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# (INBRIEF)

### STATE

### Haliburton, British meet over shipyard safety

HOUSTON (AP) — The chief executive of former Halliburton unit KBR Inc. met Monday with a British defense official to discuss Britain's concerns about safety at a large shipyard owned largely by KBR, a spokesman for Britain's consul general in Houston said.

Few details were available from the meeting between KBR chief Bill Utt and David Gould, deputy chief executive of Britain's defense procurement agency, said Mitch Jeffrey of the British consul general's office in Houston.

Jeffrey said KBR had agreed to provide British officials with financial information needed for a risk analysis of the shipyard's operation.

### NATION

### Former patronage chief for Chicago sentenced

CHICAGO (AP) — A former high-ranking aide to Mayor Richard M. Daley was sentenced Monday to nearly four years in prison for covering up illegal patronage hiring at City Hall.

"The offense is corruption corruption with a capital C," U.S. District Judge David H. Coar told 43year-old Robert Sorich. "For people to owe their jobs to political advancement rather than performance on the job stinks."

# WORLD

### Bomb on train kills 8 in eastern India

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — A bomb exploded and tore through two cars of a passenger train Monday in a remote area of eastern India, killing at least eight people and wounding about 60, officials and Indian media

Suspicion for the blast in West Bengal state quickly fell on two groups: communist rebels active in wide swaths of rural India or militants fighting for an independent homeland in the neighboring state of Assam.

## **DEATH TOLL**

U.S. Military deaths in

Iraq since fighting began SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

# **WEATHER**

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# us crash in Alabama kills three

By DESIREE HUNTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A bus carrying high school students smashed through a guardrail along an overpass Monday and crashed nose-first 30 feet below, killing three teenage girls and injuring at least 30 other people, several critically, authorities said.

no seat belts, were screaming when rescue hospital, he said. workers arrived. "They were thrown all over the bus," said Huntsville Fire Chief Dusty where some students sat dazed or lay Huntsville's Lee High School to the Cen-mentioned by the police chief.

the crushed front of the bus.

Two teenage girls died at the scene, and a third died at a hospital, police said.

ficers were looking for a small car that able to talk and had no identification available. apparently came close to or struck the on them. bus, causing it to veer off the elevated

Frantic parents went to the scene,

hospital to find their children.

Hospital officials said staff members

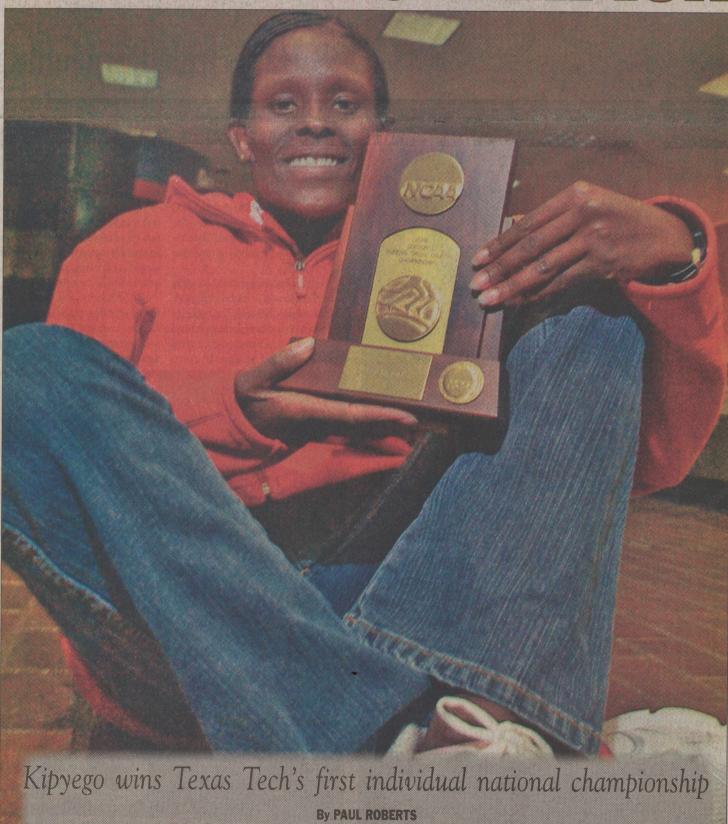
section of Interstate 565. More than 30 children called them from cell phones as rushed to the crash site.

Underwood. Some had to be pulled from draped in white sheets, and went to the ter for Technology, where students can receive special science and math credits.

