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Sasha Cohen falls twice but gets silver, while Emily Hughes (right) gets an impressive seventh.
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Life is a drag for these dancers.

QUOTABLES

"I'm really excited. I think it was a gift. I'm very pleased."

U.S. figure skater Sasha Cohen, who won the silver medal Thursday night despite falling twice. Shizuka Arakawa of Japan won the gold, the first medal for the Japanese in the 2006 Games. (AP)

"I lost a grandfather in the hurricane. To find a little kitty survived six months, that's great."

Tristan Carter of Atlanta, who was reunited with her cat Cupcake after losing it in Hurricane Katrina. Cupcake is one of 1,200 former pets that animal workers are trying to reunite with their owners. (AP)

"This is organized crime at its top level. This was planned and executed with military precision."

Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Leppard of Wednesday's pre-dawn robbery in the market town of Tonbridge, 30 miles southeast of London. Authorities blamed criminal gangs — not terrorists — for the heist that netted up to \$87 million. (AP)

STATE

Texan students arrested on drug charges at OSU

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Twelve Oklahoma State freshmen, including six from Texas, have been arrested in a drug sting involving an undercover officer who bought marijuana and cocaine inside and outside dormitories, police said.

The students were arrested Tuesday night in five dormitories following a six-week investigation. The freshmen were charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled and dangerous substance and conspiracy to deliver marijuana.

The Texas students arrested were Blake Borgstede, 19, of Colleyville; Gerald Brown, 19, and Justin Kennedy, 18, of Plano; Bradley Jones, 18, of Highland Village; Alana Garces, 18, of Coppell; and Bronson Meador, 19, of Grapevine.

NATION

Suspect captured in Ore. school shooting

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — A teenager shot and critically wounded a 16-year-old student at school Thursday, then fled to a diner, where he put the gun to his head before surrendering, police said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Aaron Dunbar said the shooter appeared to be a student. He was arrested shortly after the attack at Roseburg High School.

The school went into lockdown after the shots were fired about 7:45 a.m.

The victim, whose identity has not been released, was hit three times in the torso and once in the elbow, said Vic Fresolone, CEO of Roseburg's Mercy Hospital.

He "is doing very well, better than can be expected considering the bullet wounds," Fresolone said.

WORLD

Iraq begins curfew to help stem violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen killed dozens of civilians Thursday and dumped their bodies in a ditch, as the government ordered a tough daytime curfew of Baghdad and three provinces to stem the sectarian violence that has left at least 114 dead since the bombing of a Shiite shrine.

Seven U.S. soldiers died in a pair of roadside bombings north of the capital, and American military units in the Baghdad area were told to halt all but essential travel to avoid getting caught up in demonstrations or roadblocks.

As the country careened to the brink of civil war, Iraqi state television announced an unusual daytime curfew, ordering people off the streets Friday in Baghdad.

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Former Tech president honored

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore and the board of regents honored Donald R. Haragan, former president of the university, at the unveiling of his plaque Thursday afternoon.

President Whitmore and board of regents chairman Rick Francis presented the plaque to Haragan and Whitmore also spoke on Haragan's behalf.

"We are here today to celebrate his accomplishments and the history he has made here at Tech," Whitmore said.

Haragan was a part of several major accomplishments and held many positions in his 37 years at Tech, Whitmore said.

"He helped establish the academic center, staff senate and regular senator positions, the office of international affairs, the honors college, the university writing center and



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CURRENT TEXAS TECH President Jon Whitmore, left, speaks after unveiling a plaque immortalizing past Tech President and current professor in the Honors College Donald Haragan, center, who is standing with his wife, Willie.

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LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS

Child abuse awareness fundraiser attracts money, some strange looks



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C. TYE FREEZE, a sophomore advertising major from Dallas, collects donations while Justin Wommack, a junior math major from Mesquite, Amy Stanford, a freshman public relations major from Levelland, Steve Virant, a sophomore marketing major from Arlington, Sarah Engelbrecht, a sophomore international business major from San Antonio, and Jordan Larroca, a sophomore business major from Dallas, ride the seesaw for the annual Kappa Delta-Sigma Chi 48-Hour Seesaw-A-Thon Thursday afternoon at United Market Street.

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

Steven Virant stands in the center of a giant green seesaw, tottering from back to forth as he struggles to keep his balance, triumphantly holding a green balloon aloft as he sways from side to side.

"One child at a time!" he yells, garnering stares from the shoppers below.

This behavior is perfectly OK. Virant, and the other four students riding the seesaw are there to get people's atten-

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VP candidate says she filed SGA complaint

By MICHAEL CARDELL
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association election met controversy Wednesday when complaints were filed against three executive candidates for campaign violations.

The SGA election commission adviser, Ethan Logan, said presidential runoff candidate Greg McEvilly, Internal Vice President-elect Matthew Fowler and External Vice President-elect Chris Huff are the alleged offenders.

"A complaint was filed and we have found no reason to dismiss the complaints," he said.

Suzette Matthews, candidate for internal vice president, said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon she filed the complaint, and she withdrew it Thursday at approximately 5 p.m.

The election commission planned on holding a public hearing at 2 p.m. Friday in the Masked Rider room of the Student Union Building, Logan said, but Matthews said it has been canceled as of now.

According to the SGA Election Code, the commission can dismiss a complaint if it is not within two days of the election, the commission lacks jurisdiction, the complaint fails to state a cause, the complaining party has not suffered injury of damage and the complaint is not registered in good faith with the purpose of harassment.

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Lubbock Police arrest suspected gang members

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Police were successful throughout the past couple of weeks in arresting a number of criminals linked to gang activity, police officials said.

A Lubbock man was arrested Wednesday for aggravated assault, which occurred on Feb. 13.

James Bentley, 27, is accused of shooting 31-year-old Anthony Maze in the leg at a Wal-Mart parking lot at 72nd Street and Quaker Avenue, police said.

"Through our investigation, we have come to believe Bentley was trying to collect money Maze owed him concerning drug business," Lubbock Police Sgt. John Gomez said.

Maze rushed to a nearby Whataburger to call the police after being shot in the shin, police said.

When police arrested Bentley, drugs were found in his home, Gomez said.

"Eventually, more charges will be filed," Gomez said. "Controlled substances were found in Bentley's home, we are just waiting to receive the test results to determine what these substances are."

Police said Bentley is a known member of the Aryan Brotherhood gang, a white supremacist group.

On a separate occasion, another alleged

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Hindus believe in one god with three dimensions

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Hinduism is the world's third-largest religion after Christianity and Islam, yet it has no single founder.

Patricia Pelley, director of Asian studies at Texas Tech, said Hinduism is difficult to define because there is no one single being that founded it.

She said when the British came to India they observed things they did not understand, such as religious practices, monuments and

texts. She said the people the British were looking at and the practices they were observing probably would have been described locally as people who worshiped Shiva.

There are regional differences and class differences that the British initially did not understand, Pelley said. The British decided to put it all together and call it Hinduism.

"The people we now refer to as Hindus, before modern times did not describe themselves as Hindus," she said. "The idea of Hindu people and a religion called Hinduism is really a product of the British colonial

occupation."

Pelley said while the history of Hinduism might be hard to understand, the doctrine is simple.

"Despite the complexity of the Hindu text, practices and beliefs, the goal of Hinduism is pretty easy to grasp," Pelley said. "To summarize all this complicated stuff to a single concept, the goal of Hinduism is to escape this cycle of birth, suffering, death and rebirth."

In the West, Hinduism often is considered

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VISHNU: THE PRESERVER OF THE UNIVERSE AND EVER PEACE

In Brief

Culture in Cowtown tour registration ongoing
Texas Tech's Division of Outreach and Extended Studies will give a "travel-study arts tour" in Fort Worth. The tour, "Culture in Cowtown," will include visits at Amon Carter Museum, Kimbell Art Museum and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Registration fee is \$325 for people who sign up by Wednesday. Those who register after must pay \$375. People must be 50 years old or older. The bus will leave April 20 and will return April 22. For more information, call (806) 742-7200.

