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Gordon TP'd! This and more in the police blotter.

## STATE

Same-sex marriage ban may hurt Hispanics most

Hoution (AP) - A proposed riage in Texas could hurt gay Hispanic couples more than Anglos because
they have more children, make les money and may not be U.S. citizens, the National Gay and Lesbian Task
Force said Tuesday. from 2000 U.S. Census data on His panic same-sex couple households a
week before Texans vote to amend he state constitution to ban g
marriage, which is already again matriage,
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The Cen
The Census data showed that 66
percent of Hispanic femald san percent of Hispanic female same-se
couples and 58 percent of Hispanic same-sex male couples were raising at
least one child. That compares to 32
percent of Anglo 19 percent of Anglo male couples, report author Jason Cianciotto said. Anglo gay couples eart abou $\$ 65,000 \mathrm{a}$ year on average, compare to incomes in the high $\$ 30,000$ s fo
gay and lesbian Hispanic couples.

## NATION

Postage stamps to take 2-cent increase cent boost in the price of a postage stamp was approved Tuesday by the in-
dependent Postal Rate Commission Under the recommendation, which now goes to the Postal Service's Boarc of Governors for final action, the cost
of a first-class stamp will
,o tron of a tirst-class stamp will go from 37
cents to 39 cents and the postcard rate will rise a penny to 24 cents. The Postal Service requested the increase last Aprit. Inary.
effect in January. The increase is needed so the post
office can make a $\$ 3.1$ billion escron payment required by Congress. A bil
that would eliminate that ahat would eliminate that payment
and make other changes in postal operations was approved by the House but has not yet passed the Senate. The
White House has expesesed reserva White House has exper
tions about the bill.
tions about the bil. $\begin{aligned} & \text { The Postal Service had requested } \\ & \text { 5.4 percent increase in ill postage rates }\end{aligned}$ l 5.4 percent increase in all postage rates, but the rate commission altered some
of the proposals. The matrer now goes of the proposals. The matter now goe
back to the Board of Governors.

## WORLD

## Iraq accuses Moroccan

 in September bombing
## BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The gov

 emment accused a Moroccan in a triplcar bombing in September that killed 60 people in a Shite town in central Iraq and offered a reward for his arrest, while
roadside bombs and shootings Tuesday killed eight people.
$\qquad$ soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in central Iraq, raising to to least 93 the
number of American service members
whodied whodied in Ocrober, the fourth deadlies month for the troops in the lraq war. The government identified the Moroccan suspect as Muhsen Khaybe
also known as Abdul Rahim, and sai he was allegedly involved in coordinated suicide bombings in Casablanca on May
16,2003 , that killed 32 people. The claim 16,2003 , that killed 32 people. The clain
could not be independently confred Moroccan authorities blamed the Casablancca artack on al.-Qiada, and
launched a crackdown on fundanentallaunched a crackdown on fundamental
ist suspects.

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## Health officials planning for the worst

Bush outlines $\$ 7.1$ billion flu-fighting strategy Bioteroor drillaims to torepare Lubbock

By CARLOS BERGFELD Staff Writer
Knowledge of the avian flu's effects in other countries has led
to increased U.S. concern and to increased U.S. concern and
speculation as to the possibility of speculation as to the p
a worldwide pandemic.
President Bush announced his
administration's plan for por administration's plan for preparing and responding to pandemic influenza Tuesday at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda,
Md. "In a pandemic situation, it quickly gets to where you saturate a pandemic."

$\qquad$ By BETH AARON planned the drill and said the next step in organizing a plan to combat a bioterrorism threat in The Texas Nursing Student Lubbock is to make the bioterAssociation and the Lubbock rorism disaster simulation an Health Department put on a annual event. bioterrorism disaster simulation "Right now there's no plan

Oct. 26 at the Reese Technology in place for Lubbock Texas" Cent. 26 at to Remese Fechnology in place for Lubbock, Texas," Center to demonstrate actions he saic | Lubbock County residents in case | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Michael Pudlo, a senior nurs-- } \\ \text { ing student from Pearland, said }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | of anthrax, smallpox or plague the Lubbock Health Department $\begin{array}{ll}\text { exposure. } \\ \text { Matt Cooper, a senior nursing } & \text { Sphoached students in the Tech } \\ \text { Schrsing with their }\end{array}$ Matt Cooper, a senior nursing School of Nursing with their plan major from Round Rock, was