Authorities identified the dead as Chrishad trouble identifying some of the more tina Collier, 18, Nicole Ford, 17, and Tane-Police Chief Rex Reynolds said of- severely injured students who were un- sha Hill, whose age was not immediately

> The police chief said hospital personnel Some parents told WHNT-TV their were able to speak with the driver.

Hours after the wreck, a damaged red Students on the school bus, which had students and the driver were taken to the soon as the bus hit the ground, and they compact car remained on the interstate near where the bus plunged over the side. But it The bus was taking students from was not immediately clear if it was the vehicle



STAFF WRITER

fter leading the pack for two miles at the 2006 NCAA Championships, Texas Tech cross country runner Sally Kipyego knew she was going to be the first to cross the finish line.

"After two miles I had such a large lead, there was no way the next girl was going to reach me," Kipyego said. By that point, Kipyego knew she was going to give Tech its first NCAA individual title.

The Tech cross country women's team finished sixth place in the 2006 NCAA Championships Monday in Terre Haute, Ind., thanks to Kipyego's first-place finish in the women's six-kilometer in the team's first appearance in the National Championship meet. To go along with the Kipyego's NCAA individual title, Tech will bring home three All-Americans who finished in the top 30 of the field. Tech runner Irene Kimaiyo became an All-American when she finished ninth overall in her last race as a Red Raider. Tech senior Kevin Chelimo earned All-American honors when he finished the men's individual race in 17th place in his last race. Kipyego also received the award for her first place efforts in her first year as a Red Raider.

'It's a great feeling," coach Ion Murray said. "What a great day for Texas Tech cross country."

Murray said Kipyego's efforts lead the team to a surprising finish that dropped even the competitions' jaws.

"Everyone was awestruck," he said. "She (Kipyego) was definitely the talk of all opposing coaches and opponents." Murray said Kipyego jumped ahead of the competition at the beginning of the race and never looked back.

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# Program teaches students through interaction

By JOSH HULL STAFF WRITER

Every department at Texas Tech may pride itself in providing a unique educational experience, but for the faculty and students in the natural history and humanities program, the term unique truly applies.

Susan Tomlinson, an assistant professor in the Honors College and director of the natural history and humanities program, said the courses in the major revolve around studies of the natural world, blending sciences and humanities into an interdisciplinary degree.

Tomlinson said the program was started five years ago when a group of writers, including Barry Lopez, an award winning naturalworld writer, gathered for a small meeting. Tomlinson was attending and has been with the program since its conception.

"It's hard to get any degree program started up, and this one is unusual enough that I think that it might be even harder for other places to get this going," Tomlinson said. "We've really been lucky that the upper administration has been behind us from the beginning."

The program consists of four phases, Tomlinson said, including English, philosophy, creative electives and the natural history and humanities courses.

These courses are also combined with 21 hours of science courses to give students a more literal view of the natural world.

While time in the classroom is certainly well spent, Tomlinson said the outdoor trips allow students to put into practice everything they have learned. These trips have included canoeing the Rio Grande and backpacking in Grand Gulch, Utah.

Kurt Caswell, an assistant professor in the Honors College, said the uniqueness of the program attracted him to Tech. Caswell is an experienced writer and outdoorsman and has led the group on one canoe trip down the Rio Grande.

"It draws away from being lecture-based," Caswell said, "and allows students to do something instead of just hearing about it."

Caswell teaches creative writing and literature in the program. One of his newer courses includes a workshop that helps students prepare their writing and send it in for publication.

"It's very little reading, mostly just the students writing in nonfiction personal-essay mode," Caswell said. "It's not a lecture or a discussion course; it's a working course where the student's writing is the material for the course." Tomlinson said the writing aspect of the

course remains the primary focus of everything the students do.

"As the program continues to evolve, because we are still really young, I think the majority of students will end up in a writing field," Tomlinson said. "You can learn the writing skill, and then you learn the other styles of writing, so then you can move between things.'

Meredith Entrop, a graduate of the natu-

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# Airline officials warn Thanksgiving travelers of increased restrictions

By NAOMI KASKELA STAFF WRITER

New or modified rules may surprise students and others traveling by air this holiday season.

After the liquid explosives incident in England earlier this year, new rules have been implemented concerning liquids and carry-ons, said Norman Michael, customer service manager for the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport.

"People who need to carry liquids with them need to understand that any liquids need to be in containers 3 ounces or less," he said. "A lot of females will have cosmetics, and they don't think of that as a liquid, but it counts.'

According to the Transportation Security Administration Web site, the new 3-1-1 Liquids Rule states that liquids must be in containers 3 ounces or less, and these containers must be put in a quart-sized, clear zip-bag. Only one such bag is allowed as a carry-on per individual.

There are exceptions to the rule, Michael said.

