janikowski became the first kicker drafted in the first round in 21 years.

Texas' blue skies glazed with haze

As Lone Star State's population grows, so does pollution; Texas now has worst air quality in nation

John Wiesehan
The Pan American

As Texas continues to grow both in population and industry, many residents worry about the growing air pollution problem statewide.

The Clean Air Act, passed in 1990, assigned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with setting National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The EPA has

designated regions as "non attainment areas" for ozone. The Houston/Galveston area has the worst pollution problem in the country. Dallas/Fort Worth and El Paso are rated as serious. The Beaumont/Port Arthur air quality falls into the moderate category.

El Paso is in non attainment for carbon dioxide (CO2) and particulate matter in addition to ozone.

"These areas have been non attainment for some time," said the EPA's Texas implementation plan coordinator Guy Donaldson. "Now, the state has to come up with a plan

or variety of plans to get the area into attainment."

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is in the process of submitting state implementation plans (SIPs) for the Dallas and

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Newspaper takes third at TIPA

Student publications honored with 17 awards

Miguel Liscano Jr. and Rachel A. Carpenter
The Pan American

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) recognized several staff members from UTPA's student newspaper, the Pan American, student magazine, Panorama, and literary magazine, Gallery, last week in Waco.

Students competed against schools from all over the state in journalism, advertising and public relations. Competitions were held live as well as submitted by mail before hand.

All together UTPA brought home 17 awards for those submitted by mail, including an overall rank of 3rd in the

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—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Potato Hoppers: The University Program Board held its annual Parent Child Day Picnic Saturday at the UC Circle. Game booths, amusements rides and cotton candy filled the day. "This event gives student parents' the chance to be able to spend some fun, quality time with their child," said Fabiola Leal, UPB member.

Organization seeks Valley organ donors

Daniel Garcia Ordaz
The Pan American

The Texas Organ Sharing Association (TOSA) is launching a donor awareness campaign this week.

"A healthy, normal human being can help up to 50 people," said Alma Gutierrez, community relations coordinator for TOSA.

In 1997 there were only two organ donors in the Valley. In 1998 and 1999 there were 11 and 15, respectively. As of April 2000, nine organ donors have been found in the Valley. A TOSA news release said 96 patients were helped by the 32 total donors in South Texas. TOSA also said 78 of those patients were in the region and the other 16 were in other parts of the US.

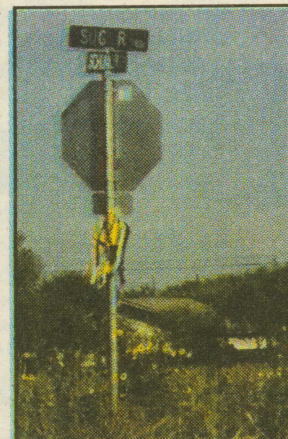
In order for organ procurement (removal) to be conducted, the dead person's family must agree to the donation. It is not enough for a potential donor to simply carry a donation card. Gutierrez said families should discuss and agree before untimely death occurs.

"What else are you going to do

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Future Home:

The site of the new UTPA baseball stadium lies on the corner of Sugar Road and Schunior Road in Edinburg.



Batter up! Edinburg to house new minor league expansion team

Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

After about two years of attempting to establish a second minor league baseball team in the Valley, the Texas-Louisiana League announced yesterday that Edinburg will house an expansion team, which would begin play in May 2001.

"This feels great, especially coming in with a new stadium," T-LL President Byron Pierce said. "Initially we were planning on playing in an existing university stadium, but since then the city has got involved in a much larger scale by building a stadium that will

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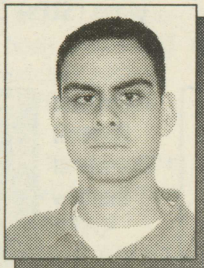
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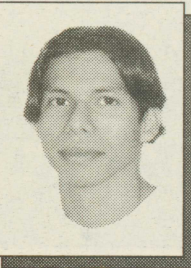


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Editorial excerpts

A condensed look at views expressed on various topics across the nation

Elian a child, not a political weapon

Elian Gonzalez should be treated like a child. Instead, he has become a political trophy. When the mayor of Miami-Dade, Alex Penelas, declared recently that local police would not aid federal authorities in implementing a decision by the Justice Department, the scene was strangely reminiscent of the stand off over school desegregation in the 1950s and '60s. This time, the issue is the return of a 6-year-old boy to his home and father in Cuba. In each

case, local authorities capitulated to the demands of right-wing mobs and their threats of mass unrest or violence.

Elian Gonzalez has become the poster child for Miami's anti-Castro Cuban community.

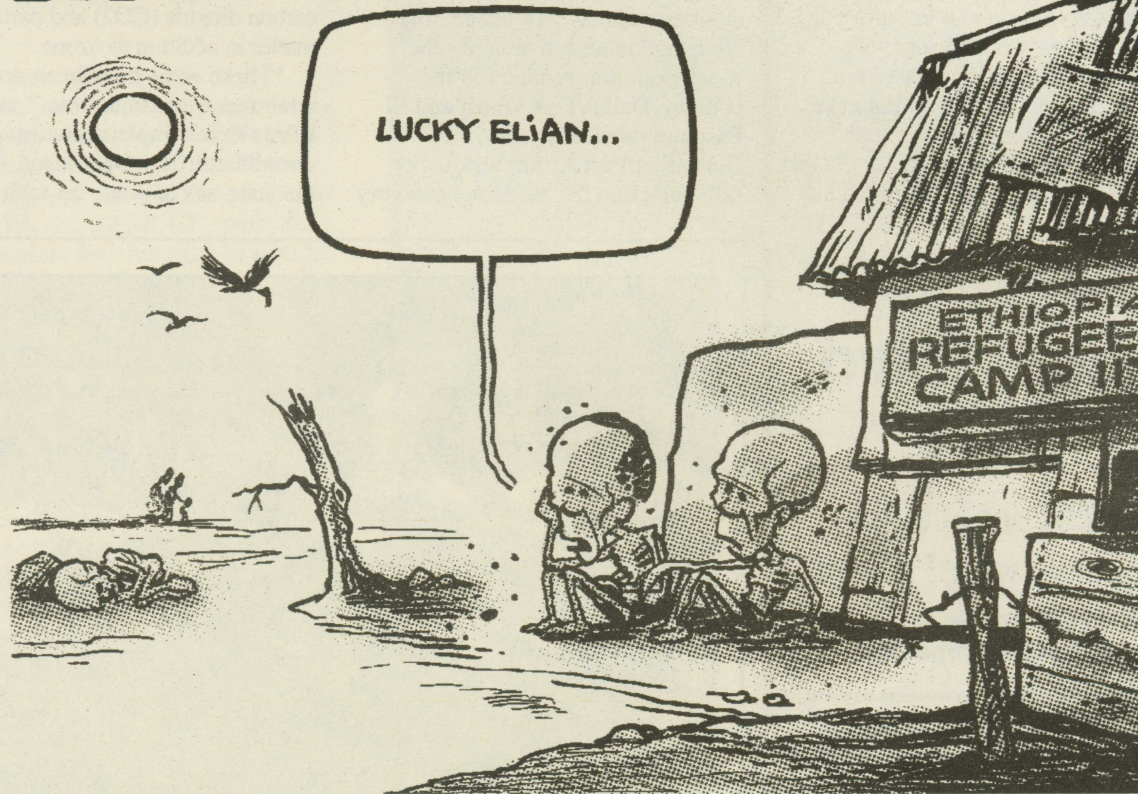
Elian has been hoisted on the shoulders of so-called supporters, draped in the American flag and paraded around in front of shouting crowds. He has been pushed in front of television cameras and asked to air his most intimate feelings about the most traumatic event in his young life - the death of his mother. This is more than exploitation. It borders

on child abuse.

The mood swings of the crowd outside the Gonzalez residence in Miami says more about their politics than their banners do. The glee on the faces of the anti-Castro protesters whenever they have stalled Elian's return is inappropriate given the complex and serious trauma this child is still recovering from. But it is telling. It reveals that the protesters care less about Elian's pain or loss than about their vendetta against Fidel Castro.

- **Barbara Ransby**,
Knight-Ridder Tribune

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Letter To The Editor

Professor speaks out on cafeteria music

To the editor:

The technology is wonderful - a satellite feed direct from New York. Just entering the cafeteria, you're surrounded by the very latest in musical fashion. In fact, you're so lucky that you get to eat your food to the pulsating rhythms of the latest in hip-hop chic ... and more hip-hop ... and more hip-hop and more ... And that's the point.

People complain about monotonous food. But what about monotonous music? A while back the McAllen Monitor carried an article about the popularity of Tejano music in Japan. It seems there are five Tejano bands in the regional city of Osaka. All but one of the Osaka conjuntos sing in Spanish - and all this in Japan, no less! May I therefore ask, what's so

wrong with having a little of our own music played in our college cafeteria?

Of course, the corporation which has contracted to run the cafeteria has no problem whatever with the imperial New York City mediocrats who decide to dish out to us whatever their political agendas happen to call for. Yesterday it was mostly white. Today it happens to be black. To Chartwells, it's all the same - the satellite dishes it out for free.

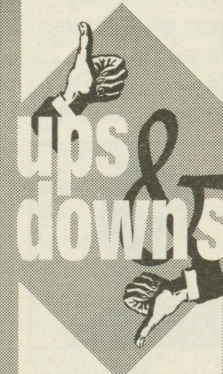
Of course, this doesn't give them the right to force feed us as if we were laboratory rats. Most of you manage to ignore the music, you say. But music isn't supposed to be ignored! I feel that being able to listen to Valley music (along with a variety of what the rest of

the wonderful world of music has to offer, including hip-hop), would empower a lot of students - most of whom drop out before finishing their degree.