DRILL continued on Page 5

Judge removed from DeLay's criminal case By KELLEY SHANNON AUSTIN (AP) - Republican Congressman Tom DeLay won his first court battle in a town known for its liberal ways. He got the judge booted off the case Tuesday. Now his lawyers want the trial moved.
DeLay, charged with money laundering DeLay, charged with money laundering
and conspiracy, objected to Judge Bob Perkins hearing the case because Perkins contributed to Democrats in the past, including the group Moveon.org, which waged a Foire DeLay"
campaign after the then-House majority leader was admonished by the House ethics leader was ad
Judges in Texas are elected, and free to contribute to candidates and political parties. But DeLay's legal team argued Perkins
couldn't fairly hear a trial for someone with whom he was so obviously politically opposed.
DeLay is accused of orchestrating a scheme that routed corporate donations through his Texas political action committee to the national party, which then returned nearly the
same amount back to seven Texas House cansame amount back to seven Texas House can-
didates. Use of corporate donations for direct campaign expenditures is illegal in Texas. Prosecutors say that money helped elect a Republican majority in the Texas Legislature, which then passed a DeLay-engineered congressional district voting map that led to nore Republicans in Congress A Thuosday to Perkins' reputation on testihonest judge, DeLay's lawyers successfully argued that his political activities created the appearance of bias.
"The public perc
"The public perception of Judge Perkins' activities shows him to be on opposite sides of the political fence than Tom De
defense attorney Dick DeGuerin.
defense attorney Dick DeGuerin.
Prosecutor Rick Reed argued that DeLay had to prove the public would have a "rea-
sonable doubt that the judge is inpartial" sonable doubt that the judge is impartia""
before Perkins could be removed. "udges are presumed to be impartial," he said.
 Dirty Laundry Tour Tuesday morning outside of the Student Union building Students stop to sniff out Dirty Laundry Tour in its final stop By TRAVIS CRAM
Senor Staff Warter
tour since Sept. 10 when it began in Massachusetts.
IraLivingston, senior vice president of consumer marketing fo



STUDENTS VOTE DURING early voting at the Robert H. Ewalt

Students decide fate of same-sex marriage
Early voting at Rec Center for amendments ends Friday By any lancer

Tech students can help decide whecher same-sex marriage should
be banned as part of the Texas State Constitution.
As part of early voting for the November Constitutional Amendment Elections, the Lubbock Elec-
tions Office has set up booths at the tions Office has set up booths at the
Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Robertt $H$. Ewalt Student Recreation
Center. Voting at the Rec Center will take place until Friday.
Elections Elections official Gale Richard-
son said constitutional elections

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| Copyright © 2005 Texas Tech University Student Media/The Daily Toreador. All DT articles, photographs and artwork are the property of The DT and Student Media and may not be reproduced or published without permission. Breaking News |  |  |  | on't raise prices on campus |  |
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|  | Texas Tech police officers docu- mented information concerning edly making 12 arrests for various mented a code of student conduct illegal goods found on the fourth violations, including alcohol. |  |  |  |  |
|  | students who were playing with    <br> pellet guns on the 12 th floor of tiongoing. Tech police investigated two A man and woman reported <br> their infant child, who was sleep- Srafy Wrirer Perry said she used to travel to her  |  |  |  |  |
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| Breaking News pellet guns on the <br> Phone: (806) $72-3393$ Weymouth Hall. The students were separate ve末icle burglaries, which ing in the bed with them, was |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tech Notes is a service provided | Tech police investigated nine windows broken out. A CD player child, Lubbock police conducted eparate vehicle burglaries, which and poker chip set and case were a juvenile homicide investiga- <br> lative affairs and marketing for Citibus, fluenced Perry's travels around Lub- |  |  |  |  |
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|  | tigated criminal mischief that The Lubbock Police Depart- stopped the suspects' vehicle and occurred at Weymouth Hall. The ment reported having 344 calls arrested the two male subjects. closing device on the top of a door from citizens from 10:30 p.m. to Investigation is ongoing. located at the main entrance had $5: 50 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. for assistance and combeen broken off. No suspects were plaints. LPD officers responded to Compiled by Lindsay Watters/ located. <br> contract will go into effect in August The least expensive gas as of Tuesday 2006." <br> Amanda Perry, a senior photo communications major, said the heightened gas prices this semester have influenced how often she travels <br> was being sold at $\$ 2.06$ per gallon of regular unleaded gas in Kingsville and Sherman, while Tuesday's highest gas rates were found in Winters at $\$ 2.59$ per gallon. |  |  |  |  |
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| -DL CHICO- | shops and restaurants as people were enjoying an evening out after the daily Ramadan fast. | injuries in recent months have been a result of the increasing use by in- | 106 American service members di |
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| SPECIAL <br> ENCHILADA DINNER | three Iraqis, officials said. <br> On a road near Kirkuk, 180 miles |  |  |
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 Kary participated in the food box chal- This is the second year she lenge last week. Participants ate only participared in the event, and she said
the food they obmaned at the food bank she received several food items she did for five consecutive days.

