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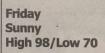
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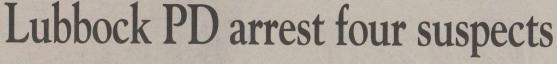


Wednesday Sunny High 100/Low 73





View the weekend forecast in Friday's paper.



By PAUL ROBERTS SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Lubbock police arrested four suspects for alleged gang violence after the hospital in critical condition last clubs."

Jamaur Sanders, 26; Adrian Laben connection with the shootings. Walker, 26; and Larry Charles Williams Jr., 24, were arrested Thursday in connection with the drive-by shooting that occurred at the 600 block of 59th Street Wednesday, according to police.

Undra Lamar Baker, 21, was listed in critical condition Thursday at University Medical Center. Police said he still is in critical condition.

Sgt. Jeff Baker of the Lubbock Police Department said this drive-by shooting is connected with alleged

"Basically, there has been ongoing said. violence between two sides," Baker a drive-by shooting sent one man to domestic disputes at bars and night-

"Our investigators are continuing to look into these disputes," Baker said.

According to police, Baker was outside his grandmother's house around 2 a.m. Wednesday when a vehicle, described as a maroon Lincoln or Cadillac, approached and guns were fired from the windows, hitting Baker. Several bullets damaged other homes where families slept, but no one else was injured, police said.

There is no connection with a paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

gang violence and several other violent similar shooting that occurred the events caused by an ongoing dispute. day before just six blocks away, police

Three people were shot after a said. "Beginning from arguments and dispute just before noon last Tuesday at the 1300 block of 65th Drive, police said. The Lubbock PD responded to He said there still are a number a domestic dispute call when a black Raymond Lee Jefferson, 27; Steven of suspects police are investigating in male shot three people. One was hit in the stomach, one man was shot in the hand and the other in the leg.

> The victim's were sent to the UMC Tuesday, though none were listed in critical condition.

> "I can now say these two disputes are not related," Baker said. "They are two totally separate events."

Police are asking anyone with any information concerning these disputes or events related to call Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.



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Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." Photo courtesy

11 people injured in NYC building gas explosion

NEW YORK (AP) — A four-story building housing doctors' offices collapsed and burned in an apparent gas explosion Monday after what witnesses described as a thunderous blast that rocked an upscale neighborhood just off Madison Avenue. At least 11people were injured — five civilians and six firefighters, the Fire Department said. One of the injured was the doctor who owned the building and was pulled from the rubble after communicating with rescuers by phone, fire chief Nicholas Scoppetta said.



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Interest rate increases make paying loans more difficult

By DANIELLE NOVY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Students struggling to pay off college loans now have another burden to bear in the aftermath of an early July increase in the interest rates of Stafford loans.

Kristin Rickard, a federal financial aid consultant, said July 1 marked a jump on college students across the nation. in the interest rate of this widely used college payment tool from 5.3 percent to 7.14 percent on old loans, while new loans now are attached to a 6.8 percent \$2,561 more in college loans, according interest rate.

"Students who are already making payments probably noticed that their tor for Campaign for America's Future, monthly payment went up," she said. "It could have gone up \$10 or \$30 a month - maybe more."

increase has already produced a number because they simply cannot afford to," of students complaining about the added he said. "These are the fields where we expenses, there is little that can be done need the best and brightest. To compete at this point in time.

"It is really something that is set by can go to college"

the federal government," she said. "A lot of people complain, but that is not really going to change anything. The federal government is going to make whatever as they pay off their student loans. changes are necessary."

voicing their concerns with the ramifications that the increase will be bestowed

The research arm of the Campaign for America's Future estimated that Texas students will have to pay \$2,130 to to a press release.

Earl Hadley, the education coordinasaid he believes students are already feeling the impact of boosted interest rates.

"Students are not entering certain for borrowers. Rickard said although the recent fields such as teaching and social work globally, let's make sure that all students edworkforce.house.gov.