What can we do? Well, Chartwells' contract is currently up for review. If you would like more of an emphasis on Valley culture and not just in terms of food, but also in terms of what you watch and listen to, the appropriate University officials to contact would be Letty Benavides, the director of Auxiliary Services, and Esequiel Grandado, the associate vice-president for business affairs. I'm sure that they would be most interested in hearing from you.

- **Patrick O'Day**,
assistant professor,
criminal justice

- Thumbs up to The Pan American, Panorama and Gallery for numerous awards in honors at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference in Waco last week.
- Thumbs up to last week's UTPA Days.
- Thumbs up to the outstanding students honored by UTPA Sunday evening.
- Thumbs up to all-night diners.

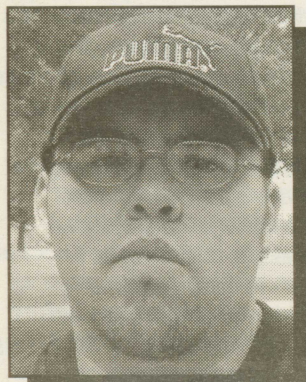


- Thumbs down to the AACSB's denial of accreditation of the Business college's Ph.D. program.
- Thumbs down to drivers who don't know how to park.
- Thumbs down to bars that place big X's on people's hands with marker that doesn't easily wash off.
- Thumbs down to Bucky being asked not to perform following the "Bat Incident."
- Thumbs down to hit-and-runs.

Q&A

Should professors who miss too much class be reprimanded?

— Nelson J. Gonzalez



Dennis Zamarron
Junior
Art

Yes. If the professor is not there, the students miss out on information. So it is up to the professor to reintroduce the material later on.

Ashere' Thigpen
Sophomore
Marketing

Yes. They should be reprimanded for absences like students are.



Bernie Saenz
Senior
Journalism

Yes. Since students make the time to come to class, professors should be reprimanded in some form. But on the same token, students should be reprimanded as well.



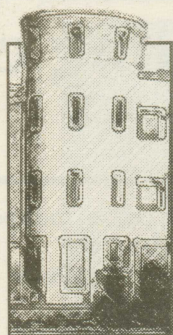
David Matamoros
Freshman
Theatre

No, because students do it also. And they do it more often than professors.



Palmira Rocha
Junior
Political Science

No. Professors should not be punished, but it should be put on their evaluation sheet for not being punctual.



Campus

news briefs

Course on issues dealing with religion and science to be offered this summer

Special to the Pan American

A course of study devoted to examining the issues in religion and science will be held during the second summer session at UTPA.

The course will cover such topics as the dispute between creationism and evolutionary practice, intelligent design theory, the dualism of souls and bodies, consciousness and the doctrine of immortality, and the effect of relativity and quantum physics on the religious understanding of the natural world.

The course is open to members of the community, as well as to students from UTPA and other universities who wish to take the course for academic credit.

"Some remarkable things have been happening over the past decade to the old and familiar tensions between science and religion," said Dr.

Thomas D. Pearson, assistant professor of philosophy at UTPA, who will be teaching the course.

"Some scientists have started taking religious concerns seriously and some religious people have started talking scientific claims seriously," said Pearson. "The result has been a new outburst of activity in the interface between religion and science. We're going to look at what has been going on in this field. It promises to be very exciting."

The course is listed as Philosophy 4390, "Special Topics in Philosophy." It will be taught each weekday during the summer session from 9:25 to 10:55 a.m.

The second summer session at UTPA runs from Friday, July 14 through Friday, August 18. Guest speakers have been invited in to make topical presentations, and there will be lectures and class discussion

“Courses like this are an opportunity for people to become acquainted with the latest information for understanding the universe.”

— Thomas D. Pearson,
assistant of philosophy at UTPA

each day. There will be a wide range of readings, from conservative Christian authors to scientists and philosophers committed to scientific naturalism.

"Courses like this one are starting to be offered at universities all over North America," adds Dr. Pearson. "This is going to be an opportunity for people in the Rio Grande Valley to become acquainted with the latest information and strategies for understanding the universe we live in."

Art department hosts TASA conference

Nelson J. Gonzalez

The Pan American

The UTPA Art Department was host to the Texas Association of Schools of Art (TASA) annual conference this past weekend.

Over 45 schools from across the state, including Baylor, Rice, and University of Houston, were represented at the conference to discuss the Mexican influence on the art scene.

Professor Richard Hysling, who is a member of TASA, was this year's host. "This is the first time that the Valley or the university has hosted a conference such as this," Hysling said.

Michael Tracy, a native of San Ygnacio, Texas, was the featured guest artist. He presented some of his latest work involving past and present issues regarding the border and its people.



—Nelson J. Gonzalez / The Pan American

Senior BFA student Julian Garza (right) explains his work to TASA members at a student exhibition Saturday.

Members of TASA also got to travel to Monterrey, Mexico and visit several museums. Students had the opportunity to show off their

talents as well as their work to TASA members by having a special showing of their art during a student exhibition at UTPA.

Eliau in Review

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From Wire Reports

Monday

Mental health experts meet with Eliau

Miami—Mental health professionals met with the Miami relatives of Eliau Gonzalez, the latest step in the Justice Department's plan to unite the 6-year-old boy with his father this week.

The two psychiatrists and one psychologist met with Lazaro Gonzalez at the University of Miami's Jackson Memorial Medical Center, but changed venue to Mercy Hospital when the Miami relatives requested a change of venue.

Tuesday

Reno orders Eliau to be turned over to father

WASHINGTON—In a written statement released Tuesday, Attorney General Janet Reno said the Eliau Gonzalez's Miami relatives must hand over custody of Eliau to his father.

The Miami relatives proposed a meeting with the boy's father. But Juan Gonzalez, Eliau's father, has shown no desire to meet with the great-uncle or his family unless it involved the transfer of Eliau.

Wednesday

Eliau's trip to Washington in doubt

WASHINGTON—Eliau Gonzalez and his father could be reunited in Washington Thursday. The turn in the case came after news reports indicated that the Justice Department was writing an order that Eliau's Miami relatives bring the boy Thursday to a Miami airport for the reunion. But the officials said that the boy's uncle in Miami said that the meeting was in doubt because Eliau did not want to go.

Thursday

Miami relatives defy court order

MIAMI—The reunion of Eliau Gonzalez and his father seemed a receding prospect when a flurry of developments concluded with the boy still in his Miami relatives' custody. Lazaro Gonzalez, Eliau's great-uncle, defied a government deadline to turn over Eliau without consequences. A federal appeals court judge granted the family a respite, ordering that Eliau not be taken out of the U.S. until a three-judge panel can weigh their request for a longer stay.

Friday

Government responds to family's request for stay

WASHINGTON—The government responded to the family's request for stay. The order kept Eliau in the country until the appellate court rules next week on a pending appeal by the relatives. Federal officials said Friday's appellate court decision delayed enforcement of Reno's action by three or four days. But it does not prevent Eliau from being removed from Miami.

Weekend

Eliau's family waits for appeals process to end

WASHINGTON—A federal appeals court in Atlanta could issue a decision on the status of Eliau Gonzalez early next week. The U.S. government wants the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to order the boy's Miami relatives to surrender Eliau to his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. Juan Miguel wants to return to Cuba with his son, but has said he would wait in Washington for the appeals process to end.

Recycling center to open in McAllen

Leslie Love
The Pan American

A new recycling center, located in the city of McAllen, will officially open April 28th. Built at the Bentsen Road Public Works Facility, the factory will increase McAllen's recycling capacity by 33 percent. Jeffrey Saitas, Executive Director of TNRCC, along with McAllen Mayor Leo Montalvo will attend the event.

The new recycling center will enable the recycling of all solid material, such as cardboard, aluminum, and plastic.

The plan to build the new recycling center was approved last year by the city commission. Until the new center is built, recycling has currently been taking place in a building located

next to Dillard's. Tecló J. Garza, Director of Media Relations for the city commission said, "The new recycling center is just part of what McAllen is trying to do."

As the city progresses, the commission plans to continue to voice their concerns on environmental issues.

The cost to build the new recycling center was at least 1.4 million dollars. Once opened, twenty employees will be hired to occupy the 20,000 square floor building.

The new recycling center will not only contribute to a clean environment, but also offer McAllen residents an advantage that few other cities offer: the ability to throw away trash without having to separate various material.

All recyclable material, such as

cans, paper, etc. can go into the "blue" can that McAllen residents are already familiar with. A crew hired by the city will then separate the trash into their proper categories. Most other cities, such as San Marcos, do not offer this advantage but require residents to separate recyclable material themselves.

Garcia offered some last minute advice to McAllen residents to increase the success of the recycling center, such as emptying out containers before throwing them into the recycling bin.

"You can't [throw away] put a half filled soda," says Garcia, "that's not recyclable." The crew that separates the material does not have the time to wash the containers that are full, which makes the trash unrecyclable.

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Beaumont areas said Donaldson. They are about to begin on a plan for Houston. Once the SIPs are submitted, the EPA has 60 days to review them.

"First we decide if it's complete or not," said Donaldson. "Then we decide if it's approvable. We also go through a notice and comment process to get public comment."

"Lots of the prescribed requirements have already been adopted by TNRCC," said Donaldson. "Now they're having to go beyond those to get enough reductions to meet the air quality standards."

The Dallas-Fort Worth area was categorized as moderate in severity until 1996 Donaldson said. They did not, however, meet the reduction requirements in the six years that they were given. The area has now been upgraded to a serious condition, and will be required to submit a new pollution plan to the EPA.

TNRCC divides air pollution into point and non-point sources. Point sources include stationary equipment and industrial processes that emit significant amounts of pollutants. Point sources include refineries, paper mills and chemical processing operations.