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Open forum for leisure pool tonight
By ANDREW wood

STafF Writer | The leisure pool is expected to be southwest of the Rec |
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| Center and will not interfere with student parking. |
| The proposil was one of the emain topics at the SGA |

Many December graduates wary of commencement, entering real world

## By MEREDITH BENSON

 December, the idea of starting a recruiting time, he said. "I don' new life in the real world creates nervousness and enthusiasm. "'m really excited," said Tonya Lane, a senior public relations major from Houston. change; Lubbock but l'm ready for for the real world something differ- at all. I'm notent." Lane said she ready to have to plans to attend
graduate school at Eastern New at Eastern New
Mexico University. Lane said she wants to get her master's degree in communica-
tive arts and scitive arts and sci"I know a lot of people like to
start school in the that's why I got my lacceptance letter] response a lot faster," Lane
said. Lane said she does not know whether graduating in December helped her chances of getting into
Eastern New Mexico University. Jay Killough, associate directo of the Tech Career Center, said
 Jason Parsons, a senior finance and economics major from Dallas, said that was the case for him.
"I wanted to stick around longer "I wanted to stick around longer
and further my education; I was not and further my education; 1 was not
ready for the real world at all," he said. "I'm not ready to have to work for the rest of my life." Parsons said he plans to go to
work for a bank ork for a bank somewhere in e Dallas area after he graduates Taylor $G$
Taylor Goggans, is another senior who had intended on graduat-
ing in December, but changed her mind and decided to graduate in
May 2006 , May 2006.
"I didn't think I be out on on my own, yet. I rnew my
parents would pay for me to stay in college and take more classes; plus, I would not have to worry about paying for my own financial about paying for my own financial
expenditures," the senior human
development and family studies development and family studies a major from Kaufman said. "At
first I was rushing to try and get ir first I was rushing to try and get
out of college, but then I realized you only get to live the college life once, and I was going to graduate from Tech a whole year and a half early because of dual credits from
my high school." my high school." When it comes to job place it ment, Killough said, the time of
graduation is not always an im portant issue.

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STACY TOBERMAN, A junior interior design major from Sugar LaITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador Student Health Services nurse Beverly Noble Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.
Bush picks FDIC chair to oversee Gulf Coast recovery
WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Powell, chairman ties - not more oversight from Washington. of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., has been assigned "It is ironic and strange that an administration that has efforts in the Gulf Coast, the Bush administration an- thinks it can solve the problem by adding another layer nounced Tuesday. of bureaucracy," said Thompson, the top Democrat on the Powell, 64 , a wealthy contributor to President Bush's presidential campaign, will be in charge of the long-term Rians in rebuild the states hit by hurricanes Katrina and and Mississippi struck by Katrina, and met with state bankHurricane Katrina, the first and most damaging of the two, ing commissioners and local bankers as he inspected the particularly has been widely criticized. he was under consideration to be named an overseer of the Powell will be the administration's point person for dealing with Congress, state and local governments, and private businesses on the hurricane relief efforts. The top federal offcial currently overseeing day-to-day Katrina will leave that post by year's end, officials said. "Don has the leadership, ideas and optimism thet residents of the Gulf Coast Region deserve," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said in a statement announcing Powell's role.
Some law makers from Guif Coast states had pleaded for a federal czar-like official to oversee the reconstruction of
the devastated region after Karrina - in the devastated region atter Katrina - in part to safeguard
against improprieties in awarding lucrative reconstruction contracts. In late September, Bush signaled he would do so, but first wanted local officials to produce a vision for how they want their rebuilt communities to look. "I'm really pleased that the president has named a
single, focused federal coordinator ery effort," said Sen. David Vitter R I L hurricane recov officials pushing the White House to create the postButRep. Bennie G. Thompson, D-Miss,.said state and Bush's presidential campaign, Powell has great personal
wealth. He was praised by the banking industry when Bush


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## Do I still have time to find a date to the prom?