Individuals who need medications or those with young children may have liquids that exceed the 3-ounce rule, but they must declare the items at the security checkpoint, he said.

Some students flying home for Thanksgiving already know about the 3-1-1 liquids rule through personal experience, including Dana Hansen, a sophomore marketing major from

"I think last time they took my Tideto-Go," she said. "It wasn't a big deal, but it was frustrating."

Hansen said she planned to leave the Friday before Thanksgiving for Nebraska to avoid the holiday rush at the airports.

The number of people expected at the Lubbock airport could be around 100,000 for the month of November, said James Loomis, director of avia-

The numbers are higher in November than most months because of the holiday weekend, he said.

Several changes are being imple-

process for workers and passengers alike who check everything except for at the airport, Michael said.

### 3-1-1 for Carry-Ons

- 3 ounce or smaller containers of liquid or gel.
- •1 quart-size, clear plastic, ziptop bag may be used to hold the containers containing the liquids
- 1 bag per passenger may be taken onto the plane.

Permitted and Prohibited Items

•According to the 3-1-1 rule, half-full items or items like rolled up toothpaste tubes may not be included in carry-on luggage.

•Exceptions to the 3-1-1 rule include: baby formula and breast milk, all prescription and overthe-counter medications and liquids/gels/aerosols that are vital to the passenger for health reasons.

•Beverages from home or purchased before reaching the security check point that exceed the 3 ounce limit are not allowed as a carry-on, but can be placed in a bag that is checked.

• Beverages purchased after the security check point can be placed in a carry-on bag.

•Gel sole inserts cannot be put in a carry-on bag and taken on ooard a plane.

•Lighters cannot be carried onto a plane either by person or in a carry-on bag.

Dos and Don'ts of Packing

•Do: Bring 3-ounce bags only, use a quart-size and zip-top bag and declare medications and baby

• Don't: Bring any container larger than 3 ounces, use a gallon-size zip-top bag instead of a quart-size bag or overpack the plastic bag.

All information from www.tsa. gov (Transportation Security Administration)

"We're going to operate an express mented to help ease the traveling lane," he said. "That will be for people > naomi.kaskela@ttu.edu

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a hand bag or maybe a brief case. People need to know that if they can check in all their bags it would be a lot quicker."

This is the first time the airport has had an express lane, he said.

Hansen said she planned on taking advantage of the express lane, although she said the airport is relatively easy to get through.

However, she said she did have some advice for fellow students flying during the holiday season.

"Just really go through stuff," she said. "You'll be really surprised with what pops up."

Recent improvements to the parking lot at the airport should make things smoother for travelers,

The parking lot has 1,500 spaces, with 300 spaces being covered, he

Both Loomis and Michael also had advice for students flying.

"We just like to reinforce the common sense travel tips that we always do," Michael said.

Examples of these tips include not overpacking bags to be checked in and being careful not to make comments that could cause problems at the security checkpoint, he said.

Textbooks can also slow things down for students, he said.

"If they put several textbooks in a backpack, then the X-rays may not be able to see through it," he said. "We may need to inspect that bag as well."

Planning ahead is something Loomis stressed.

He said students should arrive at the airport earlier than they normally would and should not bring things such as illegal substances with them.

"We have several college students who come through with illegal substances," he said. "Leave it somewhere else, don't bring it to the airport."

Overall, he said all travelers, not just college students, should come to the airport with a good attitude.

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER Nov. 15

A fire alarm sounded in Murray Hall. Police said a dirty smoke detector set off the alarm. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

A Jasmin guitar and an iPod digital music player were stolen from a dorm room in Coleman Hall. Police said the theft occurred some time between Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Tech police investigated a burglary in the Electrical Engineering building. Police said a CD player was stolen from a secured room. Police did not find any signs of forced entry.

The west gate in the R31 parkemployee's vehicle. Police said the gate caused damage to the vehicle.

Tech police investigated a theft complex. An unsecured backpack was pending the filing of charges. stolen from the dining hall.

A female student was struck by a vehicle in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue. Police said the student's right leg was slightly brushed by the vehicle victim refused medical treatment Fil-A without paying. after the accident.

received a Lubbock County citation of Chitwood/Weymouth Hall. and a traffic ticket.

the east side of the Biology building. Police said the victim's cable bike lock was also stolen.

was transported to the University Medical Center after Tech police and emergency medical services

Tech police blotter

Tech police investigated a theft in Holden Hall. A coin-operated soft drink machine had been pried open and money was stolen.

Two students were arrested by Tech police for fighting at the bell tower of Carpenter/Wells residence complex. Police said the students were released pending the filing of charges of disorderly conduct.