Additionally, Hadley said individuals who are fresh out of college often are forced to put their personal lives on hold

"We know that graduates have to Meanwhile, some groups are already take their time with buying a house,"

> Still, Hadley said he is optimistic about the role students can maintain in helping to shape their own financial

"Students need to force congress to listen to their needs," he said. "This is not something we need to sit back

The Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act of 2006, for example, is one bill that is fighting to cut interest rates

For more information on efforts to stop the increases in interest rates or to get involved, visit the Committee on Education and Workforce's Web site at

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Mass. court backs gay marriage on ballot

BOSTON (AP) — The same court that made Massachusetts the first state to legalize gay marriage ruled Monday that a proposed constitutional amendment to ban future same-sex marriages can be placed on the ballot, if approved by the Legislature. The ruling was in a lawsuit brought by gay-rights supporters who argued that Attorney General Tom Reilly was wrong to approve the ballot measure because the state constitution bars any citizen-initiated amendment that seeks to reverse a judicial ruling.

Chechen rebel leader dies in truck blast

MOSCOW (AP) — Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev, responsible for modern Russia's worst terrorist attacks, was killed Monday when a dynamite-laden truck exploded in his convoy, Russian officials said. Federal Security Service head Nikolai Patrushev told President Vladimir Putin that Basayev had been killed overnight in Ingushetia, the area of southern Russia that borders Chechnya. Patrushev's meeting with Putin was shown

Spacewalkers help repair space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With a gentle tug and a bit of a grunt, two spacewalkers from the shuttle Discovery removed a faulty part from the international space station's crucial rail car Monday. Astronauts were swapping out a severed cable reel, which provides power, video and data.

Pakistani passenger plane crashes, kills 45

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP) — A passenger plane slammed into a wheat field and burst into flames minutes after takeoff Monday in eastern Pakistan. All 45 people on board were killed, officials said.

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Media makeover

Celebrities, sports figures cluttering pages, images of today's press

By CHRISTINE ACKER DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Here's a Infotainment and celebrity coverage quick quiz: Who are your two United are not bad things, nor do they need States senators? Here's another: Who to disappear. won the Heisman in 2005? And another: What does Brangelina mean?

answer the last two questions, but people will never go to Iraq, so they maybe not the first. Although this is less common on college campuses, people care more about celebrities, fashion with Washington, D.C. But if the or sensationalist news such as Natalee media rarely covers these incidents, Holloway's disappearance than about the public is left ignorant and unable real news, like genocide in Darfur or why to take action against policies they we're in Iraq.

However, it may not be your fault. Blame it on the media: Reggie Bush, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have received much more publicity than John Cornyn time and energy reading the news and Kay Bailey Hutchison.

it is no small wonder that much of the opt out, or go to CNN.com and read United States remains uninformed and the homepage. But CNN.com's stories ignorant. Our world is one of infotain- are guilty of infotainment, too: While

a driving force of humanity. People pay sacre," the headline next to it reads, attention to things they find interesting. The challenge is to get them to Cooper talks to Dave Chappelle about find politics as interesting as celebrities. Infotainment sort of does this, but instead of making important news interesting, street, with the media trickling down they take pictures of Shiloh Nouvel to the apathetic public whatever Jolie-Pitt.

about the news, therefore causing the media to publish what sells? Or do people not care about the news because it's not to make a massive reformation, it's up as easily accessible? It's probably a little

The media needs a makeover, al-people's lives.

though instead of adding couture, highlights and some Chanel sunglasses, it needs to strip them away.

The media are how people communicate and reach each other, If you're like most people, you can especially around the world. Most rely on the media to tell them what's going on. Same with Darfur. Same do not like or help people around

On the other hand, our busy lives leave us much less willing to spend when we'd much rather relax. Being With such skewed media priorities, informed takes effort, so many people there is a headline reading "Children People like to be entertained — it's among 40 killed in Baghdad 'mas-"Why, Dave, why? CNN's Anderson his decision to leave his hit show."

It doesn't have to be a one-way tidbit sells papers. If consumers show Is it consumers' fault for not caring more interest in real news, the media will cover more real news, and vice versa. But, unless the media decides to the consumer to make the effort to be informed about issues that change





Gay marriage debate needs revision, refocus

By LEE R. HEERTEN DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. Last week millions mourned and others rejoiced as the presumed death On Friday, the New York Supreme consciousness. Court ruled against legalizing same-sex marriage in a state that has become synonymous with liberal thought.

Suddenly, the overwhelming optimism that has accompanied the gay rights movement since Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage in 2003 dissipated. The assumption that nothing could stop the inevitable progression of civil rights was abandoned.