Dealing with some college students is like being in high school all over again
've never felt more like a high
schooler than the time when I
went to eat lunch with a couple
of fellow Daily Toreador reporters at
the Student Union Building food
courr.
As we would during any normal
lunch break, we sat down in the
middle of long cafeteria-style table
to eat our CCick-fil-A.
Jay thought the guy was kidding.
He HAD to be kidding.
Did I, a former band
kid, accidentally sit
down at the "cool
kids" table without
being invited?
He wasn't.
"Uh, guys, just for future refer-
ence, we're saving this table - we
hold it every day for our fraternity
brothersso that they can get to know
each other 'n's stuff."
What?

back in the eighth grade.
I couldn't have fathomed that having to deal with people who expect everyone to do everything for them would outweigh the benefits of being able to change classes without having to hear a damn bell.
I can't believe "young adults" still I can't believe "young adults" still
run to their parents to fix the messes run to their pare
they ve made. My step momy and daddy could care less if Suzy called me stupid or that I blew my rent money on a shopping spree.
Professors are
Professors are not exempt from
this throw back to high schol rit this throw back to high school, but I
will say having to sign an attendance whll say having to sign an attendance
sheet reminiscent of those in grade sheet reminiscent of those in grade
school is nothing compared to hearing a fellow student ask why someone lying in honor at the U.S. Capitol in
Washington, D.C., wasn't put into a Washington, D.C., wasn't put into a
coffin first. coffin first.
It seems that some people, even
at the age of 21 and up, are like Peter Pan and never, never grow up.

- Aaron is a senior journalism malor from Belton. E-mail her at Beth.G.Aaronettu.edu.

Letters to the Editor
Vasquez's arguments, logic faulty; civil disobedience can be necessary

| warrants passing reproach. Ignorance spouting from a senior is a point of derision in and of itself. Fallacies of basic logic employed by Vasquez in promoting his disrespect of an American icon are highlighted. <br> First, the use of the red herring term "criminal" to describe Parks is absurd because legal protest has become the basis for many laws. As a law student, I must point out that the 'law' she 'broke' was legally void <br> because of its violation of the $14^{\text {th }}$ | Amendment to the Constitution. <br> Furthermore, faulty analogies utilized in his letter, describing killers and pedophiles in comparison to passive civil protest for human rights are not only often non sequitur, but offensive. <br> Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, Henry David Thoreau, Susan B. Anthony, Mahatma Gandhi, Harriet Tubman - these are comparisons in the same genre of law breaking, not Charles Manson, as Vasquez's letter asserts. |
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| Rosa Parks a criminal, so is Jesus |  |
| Danielle Ivey was right. Obviously we are not all equal. Reading Brandon Vasquez's opinion just proved it. I really don't know where to begin it has so infuriated me. <br> First of all, Vasquez was not quite right regarding the rules pertaining to the flag. Check out www.usflag.org/nffhalfstaff.html for more info. The Website he quoted is just a web-ring host. It is true that the president has declared that flags will go to half staff in her honor, butnot until her day of interment, which is today. <br> What really ticked me off was Vasque's flippant attitude and complete lack of respect for a deceased woman whose small act of courage became a symbol of the civil rights movement. Did she break the law? Yes. Should you call her a criminal and compare her to Charles Mason before she is even laid to rest? \%@\# NO! <br> Can anyone out there think of any other examples of celebrated civil disobedience? I know of two that leap to mind. The first is of particular interest to all Americans. The | Boston Tea Party. How horrible is it that we praise those actions in our history books; illegal actions that led to an even greater one, the American Revolution. Put down the freworks kids! Brandon Vasquezsays we shouldn't honor criminal activities. <br> This one is even more interesting. A man by the name of Jesus distegarded the laws of the land and followed another set of laws. Outrageous! Recorded accounts say that he drove people from the market with a whip of cords and scattered the moneychangers' coins. Quick everyone, cancel Christmas and Easter! Well, maybe Easter is OK. After all, Jesus didn't die from old age. <br> I don't need to say you are a racist, Vasquez. I think your words speak for themselves. <br> Let us never forget Rosa Parks and all those who stand, or sit, against inequality. Sean Kelley <br> A graduate student studying theatre and dance from Detroit |