Two students were detained by Tech police for public intoxication in the lobby of the Chitwood residence hall. The students were released to a ing lot blew over and struck a Tech responsible party pending the filing of charges.

Two students were arrested for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking in the Stangel/Murdough residence lot. Tech police released the students

Nov. 17

Tech police investigated a theft in the food court of the Student Union Building. Police said two males took causing her to fall to the ground. The several food items from the Chick-

A male student was arrested for mation concerning an argument the charge of minor in possession between two Tech Housing and Faof alcohol after a traffic stop in the cilities employees. Police said the two 3400 block of Eighth Street. Police employees were engaged in a verbal released the student after the student dispute in the basement break room

A student was arrested for public A men's Jamis Komodo bicycle intoxication in a bathroom of Hulen was stolen from bike racks located at Hall. Police said the student was transported to UMC because of his state of intoxication. The student was released pending the filing of charges of public intoxication.

Tech police detained a student for A female student passed out and public intoxication in a bathroom hit her hip on the floor in the base- of Chitwood Hall. Police said the ment of the Texas Tech University student was released to a responsible

Health Sciences Center. The student party after Tech police filed charges.

A student was detained by Tech police for public intoxication in Section 25 of Jones AT&T Stadium. Tech police released the student to a responsible party.

A nonstudent was arrested by Tech police for one outstanding Lubbock Police Department warrant and three county citations following a traffic stop in the 2500 block of Sixth Street. Police said the nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail and the vehicle was towed.

A nonstudent was arrested in the C2 parking lot for public intoxication. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z6-A parking lot. Police said the student was transported to the UMC because the student faded in and out of consciousness when police were questioning the student.

Two students were detained by Tech police for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Weymouth Hall. Police said one of the students failed to correctly identify himself to police and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The other student was Tech police documented infor- issued a Lubbock County citation

A student was transported to UMC for treatment for excessive vomiting associated with being intoxicated. Police said they located the student in Hulen Hall after a request for emergency medical services was issued.

Nov. 19

Tech police arrested a student for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Weymouth Hall. Police said the student was issued a Lubbock County citation for paraphernalia and was charged with pos-

# 48 Iraqis killed, including TV comedian

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Gun- of Baghdad and in the Tigris River in median Monday who was famous militias to Sunni insurgents.

Walid Hassan's slaying came as the began its count. aqi death toll rose to more than 1,300 in April 2005.

In all, 22 Iraqis were killed Monday hospitals to be counted. in a series of attacks in Baghdad, Ramadi and Baqouba, police said. The bodies of 26 Iraqis who had been kidnapped and of the capital, in Dujail to the north assassination attempts Monday.

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men shot and killed a television co- southern Iraq. I'w vedt segon eds

The actual totals are likely consid-

for the first 20 days of November — the erably higher because many deaths are highest for any month since The As- not reported. Victims in those cases sociated Press began tracking the figure are quickly buried according to Muslim custom and never reach morgues or

In addition to the victims of violence, countless Iraqis have had close calls with death. Among them were tortured also were found on the streets two government officials who escaped

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bas Auraibi, a member of Iraq's Shiite The Iraqi death toll this month is majority, said a roadside bomb hit his for mocking everyone from the Iraqi already well above the 1,216 who died convoy at about 9:30 a.m. as it was drivgovernment to U.S. forces to Shiite in all of October, which had been the ing on a highway in eastern Baghdad. deadliest month in Iraq since the AP Two of his bodyguards were wounded. Hakim al-Zamily, a Shiite deputy

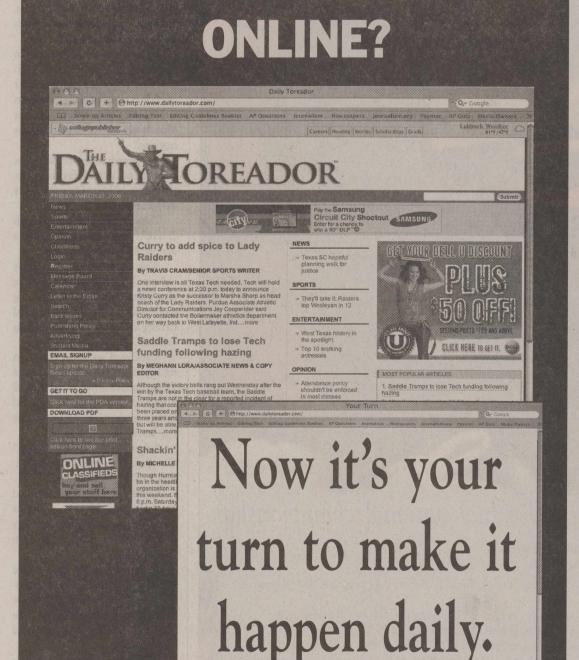
Minister of State Mohammed Ab-

when gunmen opened fire on his convoy in downtown Baghdad at noon, killing two of his guards, the minister