Kerns award to be presented March 4
Suzanne Aker of Lubbock has received the William D. Kerns Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Performing Arts, and will be presented March 4 at the Underwood Center for the Arts Gala. "(The award) is given to honor individuals whose outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of cultural arts have benefited and improved the quality of life in Lubbock," a recent news release states. As instructor for Covenant Community Outreach's senior executive program, she established a "ballet-based movement therapy class for breast cancer survivors," according to a news release. The award is named after William

Kerns, entertainment editor at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Engineering Cardboard Classic today
The Winter Olympics end Sunday, but different engineering-based student organizations will test their speed at today's "Cardboard Classic." To compete, their wheelbarrow must be strong enough to support somebody's weight, while they are being carried around the Engineering Key. "One wheel must be made entirely of cardboard, functional and load-bearing," according to a recent news release. The race is a part of "Engineering Month," and begins 3 p.m. today at the Engineering Key.

Complicated machine contest today
Texas Tech engineering students will display complicated machines to perform human tasks with the "Rube Goldberg Machines" they have created. "The machines must consist of at least two moving parts and incorporate at least eight steps in the process," according to a news release. The contest is named after Rube Goldberg, a cartoonist known for drawing complex machines that perform simple human tasks. The contest begins 12 p.m. today at Room 205 in the Civil Engineering

Building. Call Research Associate Phillip Nash at 742-2783 for more information about the event.

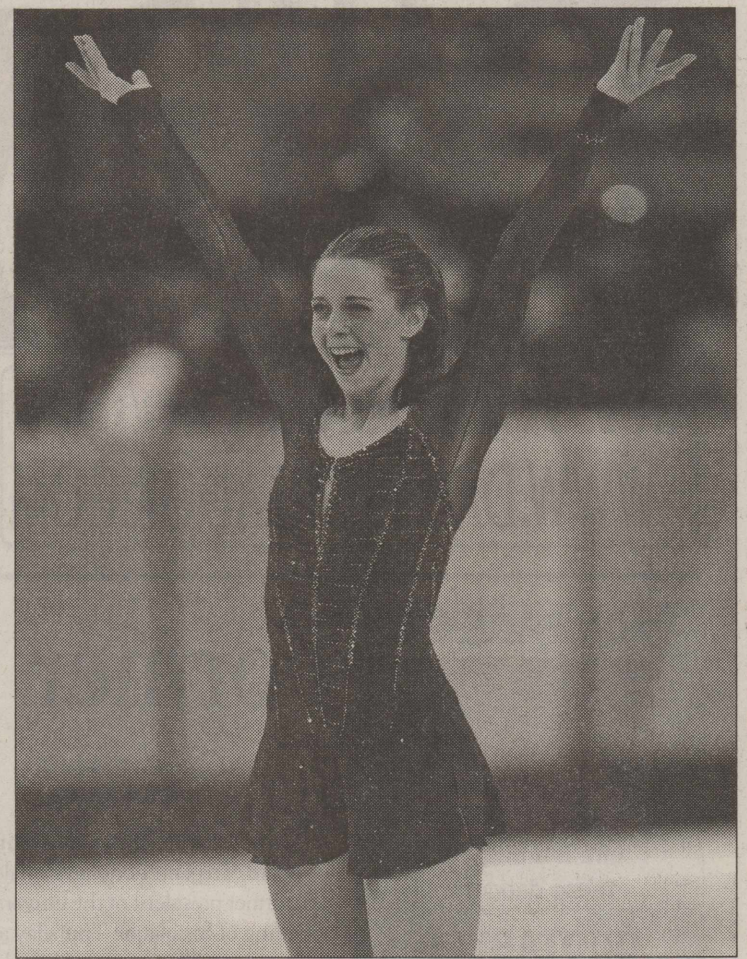
Breakfast Club meeting offers refreshments
Suzanne Whitley, Covenant Health System pharmacist, will speak to "The Your Heart Matters Breakfast Club" meeting today. She will present "Drug/Drug and Food/Drug Interactions: A Pharmacist's Perspective," according to a news release. The meeting is free and refreshments will be provided, the news release states. The "Breakfast Club" meeting will be 9 a.m. in the Arnett Room at the Covenant Health System's Lakeside Campus.

From the Oatmeal Box art now on display
The School of Art is exhibiting photography "From the Oatmeal Box." The exhibition will exhibit different forms of photography from around the world. "The exhibit presents recent pinhole camera photography by eight photographers from around the country," according to a news release. "Working with an assortment of objects transformed into pinhole cameras, from vans to Shinola cans, these artists present a variety of views on the world."

The reception begins 6 p.m. Saturday at the Art building's lobby and the photos will be up until March 12. Some pictures are available for viewing online at www.landmarkets.org.

Miss Lubbock competition Saturday
The Miss Lubbock USA beauty pageant will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Friendship Junior High auditorium, located at 500 Main St. in Wolfforth. Tyler Willis, Miss Texas 2005, will host the event, said Nancy Smith, Lubbock Director for Miss Lubbock USA and Miss Lubbock Teen USA. Willis's sister Casey Willis will provide entertainment. Smith said the majority of the nine Miss Lubbock USA contents are current or former Tech students. The event will be combined with the Miss Lubbock Teen USA pageant. The contestants for Miss Lubbock USA are Nicole Austin, Heather Katering, Kelly Kohlenberg, Christina Maqueda, Lupita Ramirez, Toni Schach, Stephanie Smith, Megan Sommerfield and Erika Ponce. Misty Cotton, Lacey Ellison, Whitley Gonzales and Macy Moses will compete in the Miss Teen Lubbock USA competition. Winners will go on to compete in the Miss Texas USA and Miss Texas Teen pageants. brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

SEVENTH HEAVEN



RON JENKINS / FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
EMILY HUGHES, OF the United States, celebrates following her performance during the 2006 Olympic Ladies figure skating short program Tuesday at Palavela in Turin, Italy. Hughes replaced Michelle Kwan when she withdrew with an injury. She finished in seventh place after the women's free skate Thursday.

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Logan said none of these criteria were met and the commission was prepared for the hearing. Matthews said though she withdrew the complaint, she has not ruled out filing another. "I withdrew it so I can investigate it further instead of having a complaint I wrote on an emotional high," she said. The alleged violators would have a chance to defend themselves before the commission, Logan said. "They will also have the opportunity to face their accusers and the people who filed the complaint will have the chance to rebut any reply from the alleged violators," he said. According to an advisory opinion released by the election commission, which addressed poster regulation issues all campaign posters have to be 11 inches by 17 inches; in the event the poster is to be attached to any other form of material, all materials must be 11 inches by 17 inches, as well.

Chairman of the election commission Ben Montecillo said he does not want to be prejudicial and refused to speculate on any outcome. He said Michael Coleman, Derek Pugh, Lauren Perry, Brittany Perot and himself might preside over the hearing if one becomes necessary. Fowler said he respects all the candidates he ran against and they have really good ideas. "It's an election, and it shouldn't be personal," he said. "The voters have to be the ones that make the decision." Matthews said she has until 5 p.m. Tuesday to resubmit her complaint if she chooses to do so. The original complaint regarded McEvelly, Fowler and Huff, and stated they campaigned in the Library, taking their posters and picket signs, which is against campaign regulations. It also stated the signs were too large, Matthews said. A presidential runoff between McEvelly and Ryan Worley is scheduled between 9 a.m. Tuesday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. michael.w.cardell@ttu.edu brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

Under-utilized service allows easy access to all things Texas

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
STAFF WRITER
Though it is not a new program, it is one that goes unnoticed by some citizens. The Web site, www.texasonline.com, not only provides citizens with a wide array of information, but also allows them to access certain services. Some online services include:
• Renewal of driver's license
• Ordering of driving records
• Renewal of vehicle registration
• Payment of taxes
• Obtainment of occupational licenses
• eFiling of court documents
• Ordering of birth, death or marriage and divorce records.
Users will also find information about how to handle parking tickets, travel, licenses of all sorts and several social services programs. If a citizen is curious about the history of Texas, that information

can be found as well. At the top of the page there is also an option for users to view the entire Web site in Spanish. There are also links to Governor Rick Perry's Web site, the Texas Department of Homeland Security, and the Texas legislative, and judicial branches. If one happens to win the lottery, there is also information about what to do after the fact. According to the Web site Perry says, "The State of Texas has brought many government services online to better serve residents and businesses. Through TexasOnline, we're making government accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." The site also lists five main purposes they seek to fulfill. They are to improve access to government information, to make the government for effective, to improve collaboration efforts, to expedite the functions of the government, and to encourage state agencies to use the Internet. michelle.casady@ttu.edu brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

9-11 report finds possible link between UAE, bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States raised concerns with the United Arab Emirates seven years ago about possible ties between officials in that country and Osama bin Laden, according to a section of the Sept. 11 commission's report that details a possible missed opportunity to kill the al-Qaida leader. Republicans and Democrats alike are raising concerns this week about the Bush administration's decision to let a UAE-operated company take over operations at six American ports, in part citing ties the Sept. 11 hijackers had to the Persian Gulf country. President Bush has called the UAE a close partner on the war on terror since Sept. 11. The Sept. 11 commission's report released last year also raised concerns UAE officials were directly associating with bin Laden as recently as 1999. The report states U.S. intelligence believed bin Laden was visiting an area in the Afghan desert in February 1999 near a hunting camp used by UAE officials, and that the U.S. military planned a missile strike.