do not honor a criminal, because we should not honor criminals' petitio
principii method of Vasquez's analyti-
cal skills will go very far in encouragcal skills will go very far in encourag-
ing legal adherence. Luckily it does ing legal adherence. Luckily, it does
not appear that was Vasquez's goal. not appear that was Vasquez's gool.
He allegedly wrote his letter to preserve intent for flying the flag halfstaff, but his reasoning, to use the term loosely, is evidence only of his desire to pontificate over his biased
belief systems in a public format belief systems in a public format.
For amusement's sake examine
$\qquad$ with the half-staff flag issue, delves
into legal obligations, moves on to the biological inevitability of death and ends with an apparent attack on
affrmative action (another use of the red herring fallacy).
Thankfully, Park'
not need half-staff flags or Vasque $z^{\prime}$ s approval over her law breaking to persist both socially and legally.
Mary Walker Mary Walker First year law student from
McAllen For amusement's sake, examine McAllen
Rosa Parks a criminal, so is Jesus
Front page counter should be continued

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| human cost of King George II's war in | mass destruction and enforce democracy. |
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| fortunately, U.S. military fatalities | When I was an undergraduate here 40 |
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| is staggering. | ropriate for our efforts |
| As detailed at wwwicasualties.orgoif, | in Iraq: "Fighting for peace is like f.-ing |
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| journalists killed. The list of dead | If democracy is such a wonderful |
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Swoops' sexuality shouldn't be a surprise, political issue S= =ix $\underbrace{\text { legen. }}_{\text {From the ereaction, }}$ From the reaction, you'd think that
Melissa Etheridge had gone hetero Melissa Etheridge had gone hetero
I don't get it. Lubbockites I don't get it. Lubbockites ar
shocked - shocked - a female pro athlete could be gay. That's like being surprised that your male hairdresser is gay. Let's get real. Actually, I think I've got this figured
out. As with most things its out. As with most things, it's a Demo
cratic conspiracy. Texas Democrats cratic conspiracy. Texas Democrats
know Proposition 2, an amendment to the Texas Constitution banning gay
marriage, will pass in a landslide if they marriage, will pass in a landslide if they
don't take drastic measures. Their strategy: appeal to our love of athletics.
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confuse West Texas conservatives with confuse West Texas conservatives with
prerecorded phone calls saying a vote prerecorded phone calls saying a vote
for Prop 2 is a vote for gay marriage blundered badly. One thing the Democrats failed to grasp was the power of
the new media. Phone calls are so 20 th the new media. Phone calls are so 20th
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Tim Lambertstarted e-mailing the facts Tim Lambertstarted e-mailing the facts
out, the Vast Right-wing Conspiracy of out, the Vast Right-wing Conspiracy of
Compulsive Chaine-mailers took over. The jig was up. So now the Democrats have con-
spired to "out" a major sports star, probably with bribery - after all, no
one watches the WNBA one watches the WNBA, and Swoops
is going to have to get grocery money fom somewhere when she's 65 and
Social Security is bankupt. What level of ruthlessness will the Dems sink to next?
Elsewhere nent, Star Trek's world of entertainment, Star Trek's George Takei, Sulu,
also came out of the closet last wet also came out of the closet last week.
No one cared.
What this really boils down to is
What this really boils down to is is
I'm in a bubble, but It I honestly haven't I'm in a bubble, but I honestly haven't
heard much buzz at all around campus about the sexual orientation of our basketball legend.
Maybe that's just everybody waiting
with baited breath for Troy Aikng
to seize the opportunity to finally stop living a lie, or maybe it's because no one cares. Maybe the shock - shock - is just a figment of the media's imagination.
As former $S e n$
Asformer Senator Barry Goldwater,
R-Ariz., presciently put it R-Ariz,, presciently put it a decade
ago on the issue of gays in the military, ago on the issue of gays in the military,
"You don't have to be straight to be in the military; you just have to be able to shoot straight." Maybe now you just
have to be able to shoot free throws. have to be able to shoot free throws.
The fact is, there are gay people evThe fact is, there are gay people ev-
erywhere in society: serving honorably erywhere in society: serving honorably ketball court, in the halls of Congress
(even on the Republican side of the (even on the Republican side of the
aisle) and in the business world. One (Wiilliam R. King) was vice president of the United States. Admit it, that uncle
of yours who loves Broadway musicals of yours who loves Broadway musicals
is probably gay. Sheryl Swoops' decision had to do with Lubbock being a very conservative
community. Conservatism has nothing community. Conservatism has nothing
to do with it. From my point of view,