On Sunday, suspected Sunni insurgents kidnapped another deputy health minister, Shiite Ammar al-Saffar, from his home in northern Baghdad. Officials said the gunmen wore police uniforms and arrived in seven vehicles to abduct al-Saffar, who was believed to be the most senior government official kidnapped in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Al-Saffar was seized nearly a week after dozens of suspected Shiite militia gunmen in police uniforms kidnapped scores of people from a Ministry of Higher Education office in Baghdad. That ministry is predominantly

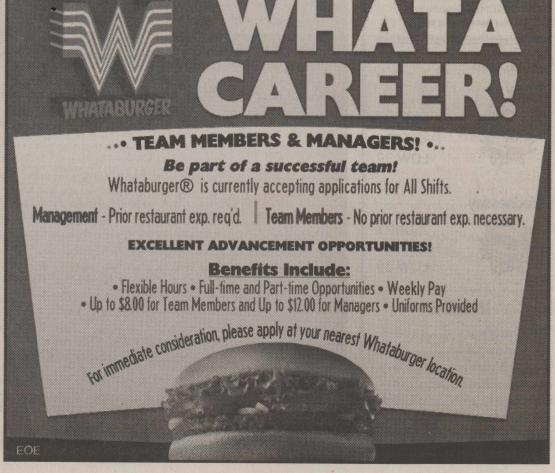
Monday's civilian victims included Hassan, an actor and comedian on Al-Sharqiyah TV who was shot while driving in western Baghdad. The motive for his slaying was unknown. Hassan had performed in a comedy series called "Caricature," which mocked coalition forces, insurgents, militias and Iraq's government.



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# Stores look to capitalize on Black Friday shopping

By MICHELLE CASADY STAFF WRITER

For years there has been an American tradition that follows the Thanksgiving holiday. After feasting on turkey, many shopbecome known as Black Friday.

Black Friday is seen by many as the beginning of the holiday Lubbock, prepare for the rush ensure they get one. by extending hours and offering specials. Wal-Mart is among paring for the expected rush. these stores.

Bluestone, a spokesperson for Wal-Mart.

Bluestone said additionally, normally scheduled." Wal-Mart stores not open all day have extended hours to accommodate the expected rush.

"It should be a good year Friday. for us. We started the rollbacks early this year - in October," she said.

Wal-Mart started seasonal Friday," she said. sales early this year on more than

the most sought-after holiday retailer. gifts will be the Tickle-Me Elmo, consoles like Nintendo's Wii and us a try," she said. Sony's PlayStation 3.

pers hit the stores on what has ments (of the gaming systems) Limited all are owned by Limited throughout the holiday season,"

shopping season. Retailers na- shoppers looking for these items she said. tionwide, including stores in to shop early and shop often to

Smaller retailers also are pre-

"Last year we hired 50,000 for that day," said Janice Thomas, seasonal associates," said Marisa store manager for Bath and Body bought \$17,000 worth of mer-Works at South Plains Mall. chandise. "That's opposed to five shifts

total holiday sales on Black

50 percent more business this noon. year than on a normal Black

100 toys and games, Bluestone first year commercials will run lunch." said. She anticipates that among promoting holiday sales for the michelle.casady@ttu.edu

"I guess they've seen how numerous high-tech toys, digital successful Victoria's Secret has music players and video game been, so this year they're giving

Victoria's Secret, Bath and "We anticipate weekly ship- Body Works, Express and The Brands.

"This year we're tracking to Bluestone said she encourages have the best Christmas ever,"

According to the store's traffic counter, on Nov. 11, 1,400 people entered the store and bought \$15,000 worth of mer-"We have 66 shifts scheduled chandise. On Nov. 18, 1,700 people entered the store and

On a normal day the store has about \$4,000 in sales, Thomas Thomas said the store is pro- said. This year the store will be jected to make 5 percent of their opening at 6 a.m. and is projected to have \$28,000 in sales.

The normal rush hours during "We're trending to do about Black Friday are from 9 a.m. to

"We normally get another big rush around 3 p.m.," she said, Thomas said this will be the "after everyone comes back from

# Toys for Tickets gives alternative to fined commuters

By LINDSEY DUNCAN STAFF WRITER

vices at Texas Tech is teaming up Tickets campaign.