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Maybe he's born with it: Recent study finds gene link in mothers of multiple gay sons

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Recent research has traced a link between mothers of multiple gay sons and specific genetic characteristics thereby marking the latest milestone in the nature versus nurture debate.

Nearly one-quarter of women who mothered more than one gay son processed X chromosomes in their bodies in distinctly the same way, said the study's co-author Sven Bocklandt, a researcher at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We didn't expect to see such a big result," Bocklandt said. "What we can conclude is that there is a genetic basis that has to do with sexual orientation."

Since females have two X chromosomes in every cell but only require one, they often inactivate one of the pair, he said. Through the study, scientists examined the patterns involving which of the two X chromosomes were routinely inactivated.

Bocklandt said the female body typically inactivates one of the X chromosomes at random, meaning that

roughly half of the cells would have one X chromosome inactivated and second half would have the other X chromosome inactivated.

He said when the researchers looked at women with more than one gay son, they observed that one-fourth of the

mothers had inactivated the same X chromosome in every cell that was observed.

"That is unusual because we don't see it in the control group," he said.

The study's pool of participants was composed of 97 mothers of gay sons, 44 of which had more than one

gay son, and 103 mothers without gay sons to compare how the two groups handled with X chromosomes.

While one-fourth of the mothers with more than one gay son inactivated the same X chromosome in every observed cell, 13 percent of those with one gay son did the same, and only four percent of mothers with no gay sons inactivated the same X.

"The next step is to hone in on the actual gene," Bocklandt said of his future research.

Lane H. Powell, a faculty member with the department of human de-

velopment and family studies, said although the research concerning sexual orientation is multi-dimensional, it points toward sexuality, a genetic characteristic rather than one molded by society.

"Most research points toward sexuality being inborn rather than cultural," she said. "The more we know and the more we ask questions the more we are seeing that it does seem to be genetic."

Still, Powell said it is possible for psychological pain rooted in early childhood trauma to affect someone's sexual orientation.

Additionally, Powell said homosexual and heterosexual relationships are more similar than they are different.

Jack Valinski, the executive director of Pride Houston, said he believes that despite the recent research linking genetics with homosexuality, there will still be people in the United States who are on both sides of the nature versus nurture argument.

"We in the GLTB (gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual) community feel like we were born this way," he said. "It is not a choice."

He said he believes that the United States will always be split on the issue.

"We've got a lot of ignorant people out there," he said.

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Hinduism

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a polytheistic religion because its followers worship multiple gods and goddesses; however, others consider Hinduism to be monotheistic do to the principle of Brahma, according to www.religioustolerance.org.

The Encyclopedia of Religion defines Brahma as "the One that is all, the sole reality." All things are created by Brahma.

Other people consider Hinduism as Trinitarian, meaning there is one God with three persons, Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the preserver; and Shiva, the destroyer, according to religioustolerance.org.

Mark Webb, a philosophy professor who teaches a world religions class, said Hindus worship many different gods. He said there is a god for everything.

"The different gods represent different qualities," he said. "The highest gods form a trinity."

He said one of the most popular gods is the elephant head god who is known to be very compassionate. He said everyone wants to pray this god because he is known as the "remover of obstacles."

Offerings are made to gods and goddesses on a regular basis, he said. He said some of the offerings include flowers, fruit and bowls of milk. He said the gods are treated as a human because they are washed and clothed like a person.

The offerings are not made in atonement for sin, but as an expression of appreciation to the gods, he said.

"They are made more as an expression of love to the god," he said. "Sometimes the giver hopes for something in return."

Gods are usually in people's homes, he said. There are gods in temples as well, he said. Sometimes there will just be one god and sometimes there will be many gods in a temple.

Jitu Gohel, the appointed person of the Lubbock Satsang Mandal, a Hindu association that promotes Indian and Hindu culture and spirituality among West Texans, said

there are different prayers for different gods.

"We say different prayers at different times," he said. "There are three main groups and each one says a different prayer to a different god."

He said there are about 400 Hindus in Lubbock, and there probably are 150 Hindu Tech students.

There are three regular weekly meetings, he said. Each meeting is spent in discussions and prayer.

"The Sunday morning service has been very punctual and regular for the past 12 years," he said.

"We've not missed one week."

Webb said the earliest and most authoritative scripture in Hinduism are the Vedas, which were composed around 1000 B.C. He said they are a collection of hymns to different gods and instructions for rituals.

According to the religioustolerance.org, there are four main goals of Hindus. The first and most important, dharma, is righteousness in religious life.

The second, artha, is success in their economic life.

The third, kama, is gratification of the senses, which include sexual, sensual and mental enjoyment.

The last, moksha, is liberation from the "samsara," the endless cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth.

There are around 837 million followers in the world. The most dominant Hindu countries include India, Sri Lanka and Nepal, according to religioustolerance.org.

Up until 1949 the caste system was used to determine a person's status, according to religioustolerance.org. There were four castes, Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Sudras, which decreased in status, respectively.

Discrimination of a person based on their caste, now is illegal, according to religioustolerance.org.

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"The goal of Hinduism is to escape this cycle of birth, suffering, death and rebirth."

— PATRICIA PELLEY
Director
Asian Studies

"Ekam Sataha Vipraha Bahudha Vadanti,"
—"The truth is One, but different Sages call it by Different Names"

British police suspect organized crime behind \$87 million movie-style robbery of English bank

TONBRIDGE, England (AP) — One of Britain's biggest and most audacious robberies was executed with military-style precision: One gang abducted the cash depot manager's family while another tied up guards and made off with up to \$87 million.

Police said they arrested a 29-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman Thursday in the robbery, which bore striking similarities to a 2004 heist in Northern Ireland and to the new movie "Firewall."

Authorities blamed criminal gangs — not terrorists — for the heist, and said the hunt continued for other robbers.

"This is organized crime at its top level. This was planned and executed with military precision," Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Leppard said of Wednesday's pre-dawn raid in the market town of Tonbridge, 30 miles southeast of London. No one was injured in the robbery.

The two suspects were arrested at two addresses in southeast London; police and forensic teams searched both locations.

"All I can say is that the arrests are significant," Leppard reporters on the steps of the Kent police headquarters. He said police have received more than 400 calls from people offering tips, but would not provide any more details on the investigation.

The heist at Securitas Cash Management

Ltd. began when some of the thieves, dressed as police officers, stopped the firm's manager about 20 miles from the cash depot as he drove home Tuesday night. The manager got into their car, which he believed to be a police vehicle, and was handcuffed, police said.

At the same time, a second team of masked thieves went to the manager's house in the town of Herne Bay and persuaded his wife and his 8-year-old son to go with them by saying the man had had an accident. The manager allegedly was told to cooperate or his family would be hurt.

At around 1 a.m. Wednesday, several hours after the manager was seized, the group holding him went to the cash depot. They tied up the manager and 14 other employees and then took about an hour to load the cash into a truck, police said. About an hour after they left, the staff managed to call police.

The Tonbridge raid bore similarities to the 2004 Northern Bank robbery that netted thieves \$46.1 million.

In both cases, thieves targeted a bank's cash distribution center — and used hostages to breach security. During both heists, police say, the raiders disguised themselves as police to gain the confidence of their victims.

"I would doubt very much whoever did

it had a terror link," Magnus Ranstorp, a terrorism expert at the Swedish National Defense College, said of Wednesday's robbery. "Normally, they don't go for high-risk ventures with massive amounts of law enforcement focus."