## Joe Biles


here is nothing more conservative what equipment you have between your legs, where you go to church or who sleep with - get over yourself." opposition to the marriage amendment is much more complicated than that. Many voters, myself included, are much more concerned with protecting our
right to have these decisions made by right to have these decisions made by out-of-contropl federal courts. Both sides need to cool the rhetoric and, no matter what you saw on facebook, this has nothing to do with I I also th
I also think it is outrageous that fee money to offer "Ally Training" ee money to offer "Ally Training"
(politically correct sensitivity training supporting the gay, lesbian, bisexual Tech community at large. Everyone has as much right to be homophobic as they do to be homosexual, and I can han taking money from people to pay for causes they morally oppose - like leisure pools.
In a similar vein, readers of The
New York Times were recenty New York Times were recently treated to an essay by columnist Maureen o Do?"' Dowd's essay, excerpted from he appropriately titled book "Are Men Necessary," laments the modern generation's departure from the radical eminazism of the past.
Modern women Modern women are taking their pouse's last name, placing renewed value on child rearing and not mono-
lithically buying into the canard that there is a gender wage gap (there inn't, but feminazis don't care about the view The problem I (s). The problem I I and more imporfiends) have with Dowd is that she friends) have with Dowd is that she
allows women only one definition of uccess.
The time is long past for us to drop he tired dogmas of the past. Sexism, heterophobia and heterocentrism are all equally worthless ideologies because hey focus on what divides us, rathe
han our common value and dignity. None of these isms can take the None of these isms can take the counts: individualism. In the words of Ayn Rand, "The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to
defenders of minorities." Well said.

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(TABLE) TENNIS, ANYONE?


KEITH GIST, A junior biology major from Abernathy, plays table tennis in the lounge at the Robert H . Ewalt Student Recreation Center Tuesday afternoon.


Cotton

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every load of wash is cotton," he said.
"We want to further educate them and Wo want to further educate them and
hope they take something away from the hope they take
experience."
The tour featured a number of interac-
tive games and activities during which students could not only lyearna lititle about how to sort their laundry and what temperatureto
wash it in, but also win prizes like an Apple iPod nano, a refurbished room or even a Wash-O-Tainment Center.
The Wash-O-Tainment is a gutted
washing machine turned into an electronic paradise. It comes fully equipped with hhree plasma screen TVs, a Sony PlayStation 2, and an Apple iPod. aple iPod. of retail marketing for Cotton, said the machine will be given away in a drawing
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visited or anyone who registers to win the entertainment monster at wwwaccesscot"It'll do everything but wash your clothes," "\$ she said. "Theres's even a cooler on
the side to store y our Cokes or beer in." he side to store your Cokes or beer in.
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Wash-O-Tainment is $\$ 12,500$. Wahh-O-Tainment is $\$ 12,500$.
Colorado City native Josh Ritchey, a jur


## Republicans enthusiastic about Alito, while

 Democrats wondering whether to filibusterWASHINGTON (AP) - Su- Court candidacy. Democratic Sen. Tim
preme Court nominee Samuel Alito preme Court nominee Samuel Alito and shouldn't be filibustered, declared a Republican who helped fashion a plan limiting parliamentary roadblocks for judicial nominees. Sen. Mike DeWine, who met with choice Tuesday warned Democrats he would side with GOP leaders to eliminate the judicial flibuster if the minority party uses it against the New Jersey judge.
"It's hard for me to envision that anyone would think about flibuster-
ing this nominee," said DeWVine an ing this nominee," said DeWine, an
Ohio Republican who sided with 13 Other Republicans and Democrats earlier this year to end $a$ Senate stalemate over judicial flibusters. Some Democrats were contemplating just such a move as the 55 -
year-old Alito began courting sena-year-old Alito began courting sena-
tors on the second day ofhis Surpeme