The Toys for Tickets campaign worth it." allows people to receive one citathe fine listed on the citation. and

tive business assistant for Uni- the future. versity Parking Services, said she

"Oh yes, yes," Medley said, sounding excited, "we just kicked off the campaign this morning, and we already have one full bin."

Medley said one man came in Monday morning and donated over \$100 worth of toys for his said laughing. "And you can put citation.

"We're excited about the cam- I'm a man, I can take it." paign," she said, "because lots of organizations on campus do phil- vices came up with the idea of Toys The University Parking Ser- anthropic things and we want to for Tickets and called Toys for Tots be a part of that spirit. The whole to see how they felt about the idea, this holiday season with Toys for office is thrilled. We're excited Tots to launch the first Toys for to think about a kid getting that one particular toy. It makes it all down there and set y'all up," Su-

tion dismissal when they donate a the first year University Parking can do it every year." toy of equal or greater value than Services has hosted the campaign, she hopes they will have more pate in the campaign can drop off Heather Medley, administra- opportunities to participate in toys, even if they don't have a

believes the campaign will be for University Parking Services, to collect around 200 toys. said he also believes the campaign is a good idea.

> "It's pretty cool," Suarez said, said. "I mean, it helps everybody all the way around. You get a ticket disyou a fuzzy feeling, doesn't it?" he that in the paper, I'm not scared,

The University Parking Ser-

"They said, 'Heck yeah, we'll be arez said. "We're really just excited Medley said although this is for the great turnout and hope we

Anyone who wants to particicitation, Suarez said. He said he Rey Suarez Jr., event supervisor hopes Toys for Tickets will be able

> "It's a good thing, a lot of kids will be able to get some toys," he

The Toys for Tickets campaign will run until 6 p.m. Dec. 6. Citamissal, and a kid gets a toy. It gives tions for violations 16, 17, or 18 cannot be dismissed by Toys for

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# Program

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humanities program, said she believes the wide range of writing taught in the program has given her a good foundation to pursue any job she wants.

"The greatest thing it gave me is that it's so broad that it has prepared me for any career," Entrop said in a phone interview. "They taught us conceptual, critical thinking, and that's applicable to anything you do."

Entrop is currently working at an art gallery in Santa Fe, N.M. She also does freelance writing for several small publications.

Tomlinson said she has every confidence that the program will continue to produce successful graduates like Entrop and is excited about new students taking

—The natural history and humanities program is based in the Honors College.

— According to the Princeton Review, there are no other programs combining natural history and humani-

- The natural history and humanities program teams up with the Outdoor Pursuits Center for their canoeing and backpacking expeditions.

— 15 students are currently enrolled in the program.

- Students who are taking the Writing for the Natural World course are required to make submissions for publication.

Sources: http://www.princetonreview.com, http://www. depts.ttu.edu/honors.

interest in the major.

natural world, again, there is a interests and figure out what you wide-range of opportunities avail- can do with those things. able to you," she said. "Part of >> josh.hull@ttu.edu

what this degree program is about "If you enjoy nature and the is helping you to put together your

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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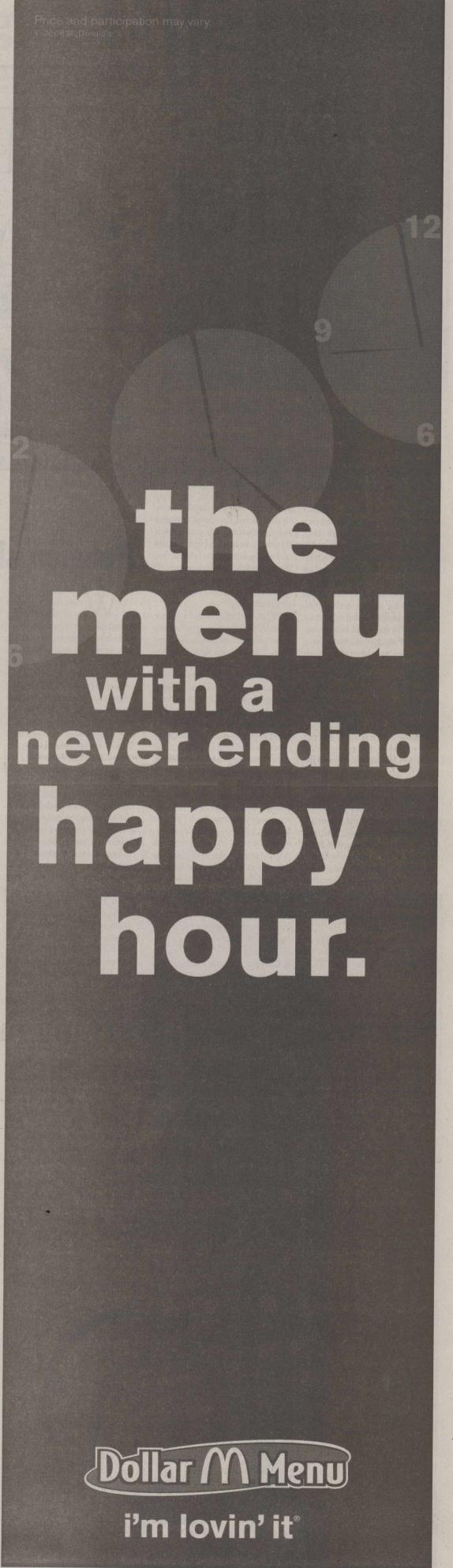
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# OPINIONS