Instead of unrealistic optimism, an unfounded pessimism has fallen over the gay rights movement. It seems the idea of being defeated in a state like for gay rights leaders. At the same time, social conservatives are celebratlegal and political triumph.

this decision out of proportion.

New York's court ruling should not

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be viewed as the end of the gay rights marriage. movement. In fact, it is an opportunity. Gay rights activists have been so focused on the marriage issue that

The struggle to achieve same-sex marriage has overshadowed efforts to increase funding for HIV/AIDS research and to improve the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS. The promotion of hate crime legislation and the prevention of school and workplace discrimination, areas that of the gay rights movement, it is also once showed promise, have also taken a backseat to the issue of marriage.

Same-sex marriage is viewed as the end-all answer to creating a supportive environment for gay couples and families. It ignores other important New York is simply too much to take options, including civil unions, domestic partnerships and lesser adopting restrictions for gay couples that courts. However, no open-minded or ing this decision as an empowering could more quickly create a positive undecided court is going to be swayed environment for gays than same-sex by New York's ruling. If anything, the Both sides have completely blown marriage. Making these advances courts will frantically try to distance realities would also provide a stronger themselves from such a logically unbase from which to push for same-sex

Gay rights advocates need to take a moment and reflect on their goals and the best way to achieve them. It's posother struggles, equally if not more sible that same-sex marriage should be important, have been ignored and a priority, but the early success of the knell of the gay rights movement rang. pushed out of the political and public issue and the subsequent controversy surrounding it has made gaining a clear perspective difficult.

Yes, the New York court's decision is a setback, but it's also an opportunity for gay rights advocates to rethink their approach instead of being blindly pushed along by previous success.

Just as the decision is not the end not a major victory for the right wing. The logic and reasoning used by New York Supreme Court is so poor it's pathetic. The decision is a mindless regurgitation of baseless, homophobic propaganda.

The decision may be used as precedent for other, like-minded sound opinion.

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'Pirates' walks plank in sequel

Depp's performance sinks in comparison to original, director keeps movie afloat

7ith sequels it's always a gamble of whether they will sink or swim when compared to the original. In the case of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," the only thing keeping the film afloat is an artist eye by the director, Gore Verbinski.

Verbinski, who directed the original as well as the second sequel, which is due out next year, has always showed a skill behind the camera. In "Pirates: Dead Man's Chest" he takes a lot from his previous works, such

starts out from the beginning where Keira his soul to Davy Jones, a sea God, for 13 Knightley's character kneels in her wedding dress in a downpour, and continues to the end where the characters visit a hut in a swamp.

However, even Verbinski could not save "Pirates" from becoming what all sequels become: a bigger budget film with a thin plot to go along.

In the sequel, Orlando Bloom and Knightley are set to wed, but a lord in the East India Trading Company interrupts their white wedding. The two are put in the gallows and sentenced to death.



Bloom is then given the option of either dying, or completing a task for the lord. The task: find Johnny Depp's character, Jack Sparrow, and bring back his compass, which everyone believes is broken.

As a side plot, Sparrow has become a The hauntingly eerie feel of the film marked man. Thirteen years ago he traded years of being captain on the ship, The Black Pearl. The only way to escape this fate is to find a chest with Jones' heart in it. Whoever controls the heart, controls Jones.

> The movie is filled with elaborate action sequences, giant squids, ghosts, monsters and buried treasures. The only thing missing is the trademark character made by Depp in

Depp's performance is passable, but it is nowhere near what he did in the first film. He doesn't have the same quirky attitude and almost all the jokes he makes are the

same ones he made in the first film. Here's a tip, let the rum thing die. It was funny, but stopping beating a dead horse.

Through and through, "Pirates" is a straight high-sea adventure. It has all the trademark signatures of a Sinbad film only with better directing.

The two and a half hour film is a bit long and feels such in a few places. The dialogue tends to drag when Depp is not on screen, and the pacing is a bit all over the place.

The movie ends in a cliffhanger, however audiences will have to wait until next May to find out where the story goes. Both movies were filmed at the same time, but the third installment will have more special effects, so it will take longer to make.

Hopefully in the third film the plot will come down from its high beam and become more grounded in reality.