## Drill

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plan to hold the bioterrorism disaster
drill project.
The health department had been
rying to sudo said, but was not successful.
Pudrest Health department officials believed Tech nursing students would have greater success if they banded together. "The Lubbock Healh Deppartment was) really helpful," he said. The goal of the bioterrorism simul tion is to vaccinate 250,000 Lubbock
County residents against a bioterrorism agent within 48 hours of exposure, Cooper said.
Cooper said. begran at $8: 30$ a.m. and
The drill begr ended at 12:30 p.m., Cooper said. "It wasn' perfect, but it was better than what there wa
nothing, he said.
Acting as a non-biased evaluator,
Cooper said he took notes during the Cooper said he took notes during the
simulation. He said a disaster plan simulation. He said a disaster plan such as this should be in place in case of emeirgency.
IIt would be
$\qquad$ It would be not smart to assume it wouldn't happen."
To alleviate hysteria that would To alleviate hysteria that would
most likely be associated wihh a biological weapon attack, Cooper said the plan would be to set up 20 to 25 vaccination
sites throughout the Hub City. sites throughout the Hub City.
Students in the Tech Health Sciences Center nursing program will compile notes and observations taken at the inaugural bioterrorism simulation and present them at the Texas
$\qquad$ out supporting a flibususter
"I would leave all those options on
he table," he said.
Johnson said he hasn't made up his mind on Alito after discussing the right to privacy and other constitutional issues
with him Tuesday. "Not surprisingly its with him Tuesday. "Not surprisisngly, its how he will vote," Johnson said. "Ther is no question he is a conservative. Democratic leaders are cautioning
heir colleagues against rushing their colleagues against rushing to
judgnent on President Bush's pick to replace his previous unsuccessful choice, White House counsel Harriet Miers, as Day O'Connor.
-"Ordinarily it takes six to eight
weeks to evaluate a Supreme Court nominee. We shouldn't rush to judgment," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the
No. 2 Senate Democrat, said on CBS "The Early Show."

DeWine, who met with Alito for Coats and former Republican Party
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sustain a flibuster. Without the group's The two served in the same capacity for seven Republicans, Democrats would Miers, who withdrew her nomination not be able to prevent Senate Majority last week after some conservatives re Leader Bill Frist, R -Tenn, from abolish- - fused to fully support her candidacy and ing judicial filibusters and confirming questioned whether she was qualified.
judges with a simple majority vote. The
Conservatives are much more com Judges with a simple majority vote. The Conservatives are much more com-
Republicans hold 55 of the 100 seats in fortable with Alito than they were with the Senate. Miers because of his conservative track DeWine made clear Tuesday that a record as a federal judge, prosecutor and Democratic flibuster would not have a Reagan administration lawyer. his support, saying he didn't see how Miers had never been a judge. anyone would think that this would The nomination got Bush on the constitute what our group of 14 termed good side again of conservative and
'extraordinary circumstances' that would anti-abortion groups, who declared Alito 'extraordinary circumstances that would
justify a flibuster."-2artion groups, who declared
a winner after opposing Miers. "This is a nomination of a judge James Dobson, founder of Fociu conservative thought," he added. "extremely pleased," and the anti-ab The so-called "Gang of 14" will hold tion Operation: Rescue declared th its first meeting on Alito Thursday. the country was on "the fast-track to
The White House on Tuesday named derailing Roe v. Wade as the law of The White House on Tuesday named derailing Roe v. Wade as the law of
former Indiana Republican Sen. Dan the land."


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## Raiders still hoping to net postseason berth

By TRAVIS CRAM Senior Sports Wrter

The Texas Tech volleyball team will be looking to capture thei first conference road win as they
take on No. 13 Missori take on No. 13 Missouri at $6: 30$
p.m. Wednesday in Columbia,