# Education classes need some basis in reality

ongratulations are in order for all Texas public school students. In the most recent ratings (affectionately called, "the Smartest State Award") by the independent firm Morgan Quitno, Texas now ranks 25th in the nation in education, down one spot from last year. While being of 50 states.

usual shtick of blaming government what's new in education. for education's problems.

system usually focuses on a lack of government-funding or bureaucrats trying to control something they are most certainly true, perhaps we need a new focus on why education

teachers are educated. Education planning the layout of a room. courses currently encountered on the university-level tend to focus too heavily on psychology, research and "breakthrough" theories. Most former educators that are 15 years removed from the classroom and are out of touch with a place called reality. Maybe what teachers are lacking upon leaving college are the real, hands-on hours needed to prepare them for the real world of teaching.

One of my favorite examples of educators in college is the plight of intent is to be a high school band director, a modest person would expect most classes to deal with music theory, conducting, the ins and outs of running a high school band proisn't what's happening.

Instead, music education majors real classroom. are learning "Reading and Writ-Learning Environment." That may treating children — and more important a whole lot of good.

Education is just as bad as the teaching the teachers? fashion industry with using the "in" and "out" fads of the time. What's 

Caliva is a senior mathematics years time as "researchers" try to at trey.caliva@ttu.edu.



25th is certainly an improvement outdo each other. These researchers, over the 2003-2004 ranking of 34th, and I use that term very loosely, use it's still near the middle of the pack their techniques to do one thing - make money. The sales of books, Reaction from the media so far CDs, DVDs and instructional guides has been quiet, but it contains the are all promoted by what's hot and

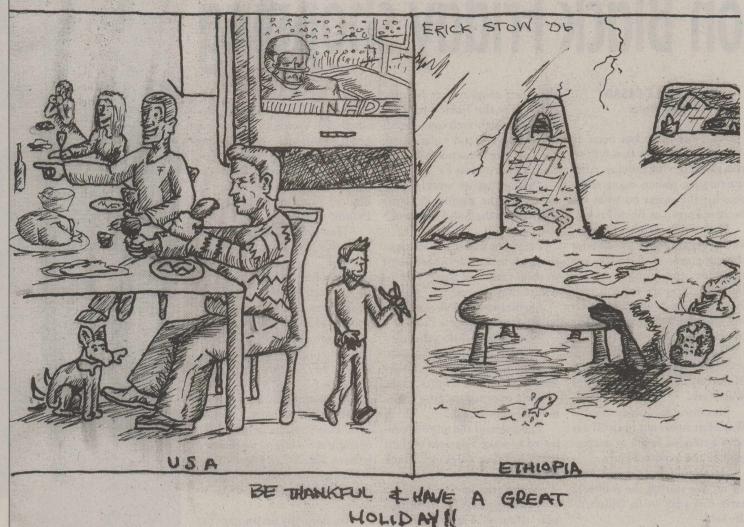
Who's hot right now? Harry Criticism of the educational Wong. Among Wong's "insights" are that papers shouldn't be passed forward in class (rather to the side) because doing so might stress out don't understand. Although those students and passing them to the side will save classroom time. Wong also insists on making sure students know the teacher's name before leaving Focus needs to be placed on how school the first day, or in meticulously

According to Wong, efficiency will dictate order in the classroom. Now most middle school graduates would understand this concept, but education professors tend to be apparently, we need to emphasize this on a college level. If the fact that Mr. Wong is actually making money off of this doesn't scare you, be afraid because this is actually being taught on this campus.