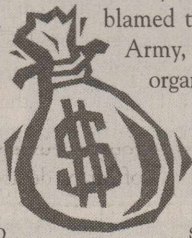
Three men, including a bank employee, have been arrested and charged in the 2004 robbery. International authorities have blamed the outlawed Irish Republican Army, but British police suspect an organized crime gang.

The Tonbridge robbery unfolded like the plot of the new movie "Firewall" starring Harrison Ford as a bank's security-software expert whose family is taken captive and threatened with death.

Police offered a \$3.5 million reward for information leading to the recovery of the Tonbridge cash — a stack that could weigh 900 pounds.

Authorities issued an all-ports alert but said they were trying to come up with descriptions of the robbers. Some wore balaclavas and goggles.

Video footage was released of a white van the robbers used to carry the cash. Several other vehicles used in the robbery were still missing.



Haragan

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lege, the university writing center and the university press," Whitmore said, just to name a few.

Since he became an associate professor of geosciences at Tech in 1969, he has been chairman of the department of Geosciences, associate dean of the college of arts and sciences, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, vice president for academic affairs and research, provost and executive vice president and president of the university until he resigned in August of 2000 to get back in the classroom.

He also served as the interim president when David Schmidt resigned in December 2002, until Whitmore was chosen in August 2003. Haragan also is rumored to be one of the front-runners for the interim chancellor position.

The board of regents may announce a decision on interim chancellor as early as today.

Haragan and his wife, Willie, are from Houston. Haragan received his bachelor's degree in science from the University of Texas in 1959 and his doctorate in 1969 from Texas, as well.

Haragan said he was overwhelmed by the presentation and thanked the regents for honoring his accomplishments.

"Willie and I are truly honored by the ceremony. This all could not have been done without the support of Willie and the accomplishments put in bronze are not mine alone," Haragan said. "I have been fortunate to have good colleagues, and I thank you for all your support."

Haragan went on to say he believes the best

way to get things done is to do them together and that his job was to make offers that no one could refuse.

Whitmore said one of Haragan's biggest accomplishments now is displayed in bronze.

After a president has been out of office for five years, their memory then is put on a plaque that will be displayed in the breezeway of the administration building for years to come.

Regent Robert Black said he believes it is important for students to understand the history of the university and the people who have helped contribute to the growth of Tech.

"The academic experience of the university is one thing but the overall experience is another," Black said. "It is important for students to be informed about the accomplishments and the history of their university and community because it makes them a better student and prepares them for their life."

Black also said when students are looking at a university to become a part of, they should look at the accomplishments and what the ongoing history of the university is because when people leave, the history carries on.

At the end of his speech, Haragan reflected on his time at Tech.

"Some usually have to go to university to university to find what they want but we (Willie and I) have gotten so much from Texas Tech," he said. "We truly appreciate this and feel very honored."

After the unveiling, there was a reception in West Hall for Haragan and the many guests who came out to honor him and his legacy at Tech.

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Environmental ethics

Whatever extent we possess as humans to shape the world positively, we possess at least equal ability to work to its detriment. So while we should praise our great advancements in the realms of sciences and technology (which certainly do exist), we simultaneously should not be reluctant to acknowledge that some of our activities, and even advancements, are problematic.

In particular, some of our advancements that have brought comfort or increased the quality of many people's lives have also generated enormous amounts of pollution. Pollution contributes to global warming. Even so, many people in our community simply don't believe that global warming is a threat or even a relevant issue.

But the time for this convenient denial of global warming is over. The optimistic supposition that the consequences of such a phenomenon will not negatively impact people's lives is drawing to a close.

Over the last decade, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change collected data from hundreds of scientists on this very issue. Overwhelmingly, they collectively agreed that yes, global warming is occurring, yes, the source is anthropogenic and yes, as a result we are altering both our atmosphere and biosphere.

The Millennium Ecosystem Report estimated that our ecosystems are so damaged that 60 percent of our life support systems have vanished. The World Watch Report found 30,000 species per year go extinct.

The scientific evidence that we are negatively affecting the health of our global ecosystems is becoming increasingly insurmountable.

As is often the case with such statistics, though, these numbers mean little to most people. What can they tell us about the quality of our personal lives? What does it mean if we lose the tigers or some insect or fish? A common response heard from many fellow students is either, "So what?" or "It won't affect me."

Just as easily one could ask, "What gives us the right to decimate the atmosphere?" or "What right do we have to destroy natural ecosystems?" After all, human existence is a small bleep in history when put into perspective with the enormity of time and the universe.

Perhaps the actions of today won't affect each of our personal lives, if we are very, very lucky. After all, no one knows exactly and definitively what the future may bring. Despite the ravaging of the environment, it is at least a possibility that you will be able to go on to graduate and secure a job, leading what seems like a pretty good life.

The kind of justice I am advocating, though, is not about just us. It is also about the rights of the three billion people on this planet who live in poverty, many who walk for hours a day to collect water that has been severely polluted, sometimes by industry that supports

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and enhances our own way of life.

It is about the rights of indigenous people, whose land they traditionally used for their livelihood is now being tagged for the disposal of radioactive wastes.

It is about those who come after us, our children and theirs, who will not be able to enjoy access to clean water if we continue to deplete our sources of drinking water at what is currently an unsustainable rate.

More than any monetary or material sum, our children will inherit the earth that we will collectively leave to them. Right now, we are stealing from them what was never ours to begin with.

Take the position of our own university on environmental issues. Despite the knowledge provided by scientists about the impact of pollution and the affects of the depletion of natural resources, we still lack a basic recycling program on campus. Although some universities in the Big 12 actually run recycling programs at a profit, Texas Tech officials have said the implementation of a recycling program is cost prohibitive. Yet we have the money to be considering a leisure pool and lazy river in a semi-arid environment and to spend tens of thousands of dollars planting ornamental cabbage, tulips and pansies rather than perennials.

The issue then isn't so much a question of availability of funds, but rather of priority. When it comes to the health of our environment, our university simply doesn't consider it important enough to do something about it.

As individuals, though, we should consider improving the health of our world a personal priority. In fact, we have a responsibility to at least try to make the world a better place. That begins with acknowledging some of the problems.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the legacy we left to our children was one of deep reciprocity with the earth, one representative of a harmonious balance that was enhanced rather than hurt by our presence?

What we need is an environmental ethic, a kind of civil rights movement for the earth. If enough of us stand together, we can change the trajectory of our current course and use the potential of human kind to truly leave this place better than we found it. We need a sense of eco-justice that will provide a sense of comprehensive compassion for not only all people, but all life.

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UAE purchase of ports latest Bush woe

Now I'm not one to kick a man when he's down, but I'd also be lying if I said I didn't find it a little amusing. Here is this president, besieged already with his failing health care policies, his fledgling Social Security privatization or his inability to justify his domestic surveillance program, and now he's having a row with congress over the purchase of shipping operations by a United Arab Emirates company, Dubai Ports.

Not only has it come to light that the transaction was not given the standard 45-day review period, but President Bush was not even informed of the deal because, according to White House press corps punching bag Scott McClellan, "the matter did not rise to the presidential level."

But while I personally find the whole situation somewhat satisfying, I must say that once again, the administration has a point.

OK, I feel like I need to take a shower after saying that.

Anyway, the fears expressed by members of congress and the media are that port security will be compromised if given over to a state-run company, especially since said state had direct ties to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Could you imagine if an Iraqi owned-company was

Dave Ring



about to take over roughly 22 percent of the nation's ports? And Iraq didn't even have anything to do with 9-11.

But there is a point that many people are ignoring. The majority of the dissent is pure political opportunism, by the Democrats and Republicans.

Right now is a good time to not be buddy-buddy with the administration. The rational wing of the Republican party is slowly distancing itself from the Faustian principles of the neo-cons from the Project for a New American Century. Iraq is falling into civil war, the truth about the administration's failure during Katrina is coming out, more people are living in poverty and uninsured than in decades and the conclusion of the CIA leak investigation and Bush's ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff are chasing away the White House's friends like the stinky kid who always smelled like piss.

