

## Late Boomers

Women dive into new lives, careers.

Scene D-1



## Bracket busted

In a nationally televised, ESPN BracketBuster game, ORU falls to Utah State 71-65.

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## Spring fever

A new season of movies is upon us.

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### DEATH RATES COMPARED

# Disparity in health status

Walking for some is a **NECESSITY**;  
for others a healthful **EXERCISE OF CHOICE**



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Alfred Higgins, who has had three heart attacks, walks the six blocks from his home to the bus stop on North Cincinnati Avenue. Higgins lives in one of Tulsa County's worst ZIP codes for premature deaths.



MIKE SIMONS / Tulsa World

Sarin Hale walks her dogs, Henry and Hadley, in her Florence Park South neighborhood in the 74114 ZIP code, one of the areas in the county where residents are healthiest.

## Senators gridlock on war measure

► The vote was four short of the 60 needed for the resolution to pass.

By DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate gridlocked on the Iraq war in a sharply worded showdown Saturday as Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate President Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops.

The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed to advance a nonbinding measure identical to one the House passed Friday. Seven GOP senators broke ranks, compared with only two during an earlier test on the issue.

Oklahoma Sens. Jim Inhofe and Tom Coburn, both Republicans, voted against the resolution.

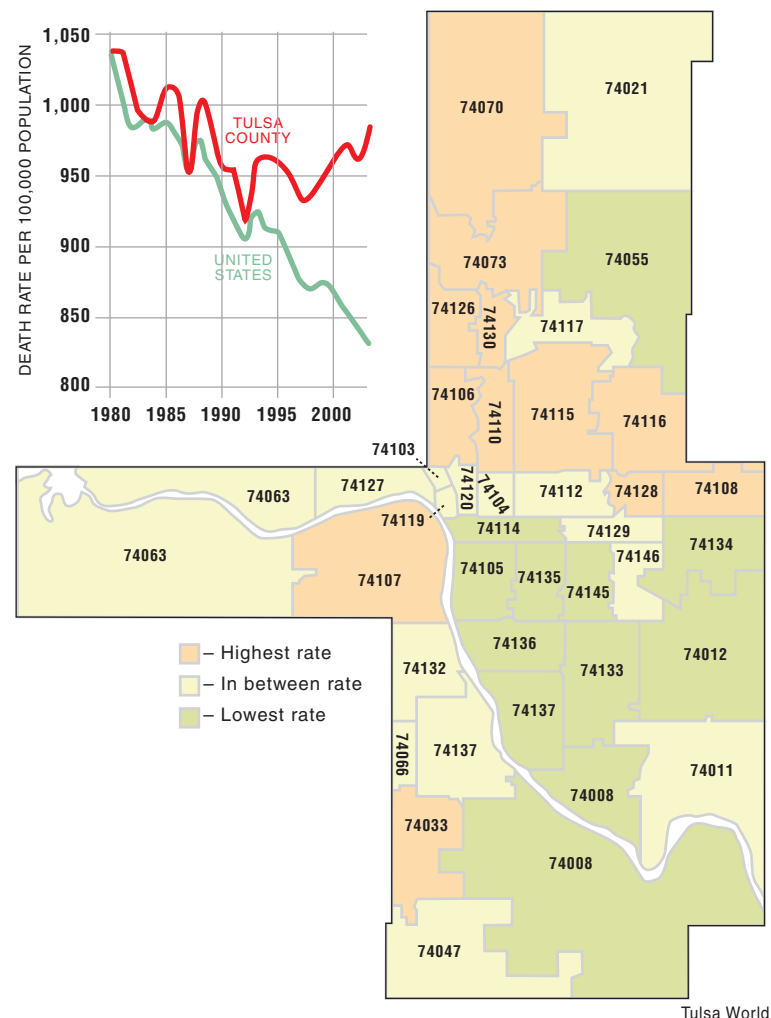
Democrats swiftly claimed victory. "A majority of the United States Senate is against the escalation in Iraq," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "As for the Republicans who chose once again to block further debate and protect President Bush, the American people now know they support the escalation" in troops.



Inhofe  
Oklahoma Sens. Inhofe and Coburn voted against the resolution.

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### Age-adjusted death rates for Tulsa County



### 74126 Highest ZIP code age-adjusted death rate

**Average household income:** \$23,080  
**Average house value:** \$35,100  
**Population:** 12,079 (2,202 white, 8,924 black, 191 Hispanic)  
**Individuals below the poverty level:** 29%  
**Adults with a high-school degree or higher:** 71%  
**Adults with a bachelor's degree or higher:** 7%  
**Individuals with disabilities:** 27%  
**General boundaries:** 36th Street North to 116th Street North, Peoria Avenue to eastern Osage County

### 74114 Lowest ZIP code age-adjusted death rate

**Average household income:** \$47,852  
**Average house value:** \$92,500  
**Population:** 16,912 (15,248 white, 383 black, 351 Hispanic)  
**Individuals below the poverty level:** 5%  
**Adults with a high-school degree or higher:** 94%  
**Adults with bachelor's degree or higher:** 47%  
**Individuals with disabilities:** 17%  
**General boundaries:** 21st Street to 31st Street, Riverside Drive to Sheridan Road

By GINNIE GRAHAM  
World Staff Writer

A person living in Tulsa's 74114 ZIP code can expect to live about 14 years longer than someone residing in the 74126 area.