After two straight conference losses to Oklahoma and No. 1

Nebraska, Tech (11-12, 4-8 Big 12) Nebraska, Tech ( $11-12,4-8$ Big 12 )
will need to take a match in order will need to take a match in order
to stay in the hunt for a possible to stay in the
NCAA berth.
Tech coach Nancy Todd said
the next two opponents will be
make or break for the Raiders and
could ruin any chance of making
it into the postseason. "We're putting ourselves against the wall," she said. "They're all im-
portant from here on out."
Missouri (16-3, pulled out of a $2-0$ deficit in Lub-
starting a trend that has haunted the team ever since. year when $A \& M$ chars started last away twice with five-game wing against Tech after being down $2-0$ to the Raiders in both matches.
Mizzou and Oklahoma dominated Tech twice this year when The Sooners, who tost 3 gates. Raiders in Lubbock $3-0$ to the Tech from capturing a Big 12 road win.
Senior middle blocker Brianna Morus said much of it has to do games 3 making mistakes early in for-point with the staying point"Less errors and whosition. finish the longer rallies will be
the team to the seam to come out on top,"
she Tech has managed to prevail in
of five-game matches this year
against A\&M and Colorado, but Wilson racked up 19 kills while against A\&M and Colorado, but Wilson racked up 19 kills while
will try to keep from going into hitting .515 in the match. She more than three games for the win also shut down the Raiders at the while on the road. net with four block assists and two $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Todd said it always comes down } & \text { solo blocks. } \\ \text { Junior out }\end{array}$ he team can keep playing defense
gainst their opponents.
"When you get to that point, you know you're going to have to serve at the end," she said. "You and you have to make less huge, and that's huge for our team to and that's huge for our team to lock and play defense."
The Tigers will try to extend T-match winning streak against ech, but the Raiders lead the all
me series, $12-9$.
Five Tigers were able to get into righ double-digits in their last meeting
with Tech. Sophomore outside with Tech. Sophomore outside Tech will travel one more time 21 kills, but it was junior middle to Colorado to face the Buffaloes blocker Nicole Wilson who had for a merning home to Lubbock the most impressive showing.
Nov. 9 .

Halfway through the season: How bout them Cowbovs?


#### Abstract

IRVING (AP) - A scrappy road win, an ugly road win and an even uglier win at home. Two impressive thumpings at home and three how the home and three how-the-heck-did- that-happen? losses. that-happen? losses. Yep, that makes 5 Yep, that makes $5-3$ - close to the high end of what optimistic Dallas Cowboys fans predicted halfway through this season. If it took you a second or two to sort out which game fit which pithy sort out which game fit which pithy description, that was kind of the point. description, that was kind of the point. They tend to run together after a while and, as players and coach love to say, "a win is a win and a loss is a loss." The important thing is no team in the NFC has more wins than Dallas NFC has more wins than Dallas. Since the season is at a stopping point, we might as well use the down point, we might as well use the down time to look back at what's already time to look back at what's already happened rather han trying to predict happened rather than trying to predict what will happen. So here's an award- filled review halfway throsh filled review halfway through a 2005 season that's starting to look like it could run several weeks into 2006: BEST FREE AGENT, OF- FENSE: Drew Bledsoe makes this one a no-brainer. Those who thought he was washed up at 33 after the Bills cut his up at 33 after the Bills cut him learned otherwise from the start of the seasen



first half. Like Bledsoe, he's had a few
And save some honorable-menmoments he'd like to forge, but the whose workload likely will increase good ones far outshine the bad. His with the injury to Al Singleton, and 41 tackles are second on the team Jay Ratifff, who had a sack and was
and his three interceptions are tops; making his presence felt until sustainand his three interceptions are tops; making his presence felt until sustainTerence Newman led Dallas with four ing a season-ending ankle injury.
Better idea, lee's wait eight Against the Giants, Henry had games before handing this one out. seven tackles, four passes defended, BIGGEST DISAPPOINTintercepted a pass at the 1 -yard line MENT, PLAYER CATEGORY: to stop New York's opening drive Julius Jones. and forced a fumble that led to a $\operatorname{In} 41 / 2$ games, he never had more field goal. He was rewarded with the than 85 yards and averaged 3.6 yards NFC's defensive player of the week per carry.
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from coach Bill Parcells: "He's done when he was hurt against Philadelfrom coach Bill Parcells: "He's done when he was hurt against Philad
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BEST ROOKIE, OFFENSE:
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Marion Barber III may end up with vinced he tuly is the team's is conMarion Barber III may end up with mis one. Or Yyson Thompson could back of the future. to sixth-round pick Rob Petitti for MENT, TEAM CATEGORY: In taking over at right tackle in training an upset, Washington. camp and playing every down through eight games.

Seattle is fresh on everyone's mind "He's pretty unflappable," Parcells and the way Dallas lost was brutal. B said. "He comes in, he kind of does his boys were against the Redskins. job, doesn't seem like the situation's Washington drove to the Dallas $\begin{array}{ll}\text { good job for us." } & 27 \text { on its first drive, lost } 12 \text { yards on } \\ \text { a sack the next play and had only }\end{array}$ BEST ROOKIE, DEFENSE: three more snapp in Cowboys territory With 24 tackles and four sacks, De- until late in the fourth quarter. Then
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