For the Democrats, their hopes are that this will be one more bullet in their arsenal come November. The left has

struggled ever since its defeat in 2000 to find a singular voice to counter the Republican machine. They have been handed opportunity after opportunity to step up and stop playing passive voice politics, but have failed to do so with any great effect.

Sadly, framing the administration as soft on national security through the lenses of this port purchase is not going to work. If the Democrats want to point out the White House's shortcomings on this matter, they need to bring up serious topics like the continual lack of body/vehicle armor in Iraq, the cutting of non-retired military personnel benefits and the lowering of acceptance standards by our armed forces in order to stem the hemorrhaging recruitment levels.

But, just like the Dick Cheney shooting, this is less about the substance of the issue, and more about the context within which it fits. The administration has chronically manipulated the information it gives to the American people. I don't care that the Vice President shot a dude in the face. I do care that it took him 14 hours to call the cops, and he got away with it. I also care that it took the White House so long to own up to the facts. Many have poked fun at the possibility of Cheney being drunk when the shooting occurred and the rationale

that they knew the cost in PR that he would face by delaying the story was less than the full facts coming to light.

Now, with the approval of this port transaction, it isn't so much the act itself, but more in the way the administration failed to see such a negative backlash. Rove has made it clear that if GOP legislators want White House support in November, they better toe the line. But now he is facing a unified opposition against his boss.

It is the same businessman arrogance that got this CEO administration in such a storm in the first place. These men think they can keep secrets and coerce people into doing their bidding, and have been successful up until now.

So I say let Dubai make some cash off our consumerism. It isn't like our ports are secure anyway. There isn't really much we can do to actively prevent an attack. But what the administration needs to learn is the scope of its power. While Cheney, Rumsfeld and Rove all have been itching to push the limits of executive power, the encouraging thing is now we actually are seeing those limits push back.

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Rock 'n' Roll lifestyle; the rules for dating rock stars

Joey Kirk is a 21-year-old single white male. He is a quiet person who loves listening to light jazz music while taking a bubble bath. He also enjoys fine wine and long walks on the beach.

Joey Kirk is an intelligent, responsible, ambitious young man. What Joey Kirk is not, is a rock star.

Now, if you are an aspiring member of the future trophy wives of America, stop reading now. You are wasting your time unless you want to Facebook the forever-fabulous Mr. Kirk and proposition him for a hot date on the town.

If you like being back burner to everything in the life of your significant other, date a rock star.

Dating a rock star is easy. Rest assured, with a rock star, you never would have a hot date on the town. When you date a rock star the only place you ever go is to see other rock stars.

Do: No matter where you go when you are dating a rock star, there is one

Clara Cobb



important thing to remember — you are always single when in public. Although you know you are with the said rock star, it is imperative other people do not know you are together. Other people, of course, refer to the general public. Rock stars with girlfriends or boyfriends are not marketable.

Do: It is perfectly acceptable for you to hold jackets, lighters, business cards from entertainment editors or shots bought by overzealous fans. It is not acceptable for you to approach the rock star you are dating. You get one "hi" per show and that is it.

Do: Let everyone know you are dating a rock star when you show up wearing '80s inspired punk outfits. Make your hair as fat as possible (think bed hair) or chain smoke

with an extremely generous amount of eyeliner on.

Don't: Under any circumstance make goopy eyes. Limp-noodle, I'm-so-in-love with you, swaying as close to the stage as possible also is completely unacceptable.

Don't: Be a groupie. Groupies gather in gaggles. They wear designer panties. They travel in groups. They demand unnecessary attention and don't say anything funny. They often aspire, and fall short of, being a supermodel.

Do: Party like a rock star.

Don't: When you engage in such party antics, remember you are not a rock star, and therefore you are not immortal. Rock stars are immortal. Look at Keith Richards or Willie Nelson, for example. These men are never going to die. Duh! They are immortal. You may be thinking this concept is ludicrous. But if you don't think Willie Nelson is a rock star — you are dead wrong.

Don't: Drink on the band tab, un-

less a member of the group you're not dating invites you to. Then, you may have one drink, and by one drink, I don't mean one bottle.

So, really there is nothing glamorous about dating a rock star, unless you like sitting alone, not having your phone calls returned, being treated like a groupie and dressing slutty, except being able to tell other people you are "with the band."

If paying your own tab, staying out until 4 a.m. and being single is what you want from a relationship, date a rock star. The dos and don'ts are simple.

But if you want to go on a date, ladies, if you want to be treated like one, call Mr. Joey Kirk.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Raiders' kindness to Tulane after Katrina impressive

As I watch the Texas Tech-Oklahoma basketball game on ESPN, I can't help but swell up with pride at how well you guys represent our university. I saw a sign honoring the late Curt Gowdy (one of the greatest sports broadcasters in history who passed away Monday) and felt obligated to finally write a letter that has been well overdue.

I am a sports reporter in New Orleans. I covered the return

of the Tulane baseball program to the city and was fortunate enough to sit down and talk with the team's head coach, Rick Jones. The gratitude he had for the city of Lubbock and the students of Texas Tech almost made me well up with tears. He spoke of the sacrifice not only the baseball team made, but the entire university. When I came home for Christmas this past year I took my girlfriend,

who is from New Orleans, to the bookstore on campus at the UC (I believe it may be called the Student Union now). One of the first shirts we saw for sale was a TULANE shirt. We learned later of the "Together in Raiderland... We've Got Your Back" shirts.

I love living in New Orleans. Seeing those shirts and hearing the appreciation in the voice of Rick Jones' made me remember how thankful I am to be from

Lubbock, Texas. Thank you for representing our school and my hometown in a manner that would make any Techan proud.

Stay ornery, stay feisty... but always be compassionate. That's what sets us apart from the rest. God bless and thank you.

— Scott Cody
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residing in New Orleans

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Seminar emphasizes heart health

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Cholesterol and triglycerides are things college students should be aware of now and not wait to be concerned about when they are "old."

LeAnn Lawson, who works in the women's cardiac services at the Covenant Heart Institute and hosted a seminar about heart health Thursday, said college students should be getting their cholesterol checked and know about their families' history of heart diseases.

Lawson said it is important to maintain a healthy heart. She said a heart pumps five to six quarts of blood per minute, which is about 2,000 gallons a day. She said there are more than 60,000 miles of arteries and veins in a person's body.

She said as people get older, they have a higher risk of heart disease.

"As we increase in age, our risk factors increase," she said. "Family history is also a big factor in heart disease. People should really know what their family history is."

Flora Jean Hamby, who attended Lawson's seminar, said she believes people should learn early in life how to maintain a healthy life.

"I think it's important for children to learn from their parents about how to eat healthy at an early age," she said.

High blood pressure can increase the risk as well, Lawson said.

"Even just a slightly elevated blood pressure can raise your risk factors," she said. "It's a silent killer because there are no symptoms."

Stress is one of the main things that increase blood pressure, she said. Exercising is one way to reduce stress and blood pressure.

"You don't have to be a marathon runner to exercise," she said. "Exercising should be a fun thing. You can make your everyday life an exercise program."

Hamby said she has kept a regular exercise routine since she had a stint put in her heart eight years ago.

"I've been exercising three times a week for eight years," she said. "I think that's what's been holding me."

Rose Fruge, a vocal performance graduate student from Pampa, said she gets her exercise through daily activities.

"I don't necessarily like going to the gym," she said. "I think my daily activities are my exercise. Like walking to class, playing with my niece and nephew, and things like that."

Fruge said she believes eating healthy and regular exercising go hand in hand.

"I think it's important because this body has to last me the rest of my life," she said.

Lawson said exercise should have a balance of cardio and muscle training. She said muscles burn more fat, so some strength training is important.

"Pushing against a wall or lifting milk jugs can help your muscles," she said. "A half-gallon milk jug weighs four pounds."

She said exercise increases HDL cholesterol, which is the good cholesterol. LDL is the bad cholesterol.

"Remember H is for healthy and you want it high," she said. "L is for lousy

cholesterol and you want it low."

Eating monounsaturated fats can help increase HDL cholesterol as well, she said.

"If it says partially hydrogenated oil on it, then put it back on the shelf," she said.

Triglycerides are a type of fat in your blood, she said. It is the way your body metabolizes sugar.

Too much alcohol is not good for the triglyceride level, she said.

"Excessive alcohol turns to sugar and increases your triglycerides," she said. "College students should be aware of this. If they knew how many calories were in a margarita they would be like, 'Whoa!'"