The more healthful neighborhoods are filled with joggers, dog-walkers and hundreds of businesses. The area bumps into St. John Medical Center and the River Parks. The other contains the county's northernmost neighborhoods, which are void of health clinics, walking trails or grocery stores.

That striking reality has awakened the health conscience of Tulsans to seek ways to remedy the difference.

Mike LaPolla, faculty member of the University of Oklahoma's College of Public Health in Tulsa, led the research that served as a foundation for the Lewin Group health report released last year.

LaPolla's 84-page work breaks down health statistics ranging from who uses emergency rooms most often, how people are insured for health needs and what sections have more people dying prematurely.

"This is not sorting out good people or bad people," LaPolla said. "It is sorting out what is, with the purpose of narrowing the gap and reducing the disparity in health status. This is not judging people. But we can't make things better without knowing what is there."

The summary came from analyzing four years of death certificates. The informa-

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## Schmidly to become president of UNM

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Oklahoma State University President David Schmidly on Saturday was chosen to lead the University of New Mexico.

One of five finalists for the job, Schmidly was the University of New Mexico Board of Regents' unanimous choice to become that school's 20th president.

OSU Regents Chairman Joe D. Hall congratulated Schmidly on his new job.

"We know family ties in New Mexico made this particular opportunity attractive to David and his wife, Janet," Hall said in a statement released by OSU. "We will work with President Schmidly on developing a transition plan in the coming days."

Schmidly called OSU "without question a great university and system, and one of our nation's finest land-grant universities."

"With the strategic plan and campus master plan we have in place, I am confident OSU is poised for even greater levels of achievement. The fu-



Schmidly

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## Shooting, or more security, subdues nightclub patrons

By CLIFTON ADCOCK  
World Staff Writer

A popular club where two teenagers were injured in a shooting last weekend had tighter security but fewer patrons Friday night.

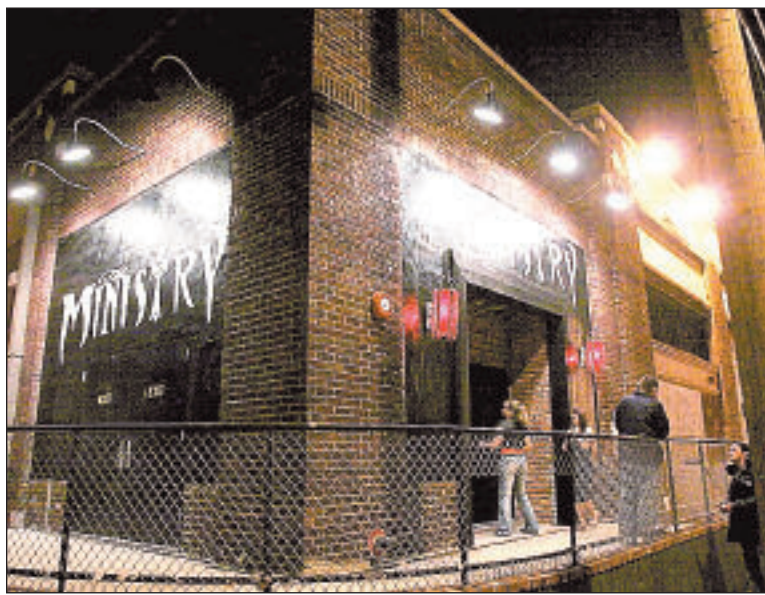
Police estimate that between 1,000 and 1,300 people were in the Ministry of Sound when the shooting occurred just before 2 a.m. last Sunday, but only a few dozen people were there between 10:30 p.m. and midnight Friday.

Most of the crowd hung on the periphery, drinking beer, talking, playing pool or just staring at the nearly emp-

ty dance floor. Three break dancers and three house dancers dressed in matching pink lingerie outfits performed under flashing strobe lights to the heavy beat of rap music, trying to liven things up, but few people actually left their seats.

The Ministry of Sound was criticized last week for allowing patrons under age 18 to get in after a 15-year-old and an 18-year-old were shot, one in the neck, the other in the head, after an argument broke out.

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Patrons enter the Ministry of Sound nightclub in downtown Tulsa on Friday. Two youths were shot there on Feb. 11.

JAMES GIBBARD / Tulsa World

### WEATHER

High 58 / Low 44  
Mostly sunny



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### TOMORROW

In honor of President's Day, former class presidents remember their time in office.

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