Non-point, or mobile sources for pollution are divided into four categories. Cars, trucks and motorcycles make up the

on-road mobile sources. Non-road mobile sources are represented by airplanes and trains. Solvents and landfills are major contributor as area sources.

Biogenic sources such as trees account for the majority of the volatile organic compounds in some Texas areas.

TNRCC reports that in the Houston-Galveston area point sources account for the highest percentage of nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds. In 1996 the report says the area released over 1250 tons of nitrogen oxide and 3371 tons of carbon dioxide per day into the air.

"That's attributable to the heavy concentration of petrochemical facilities in Harris County," said Dave Bary, EPA spokesman.

The Beaumont-Port

Arthur non attainment area neighbors Houston and also contains industry driven pollutants. Point emissions are responsible for more than half of the nitrogen oxide and nonbiogenic volatile organic compounds emissions in the area.

"[Beaumont-Port Arthur] is similar to Houston, except the levels of ozone in the air are not quite as great as they are in Houston," said Bary.

TNRCC's emission summaries support Bary's claims. Point sources represented only eight percent of the nitrogen oxide, four percent of the volatile organic compounds, and less than one percent of the CO2 emissions in the area. Mobile sources, mostly light duty gasoline vehicles, are the biggest contributing

factor to Dallas-Fort Worth's pollution problems.

The El Paso area, like Dallas, gets most of its pollutants from mobile sources. However, in El Paso the sources are more evenly distributed between on road, non road, and area contributors. Bary said that the city's proximity and relationship with Mexico is a contributing factor to the poor air quality.

TNRCC reports that there are two types of ozone; one is good, and the other is bad. The two gases are the same, but the good ozone forms a layer in the upper atmosphere. It filters ultraviolet rays and prevents global warming. When ozone is found at ground level, it can be harmful to people, animals, and plants because it destroys living cells.

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UTPA library celebrates National Library Week

Yesenia Gonzalez
The Pan American

The UTPA Library is hosting its 8th annual book sale this week to celebrate National Library Week (NLW). The events kicked off yesterday and will continue through Thursday. All of the events will be held in the library lobby.

The book sale, originated in 1993 by the library internal committees, has continued to be a tradition at UTPA. "This years festivities have been in preparation for about six months. The book collecting is a year round event. The library collects its books for the sale all year long," said Isabel Bonilla, co-Chair for the NLW committee.

"This year there is a great turn out of UTPA professors," said Bonilla. On Monday, a professor displayed artwork in the lobby of the library. Today, professors will be autographing and selling their books to faculty and students.

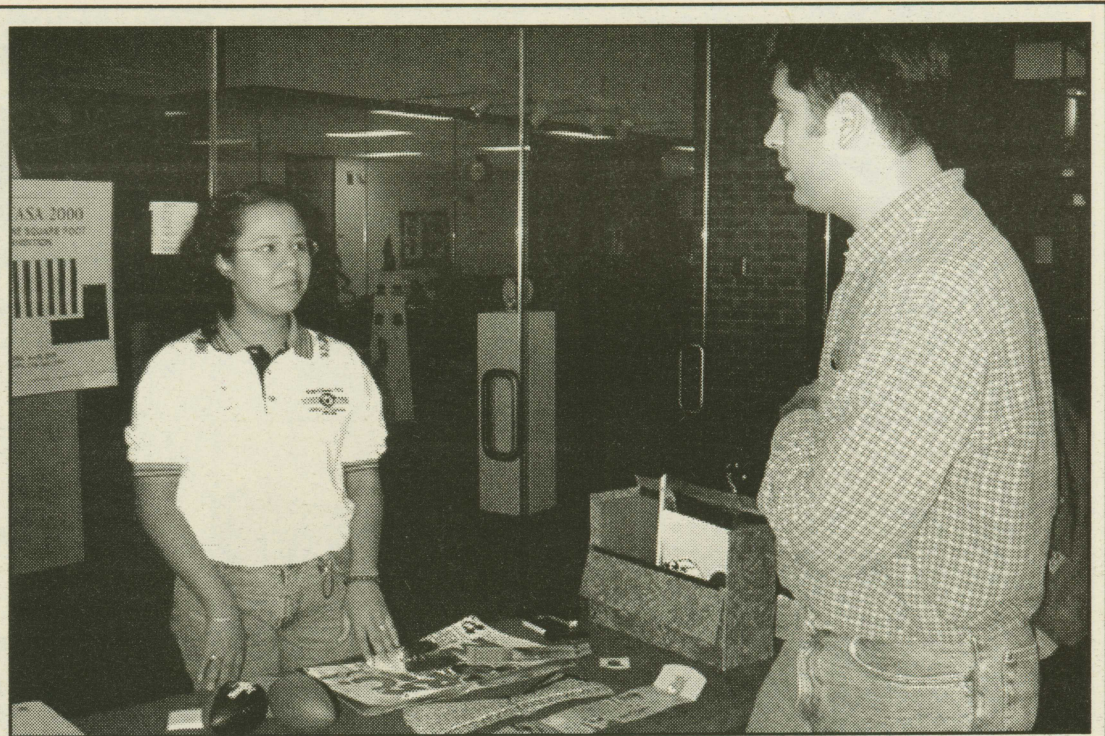
While at the festivities if students have any questions they may ask any of the employees.

Library employees are going to participate in a dress up week in celebration of the activities.

The theme for the day has been selected and they will all be wearing something dealing with the theme. "Everyone is highly encouraged to participate," said Bonilla.

The books that are going to be on sale have been donated by community members. According to Bonilla, this year they have a lot of books. The prices of the books are \$0.25 for paper backs \$0.50 for hard cover books and and magazines.

The scheduled events are not the only thing going on at the library. In order to celebrate NLW there is a promotion on overdue books. Students, faculty or Friends Of The Library (FOL) members with overdue library books will be exempt from paying any fines this week only.



-Nelson J. Gonzalez / The Pan American

Liseth Oveitua speaks with Guillermo Gonzalez about interships with Walt Disney Friday. Disney representatives will be on campus throughout the day meeting with students interested in summer interships with Disney.

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with your organs?" asked Wendy Kuo, UTPA freshman. "My family would back me up. They would probably sign up too."

Of the 71,000 names on the national waiting list for organ donations, there are "hundreds" in South Texas and the Valley.

When a person dies, he is kept on a ventilator and organ procurement organizations (OPOs) send representatives to hospitals to speak to families. Sometimes patients are put on ventilators in order to keep them clinically alive while the family decides whether to allow the organs to be used.

Organ removal must take place at a hospital, said Gutierrez. In order for a person to be pronounced dead, seven tests are done, she said. When an OPO is called in, the procurement team conducts the same tests and then removes the organs. A transplant team is notified after the organs are available.

Livers must be transplanted within seven hours, hearts in two, and kidneys within 12 hours of removal. Corneas and a thin layer of skin (sunburn peel), tendons and bone are also transplantable.

"There are people out there in need," said Sylvia Olvera, a freshman at UTPA. "If I'm not going to be around, someone else could benefit from my organs."

Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services pushed a bill through Congress asking for changes in organ distribution. People claimed the rich or famous were allowed faster access to organs. The bill was defeated.

OPOs, such as TOSA, try to

keep organs in their geographical area. However, Gutierrez said UNOS seeks perfect matches for organ distribution.

Blood typing tests as well as antigen samples are reviewed to ensure no allergic reactions will occur. Gutierrez said race and age are factors in seeking to increase compatibility.

Some common myths keeping potential donors from signing up are the fear a normal viewing would be impossible during their funeral, concern about attending physicians letting them die knowing another person could use their organs, and worry about extra costs their family would have to pay.

Gutierrez said donors can still be "perfectly viewable" after their organs, tissues and corneas have been removed. She said no doctor would be so ethically-unsound that he would keep from saving one life for the sake of setting up a transplant for another. Gutierrez said, there are no costs for organ procurement for the family.

According to transweb.org, a new name is added to the US waiting list for organs every 18 minutes. However, TOSA said new names are added every 16 minutes and ten people die every day waiting for their transplant.

TOSA applauded the current major picture Return To Me which deals with organ donation. The family film follows Bob, played by David Duchovny. When his wife dies and her heart is given to Minnie Driver's Grace character they eventually fall in love.

Nursing Honor Society established as Sigma Theta Tau Intl. chapter

Leslie Love
The Pan American

On April 6th, the UTPA Nursing Honors Society was officially established as a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Founded over 77 years ago by six students at the University of Indiana, the organization now consists of 406 chapters with over 275,000 members worldwide.

Helen Castillo, Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services, said, "as you know, this is the prestigious international honors society of nursing." Hosted in the university ballroom, the event marked a historic occasion for the nursing department.

Since 1986, the UTPA nursing department has steadily risen to meet the requirements of Sigma Theta Tau. "An honors society must be in existence more than one year, have a prescribed

number of members, and meet eligibility requirements before an application can be submitted," said Lillian Douglas, Director of Sigma Theta Tau.

Once the application is reviewed, a representative of the organization visits the university to see that all requirements have been met.

On November 10th of 1999, the Nursing Honors Society was approved by the delegates of Sigma Theta Tau. Douglas said, "This approval indicates that your honors society has met the eligibility criteria and has demonstrated a commitment to education, educational quality, professional excellence, and scholarship."

UTPA president Miguel Nevarez also attended the ceremony to congratulate the new members of the honors society. "I think being able to become a chapter for the international organization, the

honors society for nursing," said Nevarez, "is something that is tremendous for this institution."

Douglas continued the ceremony by inducting the chosen board members to take charge at UTPA. The chosen president, Betty Johnson, was assigned to take care of all business duties of Sigma Theta Tau at UTPA. "[the board members] we look forward to our exciting and rewarding work of advancing nursing scholarship and nursing research," Johnson said.