Learning to eat balanced diet is important, she said. Portion sizes are important as well, she said.

Portion sizes are surprising, she said. Most people do not realize that a serving of cheese should be one ounce, which

is about the size of four dice stacked together. She said most people eat much more than that.

A serving of meat should be about six ounces or the size of a deck of cards, she said. Raw fruits and vegetables should be about one cup or the size of a baseball.

She said the problem people have when trying to lose weight is they cut down too much on their calorie intake.

"Most people eat too little calories when trying to lose weight," she said. "It sends your body into starvation mode and will keep their weight instead of lose it."

She said calorie intake should not fall below 1,200 calories per day. This will help people lose weight because it is not sending the body into starvation mode.

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Recommended serving sizes

Recommended servings for a 20-year-old male:
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Milk: 3 cups Beans and Meat: 5.5 ounce

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Gangs

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gang member was arrested.

Rachel Hardwicke, 35, and 20-year-old Chad Murphy were arrested last week for warrants relating to the Jan. 22 assault and kidnapping of 25-year-old Justin Hightower.

Hardwicke and Murphy allegedly kidnapped and severely beat Murphy, Lubbock Police Sgt. Jeff Baker said.

He said three warrants were issued, one each for Hardwicke and Murphy, and one for 24-year-old Aaron Smith. Smith has yet to be arrested.

Then, on Jan. 25 Hightower's car was found set on fire in an alley at the 3500 block of 42nd Street.

"At this time, Hightower was safe, but he was still hiding," Baker said.

After this incident, the police received a call from Hightower's father assuring his son was safe, he said.

During the investigation, police said they obtained information proving Hardwicke as a confirmed member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas gang, a white supremacist group.

Police said it is not known if

Hightower is a member of the Aryan Brotherhood, but he is believed to have some connection with his alleged attackers.

Baker said there have been numerous crimes recently where a member of the white supremacist gang was involved, including the incident when Bentley was shot at the Wal-Mart parking lot.

On Feb. 15, David Earnest was arrested for warrants concerning possession of a controlled substance and aggravated assault, police officials said.

Earnest allegedly was involved with a shooting at 7700 block of Memphis where he allegedly shot a man in the leg. Once police arrived, they found various drugs and weapons inside the house, police officials said.

Baker said all of the incidents involved at least one member of the white supremacist group.

Baker said he does not recall any events in the past that contained numerous actions of gang violence, but he did say gang violence did get out of hand over the past two weeks.

To report information on these or any crimes, contact the police Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.

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When life's a DRAG

By CHRIS ATWOOD FEATURES WRITER

Pulsating lights, rhythmic music and the ability to perform: these are the tools of drag queens across the nation.

In Lubbock, the second most conservative city in the nation according to a study by Bay Area Voting Research last year, being a drag queen is more difficult.

As she sat in her dressing room fixing her makeup, Zeréda Raven, a local entertainer and drag queen, said she has been doing drag as a hobby for 11 years. She also said doing drag, in general, is a difficult and time-consuming task.

"It's exhausting and painful," she said. Tape, corsets and making a masculine frame look feminine isn't necessarily comfortable, but most drag queens will agree it's not how you feel, it's how you look.

Raven said she spends much of her free time preparing for shows and getting in and out of costumes, but she said she does it all because she loves

to perform and has since she was younger.

Also, Raven said she believes there would be more appearances of drag queens outside of night clubs if Lubbock had a less conservative culture or if there was an area of town more comfortable with drag queens, and the gay and lesbian community in general.

While she said she never has been threatened, Raven said it is still uncomfortable to be gay or a drag queen in Lubbock.

"You're going to get looks wherever you are," she said.

Raven also said it is important to make a distinction between a drag queen, a person who is in drag when they are entertaining, and female impersonators or gender illusionists, who present their female persona all the time.

Lady Adonna, another local drag queen, has been entertaining for 23 years and always has lived and performed in Lubbock.

Adonna said she never had a negative experience in public. She also said she only does drag in nightclubs and keeps it strictly private to protect

herself. She said her family and friends are very understanding and supportive.

Being a drag queen, Adonna said, is expensive. She said she spends more money than she brings in, but does it because she loves to perform and she finds it fun. Also, she said new drag queens should learn from the experience.

"Young performers should learn from its excitement and entertainment," she said.

When the curtain finally comes to a close, the lights and music go down and the drag queens changing out of their costumes. Makeup is removed, heels are taken off and masculine clothing is adorned. The bar closes and the show is over — until the next week.

For more information and for showtimes, call Club Luxor at (806) 744-3744 or call Heaven Nightclub at (806) 762-4466. Luxor usually hosts at drag show Sunday and Heaven usually hosts a show Thursday.

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LEFT: Lady Sierra Nichole Skyler gets some help on the dance floor from a fan at Club Luxor. The club hosts regular shows once a week. BELOW: Lady Devon Nichole shimmies and shakes as she performs in a drag show.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solved puzzle section for Thursday's puzzle.

Art show, 'open paint jam' live Saturday

Skooners, located on University Avenue, will host a live art show featuring Colin Morse and Joel Kiser Saturday.

Jeremy Ham, general manager of the bar, said the experience is something unlike anything else in Lubbock.

"It feels more like you're in Austin," he said.

The two artists will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. They will bring in their own canvases and paint to the beat of their own music, which Ham said came from the alternative genre.

"They hang the canvas up, and then they do their thing," Ham said after seeing the act last time.

After the canvases are up and the beat is set,

two will start painting. When one turns from the picture to grab a new brush or sponge the other jumps in and picks up where his partner left off. In all, Ham said each painting takes about 20 minutes to complete, and at the end of the night, they will sell all their artwork.

"I even bought a few paintings last year," Ham said.

Each painting is priced anywhere between \$20 and \$25, Ham said.

"Colin showed me his portfolio, and that's how it began," he said.

The live art show will begin at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Skooners.

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Advertisement for 'The Cellar' liquor store, featuring various beer and wine deals for kegs, including Coors, Heineken, Bud, Miller Lite, and MGD.

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Advertisement for Jake's Backroom on Saturday February 25, featuring a 'Flock of Seagulls' event with doors open at 9 and tickets at \$10.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2006

Table of TV listings for Friday, February 24, 2006, listing channels, times, and program titles.

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Large advertisement for FOX 34 Missouri @ Colorado and Kansas State @ Oklahoma, with broadcast times for Saturday 12:30PM and Sunday 3:00PM.

Seesaw

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shifts from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

"It's neat to watch the people," said Amy Stanford, a freshman public relations major, looking down from her perch atop the seesaw.

"My favorites are the people who make a conscientious effort not to look at you," said Justin Wornack, a junior math major sitting next to her.

Stanford laughed.

"It's like, there's a giant seesaw, you're supposed to look," she said.

Ashley Witten, vice president of public relations for Kappa Delta, said she hopes the project will help remind people of the problem.

"It shouldn't hurt to be a child," she said, "and every child deserves a good life."

Witten said the group is interested in helping the Lubbock community in particular.

"We want to make the city of Lubbock a safe place for kids to grow up," she said.

Because of this, the group plans to donate 80 percent of collected funds to Lubbock's Children's Advocacy Center. Last year Kappa Delta raised more than \$15,000 for the center, and hopes to do so again.

Alaina Ham, a sophomore marketing major and member of Kappa Delta, said the group is one of the main supporters of the center, which helps provide a

safe environment for children dealing with abuse.

"Our mission is to bring together community resources to speed the recovery of victims of child abuse," said Catherine Bass, executive director for the Children's Advocacy Center. This includes providing counseling for victims, both the child and any non-offending parents, and providing a relaxed environment where the children can be interviewed about their case.

"They feel a lot more comfortable here," Bass said.

Kappa Delta is trying to help sustain that comfort. The group will be accepting new teddy bears as donations, to be given to children who visit the center.

Although the fundraiser primarily is sponsored by local businesses, the group is also collecting donations. The money for the center will be presented March 6, while the rest of the funds will be sent Prevent Child Abuse America, the sorority's national philanthropy.

Other chapters of Kappa Delta across the nation are also raising funds this weekend, as part of the sorority's Shamrock Event. The sorority has raised more than \$4.5 million to benefit child abuse prevention.