4 out of 6 - Good

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Weeds — Season 1

Showtime easily has the most creative, funny and unique television shows on the air, and, on Tuesday, the first season hits the shelves. (This show, which won Mary Louis Parker a few awards, is



about a single mom (Parker) and her family.)

After her husband dies, leaving her with nothing, she decides the only way Stone's salary. After agreeing to pay her to makes ends meet is to deal marijuana in her up class neighborhood. She deals at the production company backed out her son's soccer games and out of her SUV because that was too much to spend, so at the elementary school. Her dealer, an elderly woman who has a house filled with family members, steals every scene she is do the film. The movie made \$6 million in, and when the dead husband's brother shows up, the show doubles in comedy.

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Debut of 'Pirates' takes record \$132 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Depp's boozy, woozy buccaneer Jack Sparrow has plundered the box office, with "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" taking in a record \$132 million in its first three days, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Disney's swashbuckling sequel sailed over opening weekend in 2003.

past the previous all-time best debut, 2002's 'Spider-Man," which took in \$114.8 million in its first weekend.

"Dead Man's Chest" also did nearly three times the business of its predecessor, "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," which took in \$46.6 million





"Why?" after violent exit

PARIS (AP) - Say it ain't so,

For many French citizens, the hardest part of France's World Cup final loss to Italy wasn't the defeat itself, but the moment when national hero Zinedine Zidane — nicknamed Zizou — ended his career with a brutal act of furv.

With France and Italy tied 1-1 in extra time Sunday, Zidane headbutted Italy defender Marco Materazzi in the chest and received a red card. France went on to lose the game on penalty kicks.

Sports Minister Jean-Francois Lamour said he didn't know what Materazzi said to Zidane, but "we can imagine that there was a provocation." He added that Zidane's act was "unpardonable."

"It's a strange exit for someone who remains an exceptional champion," Lamour told LCI television.

French soccer federation president Jean-Pierre Escalettes said he shook Zidane's hand in the locker room afterward to thank him for his career. The two men didn't speak.

Stars sign center Ott, prospect Sertich

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars on Monday re-signed center Steve Ott and added center Marty Sertich, a free agent who was the nation's top college hockey player in 2005.

The 23-year-old Ott signed a two-year contract after setting career highs in goals (five), assists (17) and points (22) last season. He ranked second on the team with 178 penalty minutes and was the only Star to play in all 82 regular-season games.

A first-round pick by the Stars in 2000, the 6-foot, 193-pound Ott has 41 points and 361 penalty minutes in 181 career games

Sertich, 23, won the 2005 Hobey Baker Award given annually to the best player in college hockey after leading Colorado College to its first Frozen Four since 1997. A finalist for the Hobey Baker in 2006, the 5-8, 165-pound Sertich played in all 166 Colorado College games over four seasons, scoring 182 points.

Sertich signed a three-year contract. Financial terms of the deals weren't

France asks | Future Lady Raider impresses during NJCAA All-Star games

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

may be worthy of playing in front of

The 6-foot-2 post from South Plains College, who verbally committed to play for the Lady Raiders in June, put her skills on display during the inaugural NJCAA Women's All-Star Games Friday and Saturday at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.

Seals posted a double-double in the first game Friday night finishing second overall in points with 15 and snagged 12 rebounds, to lead all players. She also swatted five balls and did not record a turnover. In game two Saturday, Seals managed double-digit points with 11, grabbing six boards and blocking two shots. But she struggled early to find a groove and turned the ball over three times.

"Yesterday (Friday), I think I was more anxious," Seals said of her performance. "I've never played an all-star game where you have two games, so yesterday I was just really anxious to get out there and play. To-

day (Saturday), I was just really slow. I wasn't on top of it (her game).

Seals played for the blue team Dominic Seals showed that she in both games, and they came out on top 85-78 over the red squad in the first game, but dropped game two 57-55.

> With four-year institution coaches, including Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry, among the crowds for both games, Seals said she just wanted to showcase her abilities in hopes of obtaining a roster spot in

> "I was actually, you know, trying to play my game because I'm trying to get that spot," the post from Dallas said. "(With) these All-Americans (in the games), I just wanted to put my name out there and let everybody know that I am capable too."

> During her freshman campaign, Seals averaged 19.1 points and 9.2 rebounds per game with 56 blocked shots. She was named First-Team All-Conference in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and was named an Honorable Mention All-American after her premier

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