The ceremony was finalized by the induction of the remaining members, concluding UTPA's membership within Sigma Theta Tau. As the new president of Sigma Theta Tau, Johnson stepped to the platform to make one last speech, pleading that the members make the year historic with their support and continue to help with the advancement of nursing.

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state for *The Pan American*, 3rd in the state for *Gallery*, and eight first place awards.

Results for the live competitions have not yet been posted.

"Things went well for all of student publications, not only the newspaper but *Panorama* and *Gallery* [as well]," said Ryan Henry, editor of *The Pan American*. "We took home

several first places for the work that was submitted last year and at least one first place award in on-site competition [by A.J. Alford, editor of the *Panorama*]."

The Competition was held at Baylor University in Waco and hosted by *The Lariat* (Baylor's student newspaper) over a two day period. Once the competition came to a close,

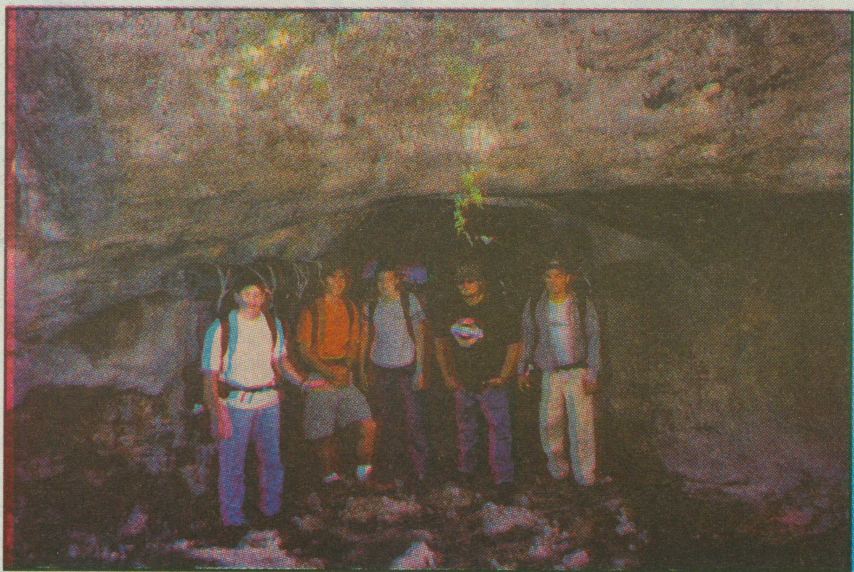
seminars for attending students were offered on a variety of topics. The weekend ended with an awards banquet held at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

"It was challenging," Henry said. "But we got to take on big papers head to head from the University of Texas and A&M, and we were able to see how we compared."

Take a hike

By Sarah Nichols
Special to The Pan American

UTPA students in Backpacking, Hiking class experience thrill of the trail



Top: The Frio River runs through Garner State Park near San Antonio. The site provides campers with a wide variety of trails and scenic country side.

Bottom: Students explore the sites and caves of Lost Maples near Vander Pool.

Background: *El Cerro de la Silla* provides a scenic backdrop to the city of Monterrey in Mexico.

Have you ever wondered what makes the "great outdoors" so great? Take a weekend off and drive out to the Hill Country and you'll see.

Many UTPA students were able to learn the basics of outdoor activities through classes such as Backpacking & Hiking and Camping. No outdoors classes were offered for the Spring 2000 semester, however, a Camping & Hiking class is being offered for Fall 2000. These classes allow Valley students interested in nature to learn what is necessary when preparing for and going on a backpacking trip. Plus, students have the opportunity to get away from the Valley and enjoy a weekend or two outdoors while learning about locations for future trips.

Last semester the UTPA Backpacking & Hiking class went on weekend trips to Garner State Park and Lost Maples, both in the Hill Country near San Antonio, as well as an afternoon trip to Santa Anna Wildlife Refuge – which is a good local place to get a look at nature if you can't manage a weekend escape.

Garner State Park has something for everybody. The park consists of several campgrounds with bathrooms and showers nearby for those who aren't ready to be fully submerged in nature. Rental cabins and RV lots are also available for those choosing to take a longer trip. There is clear river with inner-tubes rentals, a supply shop/convenience store, and even a small miniature golf course. There are several trails to hike and caves to explore.

Backpackers don't have to be in excellent shape to enjoy Garner. Hikers can set up camp and hike the trails without worrying about carrying all of their supplies on their back. There are several trails

to choose from and some are longer and more steep than others, offering a greater challenge.

What many students found the most relaxing and amazing was looking up at the stars in the night sky. It is a completely different experience from looking at the stars through the lights of the Valley.

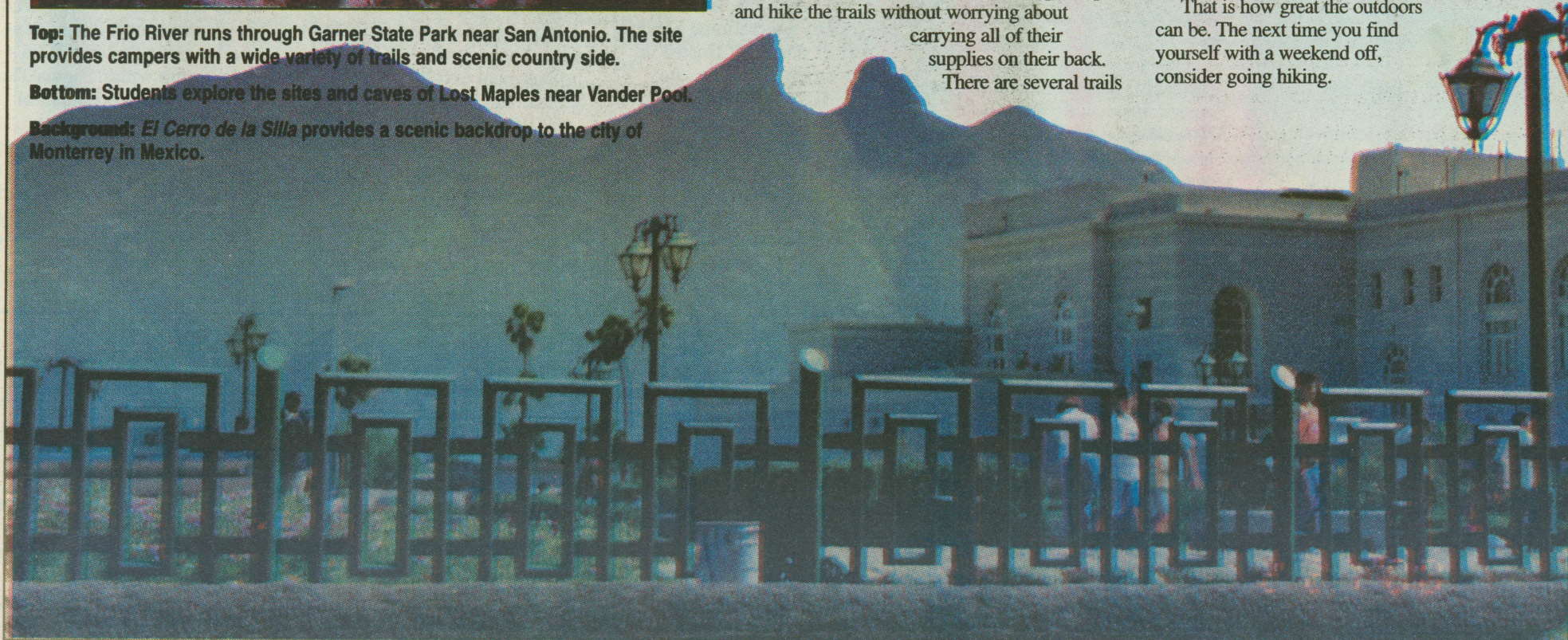
Lost Maples is a more challenging hike. There are primitive campsites with out restrooms or water, although there are several natural springs where fresh water can be collected.

Hiking the full trail at Lost Maples will take more than a day, which makes the hike a little more strenuous than Garner because hikers must carry supplies at all times. Backpacks loaded with tents, camping stoves, several bottles of water, and other supplies can easily weigh over 30 pounds. Hiking up-hill in this fashion can be fairly tiring.

The backpacking class allowed students to meet others with interests similar to their own.

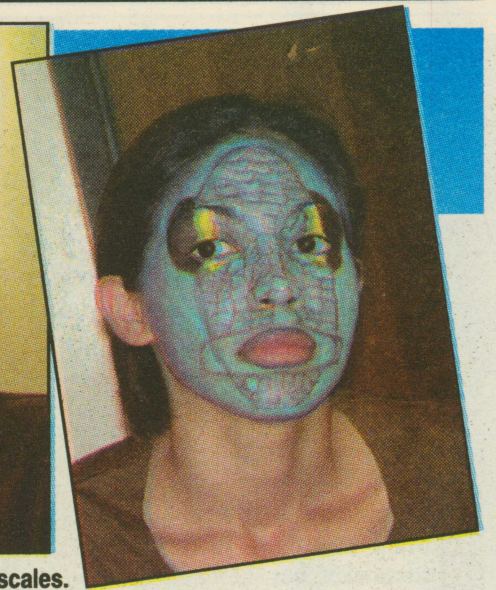
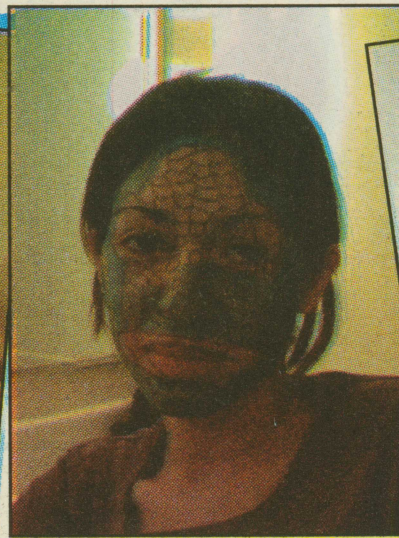
Recently a group led by Homero Moreno, who planned the trip as part of his final exam last fall, took the weekend off to climb *El Cerro de la Silla* (or saddle mountain) in Monterrey, Mexico. The group consisted of three members of the Fall '99 class, along with Christine Sims, the instructor and four others. This trip was by far the most strenuous, although the local Howard Johnson served as the campsite. *El Cerro de la Silla* is incredibly steep, standing over 5,000 feet above sea-level, and took approximately 8 hours to climb – five hours up, three hours down. Students felt that climbing this mountain was both "unbelievable and exhausting," but they considered it worthwhile when they reached the top and looked down at one of the largest cities in Mexico. The sense of accomplishment felt after a trip like this is unexplainable.