Stanford said she encourages people to come out, learn a little bit about the center, and join in the fun.

"It's a really good cause," she said.

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Africa comes to the Hub City tonight

The African Student Organization will have its annual "Night in Africa" show 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at International Culture Center.

Linda Lelo, a graduate student studying restaurant, hotel and institutional management from the Democratic Republic of Congo and vice president of the organization, said she believes this year's show will be the organization's most successful.

She said the show features dance, traditional and contemporary music, dramatic skits, and a fashion show from many different countries in Africa. The organization has many new and diverse members this year, she said, and the organization wanted to show more diversity in its show.

The point of the show's increased diversity among what African countries are showcased, she said, is to show the Texas Tech community Africa is not a country, but a collection of countries. The organization also welcomes people of all backgrounds to not only the show, but to its meetings as well.

Ed Steinhart, a history professor and the organization's advisor, said the event is an opportunity to present African culture to the Tech campus and the Lubbock community.

Steinhart said many people still tend to believe Africans live only in jungle huts and walk around naked, and the majority of the news coverage concerning the continent is negative. Sixty percent of people in Zambia, he said, live in modern, urban cities.

Steinhart said the organization created in 1984 because many of the African and black students of the time felt isolated in Lubbock and on the Tech campus.

Now, Steinhart said, the organization has membership of about 50 percent of the black population on campus. He said while Lubbock still can be somewhat unfriendly to minorities, it is not as bad as it has been in the past.

The show will be free, and the organization will be selling T-shirts. Lelo encourages students and faculty to come early because the show is expected to be a full house.

The University Democrats are hosting "U Dems Music Night" 7:30 p.m. today at J&B Coffee at 26th and Boston.

Rock 'n' roll is here to stay

Classic rock coming back as 'the next big thing'

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

For rock DJ Sean Dillon of KONE-FM Rock 101 in Lubbock, nothing is more satisfactory to him than a new generation of music listeners discovering the classics — and he isn't talking about Beethoven.

"I'm encouraged by the youth who are falling in love with The Rolling Stones and (Pink) Floyd," he said. "It really energizes us to see the next generation who will still light their lighters at a concert and scream play some more 'Free Bird.'"

Dillon has seen a shift recently in the music scene across the country. The younger generations are starting to return to the music their parents fell in love with 30 years ago.

"They'll always be a basis for rock music," Dillon said. "Rock music, when it comes down to the core, was about rebelling against society."

This rebellion led to bands such as The Doors and Lynard Skynard, he said. These bands still are getting the same kind of love they received back in their golden days. Shops such as Dillard's, The Buckle and Target are selling shirts of these bands.

According to Rolling Stone magazine, the largest tour last year was The Rolling Stones' summer tour.

Dillon said it was evident classic rock is getting a "new life" with the younger generation.

"Teenage boys are looking for ways to relate to their fathers," he said. Angela Mariani, a professor of the history of rock and roll at Texas Tech, said the younger generation is going through pop music and alternative quickly, and is looking for something else to grab hold of.

"I don't know definitely why they're going back to classic rock," she said. "I think people just have access to their parents record collection."

Mariani said the generational gap between her and her parents was much larger than the one between parents and children these days. With teenagers discovering The Doors and Led Zeppelin, they are reconnecting with their parents and the music that defined a generation.

The band Good Charlotte was quoted on MTV News saying their next album would abandon their punk roots and adopt a more classic rock feel because the only way to survive the test of time is having that type of sound.

"Commercialism is dominating the rock world," Mariani said. "People are looking for something they're not finding in rock music today."

She said she wonders if the reason people are reverting back to the classic rock genre is because of dissatisfaction in what they are hearing in today's popular music.

Josh Justice, station manager at KTXF-FM, said people want something different. He said people want a place to go and they are starting to go back to the old mainstream music. However, that might not be a good thing.

"There are so many musicians out there who are still alive and need your support and money," he said. "I wish people would give them the attention they deserve."

He said some of the classic rock is good music, and the reason why people are



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JAMIE MUSHINSKI, A junior advertising major from Houston, checks out the Junkfood T-shirts, re-creations of Pink Floyd, Bruce Springsteen and Rolling Stones concert shirts at JonLisa Exchange Tuesday afternoon.

reverting back is because of a lack of quality in the mainstream music today.

"Who are they supporting?" he asked. "They're just giving the studio executives more money."

Jonathan Hjelnervik, a junior animal science major from Eagle Point, Ore., said classic rock has subtly become the new alternative genre.

"Pop music has just become so plain," he said.

Alternative music is just what it sounds like; it is an alternative to the norm, Dillon of Rock 101 said.

Punk music does not have a claim to the genre, and slowly classic rock has started to fill the void that punk has left, he said.

Hjelnervik said he grew up with the classic rock genre by listening to it with his older brother. Now he is in college, and he still rocks out to bands like Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, and (Pink) Floyd.

Kori Brame, a senior a human development and family studies major from Skellytown, said she believes the current phase of classic rock is coming from more attention to the older bands.

"You're hearing a lot more about The Rolling Stones and what they're doing now," she said.

With The Rolling Stones playing in the Super Bowl this year, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers going on tour last summer, classic rock still is evident. She said as far as wearing the clothing of the bands, it might not be so much out of support for the music.

"Right now vintage is in style," she said.

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Raiders take their mark at Big 12 Indoor Championships

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

It is one of the reasons athletes compete: the desire to be a champion.

The Texas Tech track and field team heads to Lincoln, Neb., today for the 2006 Big 12 Indoor Championships.

"I think we are ready," coach Wes Kitley said. "Right now we have a couple of injuries. Nothing too serious — just some nagging injuries. The closer we get to the meet the more anxious I get."

At the 2005 Indoor Championships, both the men and women's teams finished in fourth place, the best showing in school history for both teams.

This year's championship will include five Olympians, 16 NCAA Champions, 58 All-Americans and 25 returning champions from the 2005 Big 12 Championship.

"It is one of the deepest fields I have ever seen," Kitley said.

Six Big 12 men's teams currently are ranked in the Top 20 nationally including Tech who is ranked No. 20. Tech is joined in the Top 20 by Texas (No. 2), Nebraska (No. 6), Baylor (No. 11), Kansas (No. 13) and Texas A&M (No. 14).

On the women's side Texas is ranked No. 1 and is joined by Big 12 schools Nebraska (No. 5) and Texas A&M (No. 20).

In individual action, Tori Polk is ranked fourth in the long jump by Trackwire 25. Polk has the nation's third-best jump of 21-2 3/4.

"Tori Polk is our best chance to win an individual event," Kitley said.

Polk said she considers herself a favorite in the event.

"I guess I am one of the favorites," Polk said. "But you never know who could step up."

Polk also runs for the 4X400M relay team.

"We are semi-inexperienced," she said. "We showed a lot of potential early in the season."

Polk said she believes a Top 6 finish for the women would be a good showing.

"I think one through six would be a good accomplishment," she said. "Especially considering where Tech was before Coach Kitley came here."

Also ranked in women's individual action is Misty Coley. Coley is ranked 10th nationally in the high jump.

In men's action, ranked athletes include: Zach Glavash (fourth in the 800M), Andrae Williams (11th in the 400M), Bobby Most (11th in the pole vault) and Daryl Burgess and Marlon Odom in the 60M hurdles. Burgess and Odom are seated ninth and 11th, respectively.

The team will try not to put too much pressure on itself at the championships, Harris said.

"We have the mindset like any other meet," he said.

Harris also runs on the men's 4X400M relay team, which is ranked seventh nationally.

"We feel confident," he said. "We shaved three seconds off of our time in the last two weeks."

Kitley said while he hopes his team competes hard, winning is not the most important thing.

"We are really just gearing up for the outdoor," he said. "Last year on the men's side, we finished fourth at the Indoor Championships and then won the Outdoor Championship."

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On the road again: Tennis heads to Colo.

By CLARA COBB
SPORTS WRITER



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Treador

THE RED RAIDER tennis team prepares to head the airport Thursday where they traveled to Colorado where they will play three matches against Air Force, Colorado, and Colorado State.

The wind was biting cold Thursday morning as the Texas Tech Red Raiders loaded up for an even colder climate in Colorado.

The No. 65-ranked team is ranked 4-3 for the season, and 1-0 in conference play.