That is how great the outdoors can be. The next time you find yourself with a weekend off, consider going hiking.



Morphing Magic

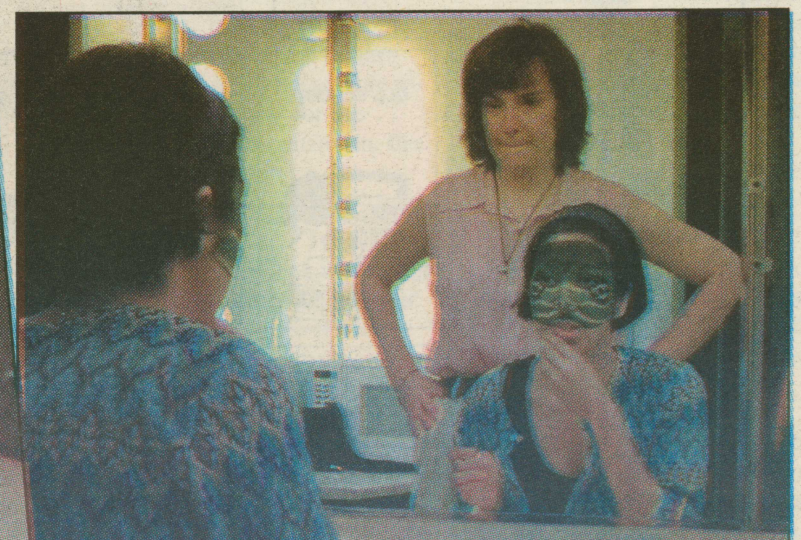
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Norma Rodriguez shows off her scales.



Top: Carlos Garza accentuates the lips of Diana Yzaguirre on her way of becoming a koala bear.
Top Right: Kate Ellis, Make-Up instructor, explains the techniques used by Marco Carvajal in becoming an iguana.
Middle Right: Ivy Vela and Ceasar Trevino start the process of their transformations.
Bottom Right: Adina Flores applies the finishing touches to her face.
Below: Ivy Vela sheds off her skin to transform into a snake.



ENTERTAINMENT

Now Playing



American Psycho

Christian Bale plays a Wall Street trader by day, serial killer by night in the bloody screen version of Bret Easton Ellis' controversial novel. Mary Harron is a smart and daring filmmaker, but she's failed here in her try at a thriller, probably because Ellis' book doesn't have a clear morality or compelling storytelling. Rated R for strong violence, sexuality, drug use and language.



Rules of Engagement

In this fitfully exciting and provocative film, Samuel L. Jackson stars as a Marine colonel accused of ordering a pointless civilian massacre while evacuating a besieged U.S. embassy in Yemen. Rated R.



28 Days

Sandra Bullock stars as an alcoholic woman spending 28 days in rehab in an attempt to become clean and sober. It's a cutesy, heavy-handed morality tale. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements involving substance abuse, language and some sensuality.



Where The Money Is

Paul Newman stars as a legendary "bank man" posing as an invalid in a nursing home to escape prison, who gets pulled into a bank heist by his nurse Linda Fiorentino. Will audiences, though, warm to a story this familiar—and, at times, this screwy? "Money" has such a wildly improbable story that neither Newman nor co-stars Fiorentino and Mulroney can make much sense of it. Rated PG-13 for some sexual content.

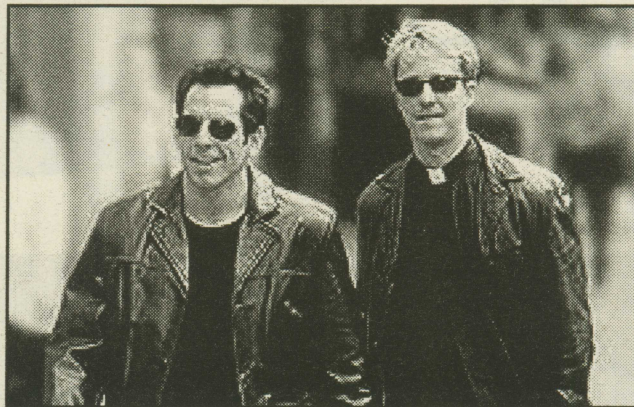
'Keeping The Faith' irreverent look at religion, friendship, love

Mark Caro
Chicago Tribune

"Keeping the Faith," Edward Norton's directorial debut from a script by his college friend and "MAD TV" writer Stuart Blumberg, approximates the feel of one of Woody Allen's Manhattan-set fables, albeit one told with less economy and smoother edges. It's a not quite shaggy-dog story about a rabbi, a priest and a girl—in this case Ben Stiller, Norton and Jenna Elfman—who grow from childhood friends to love-crossed adults.

"Keeping the Faith" is like one of the jazzy, light-on-substance sermons that Stiller's Jake, the rabbi, and Norton's Brian, the priest, deliver in an attempt to win over their congregations. The movie introduces Brian staggering drunk down the sidewalk and eventually into a bar, where the bartender serves as his makeshift confessor.

I'm pretty sick of movies told in flashbacks with voiceovers; not only is it a lazy storytelling device, but it often also doesn't make narrative sense. This voiceover could be justified at first, as Brian describes his early days with Jake and the feisty young Anna (Blythe Auffarth as a teen, Elfman as an adult) and how they eventually reunite. But about a third of the way into the movie, the focus shifts largely to Jake, and we



—Special to The Pan American

Edward Norton (right with Ben Stiller) makes his directorial debut in "Keeping The Faith."

witness scene after scene that Brian would be in no position to describe, like the not-terribly-funny details of an excruciating blind date (is there any other kind on screen?) that Jake has with a love-crazed, body-training Jewish American Princess.

I can't decide what I think of Elfman. She's got a quirkily attractive presence that holds your attention, but she has such an odd energy that sometimes she seems like she's not from the same planet as everyone else.

The freshest element of "Keeping the Faith" is that it's neither embarrassed nor condescending about religion and faith. Despite the Jewish American Princess stereotype, the movie is especially strong on the Jewish side, portraying the synagogue happenings with a rarely seen specificity that deepens the film's humor.

The film's stabs at broad

humor are more hit-and-miss. A moratorium should be declared on characters fainting in shock (in this case at a bris). Same goes for karaoke scenes.

The movie boasts an appealing supporting cast of veterans, including Anne Bancroft as Jake's mother, Eli Wallach as the synagogue's senior rabbi and Ron Rifkin as the congregation leader who either enjoys or opposes Jake, depending on the scene.

Setting a romantic comedy within religious communities takes some gumption, and Norton and Blumberg deserve praise (the secular kind, of course) for having fun without forcing hip irreverence.

Yet despite scattered bits of nice writing, the movie never quite comes together. You don't care about the romance and the resolution of the lovers' religious conflicts is unbearably pat.

Weekly Top Ten

For the week ending April 16

MOVIES

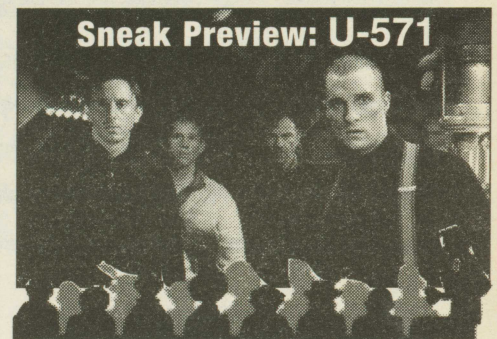
1. Rules of Engagement.....\$10.9 million
2. 28 Days\$10.4 million
3. Keeping The Faith\$8.2 million
4. Erin Brockovich.....\$7 million
5. The Road To El Doradoo ..\$6.2 million
6. Return To Me\$5.3 million
7. American Psycho\$4.9 million
8. The Skulls.....\$4 million
9. Final Destination\$2.8 million
10. High Fidelity.....\$2.8 million

MUSIC

1. Maria Maria - Santana f/Product G&B
2. Breathe - Faith Hill
3. Say My Name - Destiny's Child
4. Bye Bye Bye - 'N Sync
5. Thong Song - Sisqo
6. Amazed - Lonestar
7. I Try - Macy Gray
8. It Feels So Good - Sonique
9. Everything You Want - Vertical Horizon
10. Get It On Tonight - Montell Jordan

TELEVISION

1. ER
2. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Tues.)
3. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Sun.)
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5. NCAA Basketball Championship
6. The Practice
7. Law & Order
8. 60 Minutes
9. Touched By An Angel
10. Friends



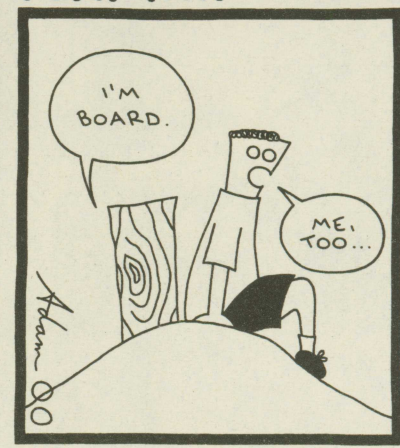
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<p>OLD SCHOOL.</p>	<p>SKULLNILLA ICE.</p>	<p>GANGSTA' SKULLY.</p>	<p>SKULLIO.</p>
<p>GETTIN' JIGGY WIT IT.</p>	<p>SITCOM ON THE WB. (SINGLE SKULL RAISING TWINS).</p>	<p>McJINGLE.</p>	<p>PRETTY FLY FOR A DEAD GUY.</p>

ANOTHER DULL DAY WITH A WOODEN PLANK...



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Campus Calendar

APRIL

18 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - noon for students, faculty, staff and community. Ask for Ruben.

18 MEETING: ACTUE is meeting from noon - 1 p.m. in COAS 349.

18 ACTIVITY: Career Placement Services are presenting the Walt Disney World College Program Summer Internship Presentation at 5:30 p.m. in the Engineering Auditorium.

18 ACTIVITY: 2000 UTHSCSA Mini-Medical School Exploring the Health Sciences (via remote reception) on the topic "The Brain- A User's Guide" from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Health Sciences 2.104. Call 318-5258 to RSVP.

19 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - noon for students, faculty, staff and community. Ask for Ruben.

20 ACTIVITY: The UTPA Division of Academic Affairs Colloquium series presents Dr. Irmo Marini, Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitative Services

speaking on "Social Security Insurance and Disability Insurance" and Dr. Kui-Hee Song, lecturer in the Department of Social Work speaking on "Helping a Korean Immigrant Family to Change Child Abuse Problems" from noon - 1 p.m. in the library, room 212.

25 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing a skin care clinic in Emilia Hall from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with reduced pricing for students, faculty and staff. Call 381-2511 for information and appointments.

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Folkloric Dance381-2230
Intramural office.....381-3673
Music Department381-3471
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If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, The Pan American would like to post it in this calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by noon Thursday at least one week in advance.

STADIUM

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house both us and the Broncs."

The new team will play in a city-owned ball park located at the corner of Schunior and Sugar Roads, and will lease the stadium from Edinburg for the duration of the season.

The stadium will be built on nine acres of a 29.54 acre tract of land the city owns on the northeast corner of the intersection.

The city will begin construction on the 4,000 seat stadium in September with a completion date set for late March. Costs of the stadium will be covered with revenue bonds.

UTPA will also lease the stadium giving the Bronc Baseball team a state-of-the-art facility to play their home games. The Broncs would occupy the stadium from September through May.

"This can't be anything but positive," Bronc head coach Reggie Tredaway said. "There's no question this will help us in our search for a conference."

Tredaway added that the new stadium would

allow them to compete with bigger universities in recruiting. "It's got to help in the recruiting end of it," Tredaway said. "We're really fighting all the Big 12 schools for the pitcher."

In exchange for the lease, UTPA will provide the city with 1,500 parking spaces near the stadium including 1,100 existing spaces north of the SBSC building.

After playing at Jody Ramsey Stadium for nearly thirty years, the Broncs would begin play at the new stadium in 2002. No plans have been made to tear down Jody Ramsey, which could be used as a practice facility.

"It's going to be tough for all of us that have been here for such a long time," Tredaway said. "I'd hate to see it go, but we have to move forward."

A deal to use Jody Ramsey by the T-LL in the past failed because the university would not allow the sale of alcohol. Since the city would own the stadium alcohol sales would be permitted.

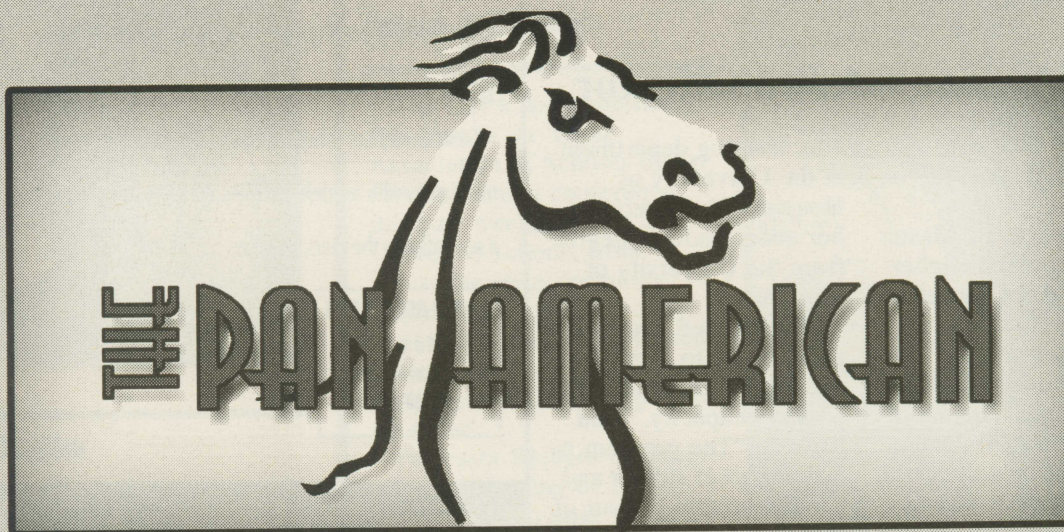
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Volleyball program signs players

Special to The Pan American

The University of Texas-Pan American volleyball program announced on Tuesday the signing of Jaclyn Muszynski to a national letter of intent to play for the Lady Broncs next season.

Muszynski, who comes to UTPA from Walnut, Calif., was a two-sport athlete at Walnut High School, starring in volleyball and track and field. She was a four-year letter-winner at WHS as an outside hitter and was elected to the Walnut High School Volleyball Hall of Fame.

She was named first team All-Baseline League and was the team Most Valuable Player in each of the last three years. She

was also a San Gabriel Valley First Team selection.

Muszynski also competed for the Impact Volleyball Team during the 1999-2000 season. Prior to that she played for the Rancho Valley Volleyball club for four years.

"She's an exciting athlete who will add strength to our outside hitter position," said

Head Volleyball Coach Dave Thorn. "As with all our recruits, she is also very strong in the classroom. Jaclyn rounds out an exciting incoming freshman class of five recruits."

As strong in the classroom as on the court, Muszynski was a four-year member of the

WHS honor roll, was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and was a Dean's List member. Muszynski was a Walnut Athletic Council Member, worked on the Yearbook at WHS, and was a staff member of "Quill and Scroll", the school's literary magazine.

"I can't express how excited I am about attending UTPA and being involved with the volleyball program," said Muszynski.

Muszynski joins four other signees for the Broncs, Bedford, Texas native Mindy Hubik, Miranda Lawson and Shawnda McDowell, both of Hurst, Texas and Winker Cruz from Harlingen.

Women's golf finishes 13 at Eastern Kentucky

Special to The Pan American

Jaime McInturff finished 441 overall, leading the University of Texas-Pan American women's golf team to a 13 place finish at the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonel Classic, held at the Arlington Golf Club on Sunday.

McInturff shot back-to-back 83's to tie for 44th overall. The Broncs second finisher was Alejandra Gutierrez, who tied for 64 with a two-round total of 173 Jeannie

Lane took 70 with a 575, Tootie Lauzon and Adriana Espinoza each tied for 75th with a total of 180. Tying for medalist honors were Amatida Beeler and Shel tie Wenzel, both of Arkansas State, with totals of 152. Julee Sovesky of the University of Ohio took third with a 154.

In the team competition, Arkansas State finished in first place with a two-round total of 619, 13 strokes ahead of second place Murray State.

Tennessee Tech took third with a 637 and Austin

Peay took fourth with a 638 The Lady Broncs finished in 13 with a 689.

The tournament wrapped tip the first season for Barb Odale as head coach of the Lady Broncs. Seniors McInturff, Outierrez and Schacfer played in their final tournament as Lady Broncs.

The Lady Broncs finished their first season under Head coach Barbara Odale.

Russel named Senior Woman's Administrator

Sports Information

The UTPA Athletic Department announced on Tuesday that Melissa Russell has been named Senior Woman's Administrator.

"Melissa's organizational and administrative abilities, concern for the overall welfare of our student-athletes and commitment to gender equity and the principals of Title IX will serve her well as she provides strong leadership in this very important position," said UTPA Athletic Director William Weidner.

Russell joined the UTPA Athletic Department in August of

1999 as the first-ever full-time assistant athletic trainer.

Russell earned a Master of Arts Degree in Higher Education Administration with an emphasis in College Sports Administration from the University of Alabama in 1999. While at Alabama, Russell was an assistant athletic trainer in the athletic department.

Her primary responsibilities included working with the women's soccer team, maintenance of the athletic training room and organization of medical records for over 320 student athletes. Prior to her time at Alabama, Russell was an intern in the ath-

letic training department at the University of Houston. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to serve the department in an administrative capacity," said Russell. "The program is making great strides and I'm honored to be part of that process."

Russell is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association and holds a membership with the National Association of Academic Advisors.

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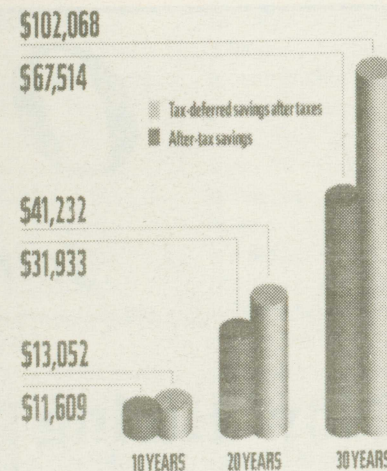
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Pro News

NASCAR

Jeff Gordon, who had not won a NASCAR Winston Cup race since October, finally drove back to Victory Lane on Sunday. Gordon grabbed the lead with five laps to go and held off Mike Skinner in another thrilling finish at Talladega Superspeedway, winning the DieHard 500 by about two car lengths. He was the ninth different winner in as many races this year.