In Colorado, the women's tennis team has more than low temperatures and cold wind to battle.

No. 42 Colorado is a rival for the team, who defeated the Big 12 opponent, 5-2, in 2005. The Lady Buffs have yet to take a conference win, as they sit 0-1 in conference play.

"We are really confident right now," sophomore Cigdem Duru said. "They're ranked, and if we beat them, we'll have a better ranking, too."

The Lady Raiders will take on Colorado Saturday, but first will face Air Force Friday and have to finish, regardless of Saturday's outcome, back in Colorado Springs, Colo., against Colorado State Sunday.

One could say they're keeping track of their frequent flyer miles.

"We've been on the road three weeks, and we have three more weeks to go," Duru said as she lifted her bags into the back of assistant coach Kendall Brook's car. "We can do it. We balance our time on the road."

Coach Cari Groce said she has confidence in her team on and off the court.

"Our athletes know they have to put in twice the amount of time the average student does," Groce said. "There's not a lot of extra time."

Tara Browning knows what bal-

ance is all about. The senior said she is used to the travel. The team, she said, spends about 75 percent of its time on the road.

"It's hard missing so much time, but the teachers are pretty understanding most of the time," she said as she waited for the flight to Colorado. "As much as we're on the road, we have a lot of down time. There's three girls with their books open right now."

School is not the only thing the Raiders have to make time for between jetsetting.

"There's always time for friends. Otherwise, you go insane," she said. "We're lucky — we have a great group of girls, and we're all friends. It's very nice."

While balancing life and tennis isn't a problem for these players, being on the road for the next nine matches might,

be they said.

Is there a home court advantage? "Definitely," Groce said. "The tennis atmosphere in college is nothing like the Wimbledon. It's more like a soccer atmosphere. We make a lot of noise."

Browning agreed. She said the team's tournament in New Mexico, the support the Raiders had from the staff and from each other — and the accompanying cheering — made the match feel "more like it was at home."

The Raiders are back on the road all weekend as they bounce between Colorado Springs and Boulder, Colo.

"Sure, it's difficult," Groce said. "But that's the society of tennis. They're used to it. You learn early on to balance the two."

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Rangers excited about Wilkerson's versatility

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Outfielder Brad Wilkerson's ability to get on base offers the Texas Rangers another option at the top of the batting order.

Wilkerson, who came to the Rangers in the offseason trade that sent Alfonso Soriano to Washington, hit only .248 last season, but he walked 84 times for a .351 on-base percentage.

"That's what you want to see at the top of the lineup," manager Buck Showalter said Thursday. "Plus, the position is changing, especially in the American League, to one that

produces runs. He certainly is a strong candidate."

Of Wilkerson's 140 hits last season, 60 went for extra bases (42 doubles, 7 triples and 11 home runs). He drove in 54 runs and scored 76 times.

"He's always been good at getting on base, and he has a real good feel at the plate," said hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo. "He's really good with runners on base."

Wilkerson, the only active player in the major leagues to hit for the cycle twice, sees himself as an all-around hitter.

"We've talked about me leading off, and that's fine," Wilkerson said. "I'd also feel comfortable being a No. 5 hitter."

Wilkerson, a first-round pick of the Montreal Expos (33rd overall) in 1998, is adjusting to the trade. The Montreal franchise moved to Washington last year.

"I've never played for any other team but Montreal," he said. "It was a shock, but we really have a good team here. We're looking for good things."

Wilkerson will miss the hoopla that surrounded playing in the nation's capital, but he said he's happy to be with the franchise that preceded the Nationals there.

"I will never forget Opening Day. The President throwing out the first pitch. All the fans cheering. A special moment," Wilkerson said. "We fell short of some of our goals there, but I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do here."

BRIEFLY: Texas Rangers closer Francisco Cordero said Thursday a sore shoulder will keep him from competing for his native Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN RED RAIDER SPORTS

TODAY

TEXAS TECH TRACK Big 12 Indoor Championships 10 A.M., LINCOLN, NEB.

TEXAS TECH TENNIS WOMEN AT AIR FORCE 10:15 A.M., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

TEXAS TECH TENNIS MEN VS. LAMAR 1 P.M., McLEOD TENNIS CENTER

TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL VS. UNLV/V.S. ARIZONA 2:30/5 P.M., PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

TEXAS TECH BASEBALL VS. TEXAS-ARLINGTON 6 P.M., MIDLAND COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

SATURDAY

TEXAS TECH TRACK Big 12 Indoor Championships 10 A.M., LINCOLN, NEB.

TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL AT OKLAHOMA ST. 12 P.M., GALLAGHER-IRA ARENA

TEXAS TECH TENNIS WOMEN AT COLORADO 12:15 A.M., BOULDER, COLO.

TEXAS TECH BASEBALL VS. ORAL ROBERTS 6 P.M., MIDLAND COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL VS. LSU/V.S. FRESNO ST. 5:30/10:15 P.M., PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

SUNDAY

TEXAS TECH TENNIS WOMEN AT COLORADO ST. 10:15 A.M., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

TEXAS TECH TENNIS MEN VS. NEW MEXICO ST. 12 P.M., McLEOD TENNIS CENTER

TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL VS. TEXAS 3 P.M., FRANK ERWIN CENTER

TUESDAY

TEXAS TECH BASEBALL VS. ARIZONA ST. 3 P.M., PACKARD STADIUM

WEDNESDAY

TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL AT BAYLOR 7 P.M., THE FERRELL CENTER

TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL VS. OKLAHOMA 7 P.M., UNITED SPIRIT ARENA

TECH TRYING TO EVEN BIG 12 RECORD AT OSU

Coach Bob Knight has overcome many challenges to achieve the success he has in his career. But this season, if he hopes to get his Red Raiders into the NCAA tournament, he needs to do more than beat the odds—he needs a miracle.

Knight knew entering this season there were question marks surrounding his team, and as the end of conference play draws near, he's gotten answers, but probably not the ones he wanted.

Tech (14-13, 6-7 Big 12) will travel to Stillwater, Okla., Saturday to take on an Oklahoma State squad that has also suffered through its share of adversity this season.

The Cowboys (14-13, 4-9) have had to deal with the loss of longtime coach Eddie Sutton who has taken a medical leave of absence after being cited with a DUI. OSU responded by rallying for an emotional 81-60 win against top-ranked Texas Feb. 11, but has since fallen to Iowa State 68-52.

Both Tech and the Cowboys will be looking for a win to provide them with momentum heading into the Big 12 tournament. Winning the conference tournament is likely the only way for either squad to find their way into the Big Dance in March.

But preparations for any lingering hopes of postseason play begin Saturday and both squads will look to their backcourts to show them the way.

The Raiders' will continue to lean on junior guard Jarriss Jackson to provide them with a viable scoring threat, and the Cowboys will try to counter with sophomore sensation James On Curry. Jackson and Curry average 20.1 and 13.7 points per game, respectively.

Following the game with OSU, Tech will round out conference play against Baylor in Waco Wednesday, and back home against Texas A&M March 4.

—Troy Shipman/Sports Editor

LADY RAIDERS NEED WIN AGAINST RIVAL HORNS

Two games. That is all the Lady Raiders have left on their schedule as the team makes a final push for a bid in the NCAA Tournament.

Texas Tech (13-12, 8-6 Big 12) will travel to Austin Sunday to take on the Longhorns (13-12, 7-7), trying to stay in the upper half of the Big 12.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the team will need to continue to win to stay in the hunt for an NCAA Tournament berth.

"I think if they (the NCAA) follow a format they have set out," she said, "we would get in based on our conference record."

The Lady Raiders guaranteed themselves at least a 500 record in the Big 12 by winning their game against Kansas Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

LaToya Davis continues to anchor the Tech offense with her constant inside presence, which teams have struggled to adjust around during games.

"She's a fantastic player," Kansas coach Bonnie Henrickson said of Davis' performance Wednesday night. "She's got great body control, great touch around the rim, and she works hard."

Tech dominated last time out against Texas, winning the contest, 84-63, behind Davis and junior Alesha Robertson, who combined for 44 points.

Sharp said a win will be of the utmost importance for her team, who still trails the Longhorns in the latest RPI rankings, according to ESPN.com.

—Travis Cram/Senior Sports Writer

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