NBA

The Heat had a bittersweet moment as they won their fourth straight Atlantic Division title Sunday. Tim Hardaway limped off with a sprained left foot -- the same inflamed foot that caused him to sit out the previous two games -- after only eight minutes of a 95-84 victory over the Magic.

MLB

Baltimore's Cal Ripken became the 24th player in history to collect hit No. 3,000 Saturday. The Orioles, who beat the Twins 5-0, rewarded their Iron Man with the day off Sunday.

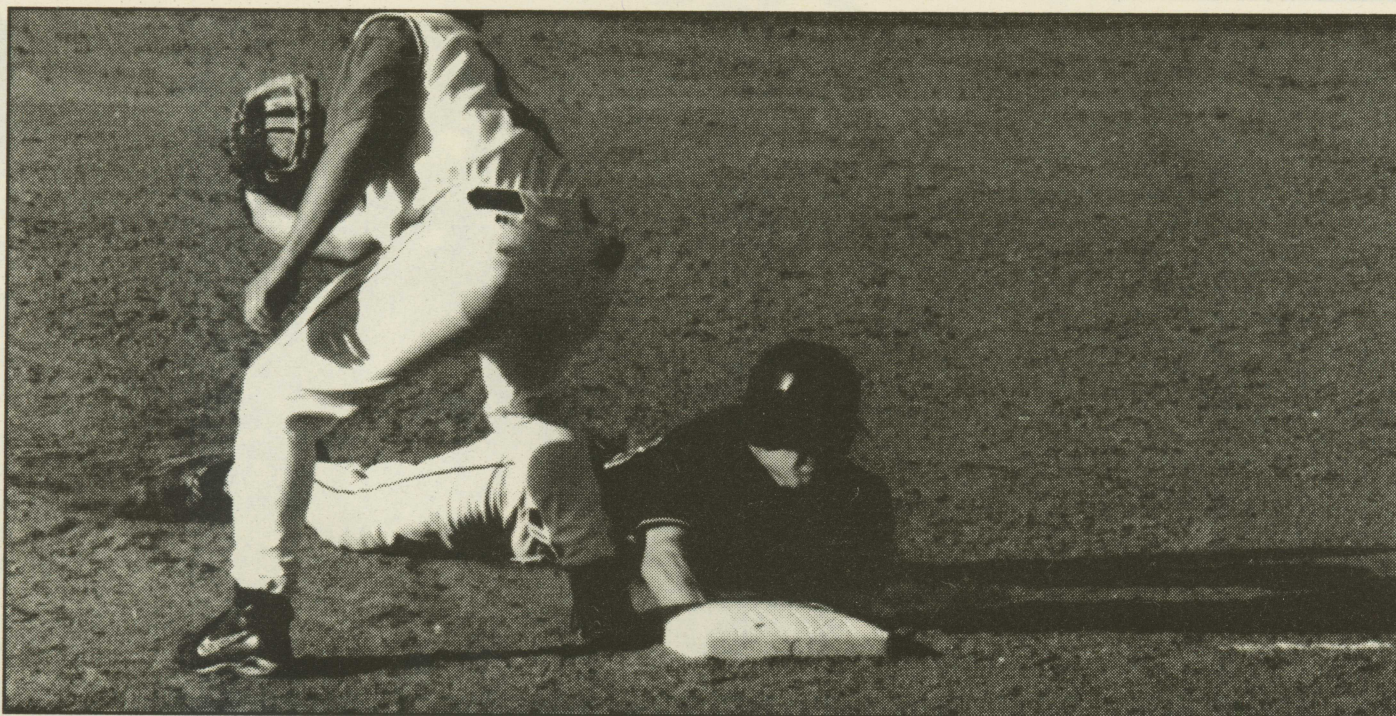
Ripken's milestone came on a single off Hector Carrasco in the seventh.

NHL

Doug Weight's hat trick led the Oilers to a 5-2 victory Sunday, cutting Dallas' series lead to 2-1. Game 4 is Tuesday at Edmonton.

NFL

The only big surprise of the draft came with the 17th pick. Oakland picked Florida State's Sebastian Janikowski. Kanikowski became the first kicker taken in the first round in 21 years.



Left: Bronc first baseman Lamberto Ung tries tag out an Patriot.

Below: Third baseman Angel Perez attempts to make the catch on the run for the Broncs during Friday's game against the Dallas Baptist Patriots.

—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Patriots take two games from Broncs

■ DBU defeats Broncs in game three, 8-4, behind pitching.

Joe Leal
The Pan American

Bronc baseball took a step back in their quest for an elusive playoff spot this weekend dropping two of three games to the Patriots of Dallas Baptist Friday and Saturday here at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

At 23-6-1, UTPA must make the most of their 12 remaining games in order to make a serious run at a Post season berth.

The Patriots have proven to a thorn in the Bronc side taking six of seven meetings last season along with this weekend's triumph.

"Reggie's got himself a solid team here," said Patriot head coach Jim Rigglesman. "We were lucky to nickel and dime our way to two wins this series."

Game 3

Patriot righthander Kenny Trapp turned in a solid pitching performance going 8 1/3 innings striking out three and giving up just three walks en route to an 8-4 victory. The junior improved his record to 2-2 as his team improved to 27-4-1.

"We just didn't get the hit~when we needed them. I don't know how many men were left on base, but I know there were quite a few," said Tredaway.

The Broncs pounded out 14 hits, but stranded 11 runners.

The sixth inning provided the most vivid

example of the Broncs not taking advantage of good situations.

With one out, third baseman Angel Perez loaded the bases with his single to right field and first baseman Lamberto Ung followed with a single of his own scoring catcher Jesse Gutierrez.

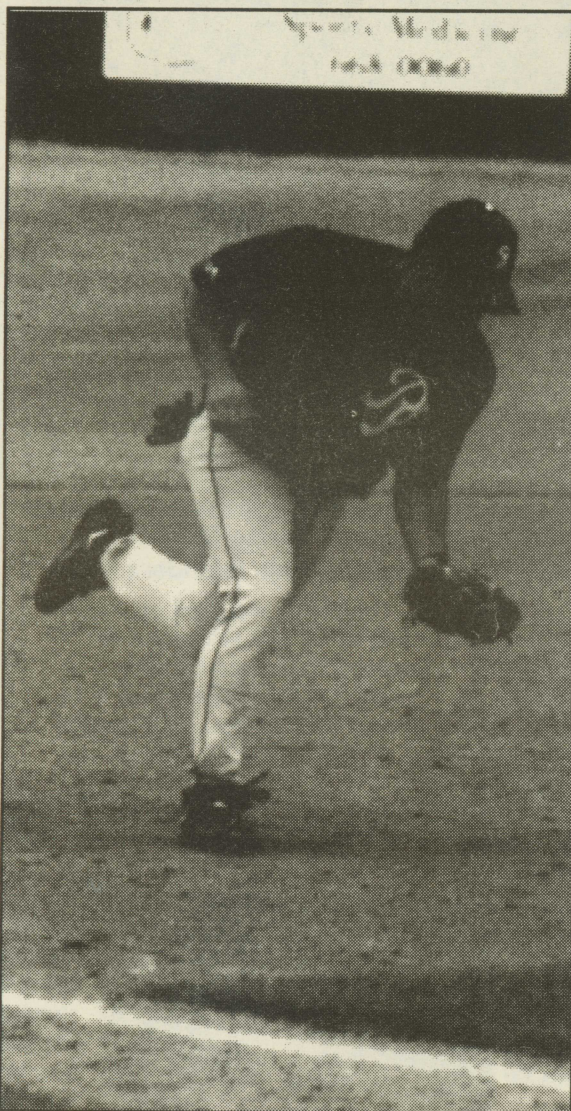
The wheels fell off as designated hitter Andy Ness struck out swinging and Oziel Ortiz popped up to third ending the Bronc threat.

Ness continues to struggle at the plate batting a dismal .234 with just 3 home runs. "Ness put a lot of pressure of himself to do well this spring. I don't think he's seeing the ball like he's used to," said Tredaway. "You just need to keep plugging him in there and hope he just comes out of it."

The Patriots followed with a four-run seventh initiated by a triple by outfielder Steve Berry. His line shot to centerfield seemed routine until it sailed over Leo Salinas' head. The Patriots victimized UTPA stealing nine bases and banging out three doubles and a homerun to go with Berry's triple.

"We don't have batters that hit it out of the park like the ones here," said Rigglesman. "We must be aggressive on the base pads and make our opponent think about where they are going to throw the ball."

The only bright spots for the Broncs were Salinas and Perez each collecting three hits in the loss.



Patriots 7 - Broncs 2

DBU starter Jon Browder muscled his way to a complete game decision allowing just four hits and two runs as the Patriots posted a 7-2 victory in game one. Browder upped his record to 10-3 on the season striking out nine while walking two batters.

Jason Garcia took the loss dropping to 2-2 on the season. Broncs also committed six errors in the loss.

After being shut down the first three innings, DBU opened things up in the fourth. Right fielder Cody Sadler's three run blast broke a scoreless tie and an error by rightfielder Andy Wallace added another run in the fifth scoring Cook giving DBU a 4-0 advantage.

UTPA answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth as Ung put up his third homerun of the season, a two-run job scoring Bartosh from second base.

Browder allowed just one hit the remainder of the game.

Jon Browder:

Helped the Patriots to a 7-3 victory by limiting the Broncs to four hits and striking out nine.

Broncs 5 - Patriots 3

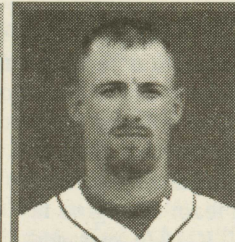
In his first start of the season, Levi Frary pitched 6 2/3 and allowed just three runs as UTPA earned a split in Friday's doubleheader winning 5-3 in game two.

The Broncs nearly fell apart in the seventh.

With two outs, the Patriots saw fit to put two more runs on the board before reliever Mike Cox entered the game.

Cox loaded the bases walking Nate Cook, but regained his composure and struck out first baseman Froy Silcox to end the game.

Catcher Dustin Haas kickstarted the Bronc fourth with a double to left center scoring left fielder T.J. Bartosh. UTPA fell on a stroke of good luck as Ung scored on a wild pitch and Perez scored with a sacrifice fly to centerfield culminating the three-run inning.



Levi Frary: Frary, went 6 2/3 innings, allowing three runs on nine hits and just one walk, while striking out three in his first start of the season for UTPA, against Dallas Baptist.

Game 1

Game 2



Lady Broncs Maria Fernandez and Sagnite Garcia competed in doubles, losing the match. Fernandez won her singles match.

Islanders defeat Broncs

■ Men's and women's tennis end season with loss against Islanders.

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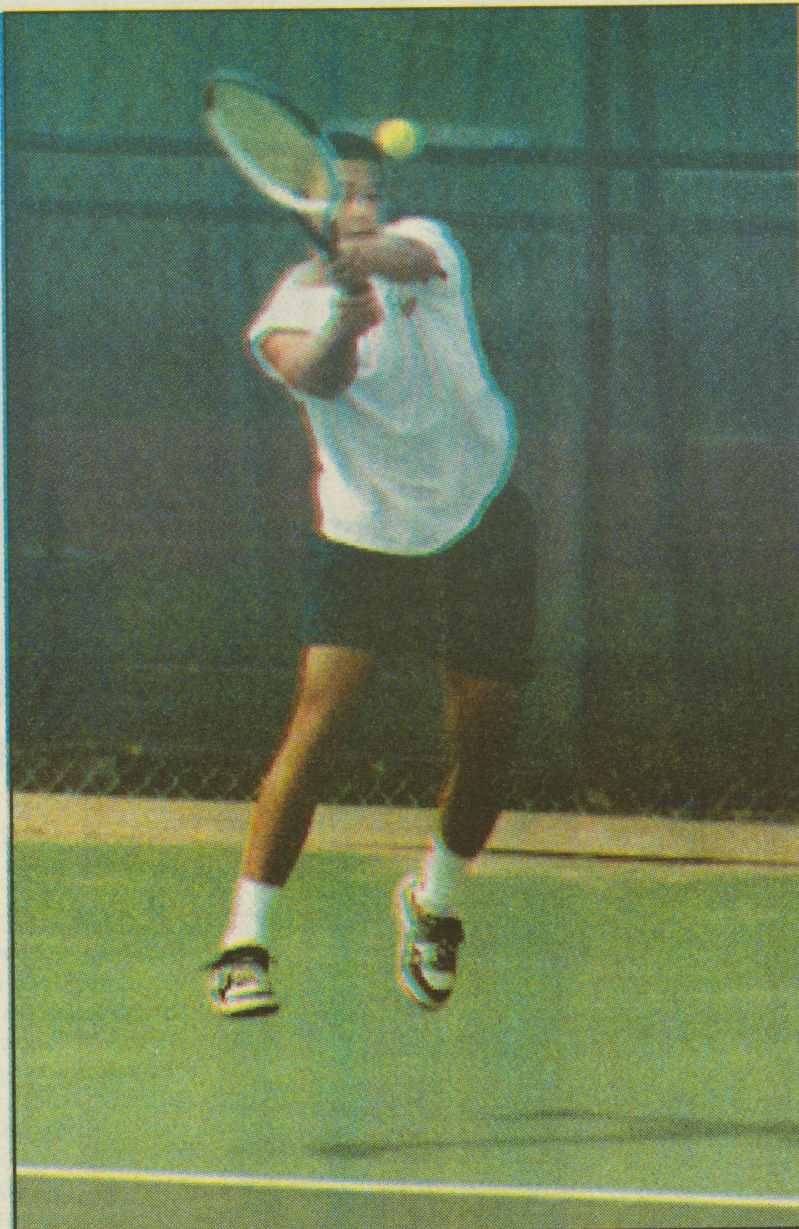
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi defeated the University of Texas-Pan American in both men's and women's tennis matches played Sunday afternoon at the Orville Cox Tennis Courts.

On the men's side the Islanders received a strong challenge from UTPA in five of the singles matches, but was able to win all except for one and then swept the three doubles matches to win 6-1. Juan Saiz picked up the lone UTPA win, with a 6-3, 4-6, 10-7, win over Eric Von Hellens at number five. Islander Eusebie Oprea defeated Unai Uranga, 6-4, 7-5, at number three in perhaps

the best match of the day.

The two teams met earlier this season with TAMUCC taking a 7-0 decision from UTPA. The match was the final one for both UTPA and TAMUCC, with the Islanders finishing the season at 18-5 and the Broncs at 7-6.

On the women's side the Islanders dropped just two matches and defeated the Lady Broncs 7-2. Maria Fernandez won the lone singles match for the Broncs, defeating Kristin Hedger 6-2, 6-2, at number one. The Lady Broncs lone doubles win came at number three by default. UTPA nearly picked up wins at number two and three singles, but fell just short. Micah de Koning slipped



Bronc Raul Cortina gets off the ground, during Saturdays match against the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders.

past Sagnite Garcia, 7-6, 6-2, at number two and Melissa Cucciniello defeated Kristine Getchell, 6-3, 7-6, at number three.

The match wrapped up play for both teams this season on the women's side as well with TAMUCC finishing with a 9-14 record and UTPA a 1-14 mark.

Quick Hits

The UTPA men's and women's track and field teams posted 10 top-10 finishes at the Texas A&M Invitational Sunday at the Frank G. Anderson Track and Field Complex.

For the Lady Broncs in the running events, Sandy Guerrero led the way with a third place finish in the 3,000 meter in a time of 10:55.

Teammate Perla Rios took sixth in 11:06. Sheila Townsend set a season best of 5:05 in the 1,500 meter, good for 15th place. Olaya Teran took fifth in the 800 meter with a 2:20.33.

In the running events, Jason Montemayor ran a 50.86 in the 400-meter dash, good for eighth.

Tony Alvarado took 12th in the event with a 51.69. Danny Salazar took ninth in the 5,000 meter. David Ozuna finished 16th in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

Gonzalo Gonzalez placed in both the men's shot put and discus, taking fifth in the shot put and 13th in the discus.

Eugene Asare-Mensah was eighth in the triple jump. Dawne Hill took third in the shot put with a 143-8.

Hoffman makes first additions to basketball program

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The UTPA Men's Basketball Program announced on Wednesday that Joey Tate has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for the Broncs during the 2000-01 academic year.

Tate, a native of San Antonio, has played at Temple Junior College over the last two years for Coach Kirby Johnson. A 6-4 small forward, Tate was named first team all-conference and second team all-region last season for TJC. He averaged 13.4 points, 6.3 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.7 steals per game for TJC last season.

"He's a tenacious rebounder with unbelievable heart," said UTPA Head Men's Basketball Coach Bob Hoffman. "He's a great competitor who just seems to be able to do the impossible

when nobody expects it. He's always around the basket to make plays. He makes plays to make the rest of the team better. We just can't have enough guys like that on our team."

Prior to playing for Temple, Tate was an All-District 27-5A selection in 1996-97 and helped lead Taft High School to the regional championship and eventually to the Texas State Semifinals. It was the first time THS had advanced to the state tournament in school history. Tate, who led Taft in scoring as a senior, was a second team All-District selection as a junior and was named to the Greater San Antonio All-Area team. As a senior he averaged 15.4 points, 7.4 rebounds per game and hit on 62% field goal attempts, including 42% from three-point range.

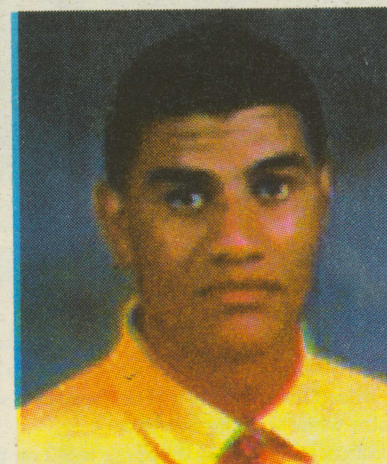
"He played for a team that battled for the state tournament and

the high school program he's from has been a perennial power," said Hoffman. "He also played for a junior college team that has been a regional power. We're excited to have someone with those kind of experiences on the team. He knows how to win."

Tate is the first player to sign with the Broncs during Hoffman's tenure at UTPA.

In their second acquisition, the Broncs signed Midwest City, Okla., native Marcus Quinn for the 2000-01 academic year.

Quinn, a 6' 9", 230 pound, forward/center, attended Eastern Oklahoma State Junior College last season and led the Mountaineers to the Region II semifinals, defeating the number one seed, Carl Albert State College, along the way. Quinn averaged 16 points, seven rebounds and 2.5 blocks per



Marcus Quinn

game as a sophomore. Quinn attended Cal Albert State College for one year prior to his time at EOSJC.

"Marcus is a big man, which will really help us after losing Matt (Palmquist)," said UTPA Head Coach Bob Hoffman. "We

needed to replace his size and ability to score. We're really excited because he has great touch around the basket. His strength and ability to post up on anybody and get shots up will also be huge."

Quinn was a highly touted recruit after a strong high school career at Choctaw High School in Midwest City.

He averaged 17 points, eight rebounds and three blocks per game as a senior and garnered All-State honors in Oklahoma for his play.

"With the variety of experiences he's had in high school and college he'll really help with the intangibles," said Hoffman. "He makes us deeper and stronger at a position that is sorely needed. He's a quality kid who will really continue to enhance our overall program, both on and off the court."