What we need instead of these inane lectures are more opportunities to get education majors in the classthe insanity encountered by future room. The bulk of a future teachers "hands-on" experience comes at the the music education major. If your culmination of their college-learning during a semester of student-teaching. Perhaps, in addition to this method, students should have a chance to be in a classroom while concurrently enrolled in classes. A simple discussion gram, you know, courses which teach course could be used to synthesize and how to be a band director. Except this discuss, amongst peers and teachers, what works and doesn't work in a

To cure the ills of the American ing in the Secondary Classroom" school system, we need a commonand "Diversity and the Classroom sense approach that doesn't rely on be the right combination if you're tantly, teachers — like they're stupid. going to be, say, a reading or English All the time in the world learning teacher and want your kids to feel theories and studying education regood about themselves. But when search doesn't mean a thing without it comes to winning state marching the hands-on, real-world experience contests or even just running a good to back it up. Instead of blaming band program, they don't tend to do children and their ill-equipped teachers, we need to ask ourselves, who's

hot right now might be bad in a few. major from San Antonio. E-mail him



# Religion should influence political decisions

Then John F. Kennedy ran for president in 1960, his critics warned that he would make too many of his decisions based on his Catholic faith, or that he would always seek counsel from the Vatican. These days, a Democrat criticized as "too religious" is a rare occurrence. The religious members of the Democratic Party in the past couple of decades have stopped speaking about God, while Christians in the Republican Party invoke his name regularly.

In 2000, Vice President Al Gore selected loe Lieberman as his running mate, and the media called Gore's Unfortunately, the media paid very on Nov. 7. little attention to how Lieberman's that America has never had a Jewish vice president.

Enter Karl Rove and the Bush White House. The 2002 and 2004 elections helped solidify a Republican majority in Congress largely due to a massive turnout of Evangelical voters. But in 2005, a strange thing happened in Virginia — Democrat Tim Kaine was elected governor.



from discussing his religious beliefs on the campaign trail.

Suddenly, the Democratic Party realized it did not need to be afraid of religion. In 2006, more and more Democratic candidates turned their issues into moral issues, such as the Iraq war, health care and immigration. With that choice "groundbreaking" because shift in message, a majority of religious

What does this mean Judaism affected his policy decisions Will religious people now only vote ask their adherents to follow universally and instead focused only on the fact for Democrats? Of course not. It does recognized moral guidelines. mean, however, that the age-old debate has been resurrected: Is it okay for government and religion to intermingle? Should our leaders make decisions based on their personal faith?

They must.

When Sen. John Kerry ran for president in 2004, he had the opposite problem as Kennedy. Most people found him to be a little shady when he would Kaine, a Catholic, did not shy away say that he was personally opposed to this issue has nothing to do with that.

abortion because of his faith, but he did Let's open up our pocket Constitutions not think the government had the right to the Bill of Rights and check out the to legislate it. I often heard friends say, First Amendment: "Congress shall make "So wait, his faith teaches that abortion no law respecting an establishment of is murder, but he doesn't think that the religion, or prohibiting the free exercise government should legislate against thereof." It is blatantly obvious that there

John Kerry lost. Americans do not like politicians who claim to believe one thing but have a record which proves otherwise, and rightfully so.

In fact, Americans should be horrified when leaders do not let their there are some people with controversial religious beliefs influence their decisions. To be a member of a religion is a serious matter. When a person decides which religion he will follow, he hopefully makes a commitment to follow any rules religions with practically no dogma still in election booths, too.

So when a politician runs for office and says, "Oh, by the way, I'm a practicing (insert religion of choice here)," the public should be able to believe him. The public should also expect that a politician's political beliefs will not be entirely gion is prohibited — God only knows. separate from his religious ones.

Many people think politicians should disregard this philosophy because of the separation of church and state, but really,

is nothing in that clause which prohibits a politician from voting with his or her religious views.

Another criticism might be that politicians should not use their religious beliefs as guidelines for legislating because religious beliefs — for example, Islamic extremists. Here's an idea; don't vote for them. I would also hope atheist and agnostic voters would agree with me. Most of my nonreligious friends try to Lieberman is an Orthodox Jew. voters cast their ballots for Democrats the religion may have and to instruct live by a moral code of their own, and himself in the ways of that faith. Even I think they vote along those principles

Unfortunately, we have to suffer through a period of watching politicians awkwardly tap their feet to gospel choirs and use troubling tactics to get religious voters to the polls. As to when the great day will come that the public forum is not a place where the discussion of reli-

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# Scientology seems nothing more than well-publicized cult

a group a friend had created concerning the bringing back of Katie reading, I found the statement "Man personal religious views at first told me that this was a choice between two lifetime. His capabilities are unlimited, of the Catholic Church. But then I those capabilities can be realized," to decided to look at Scientology a little which my reaction was OK, another more closely.

I first decided to research Scientology on the Internet to find a little more about it from a completely unbiased standpoint to aid me in forming an absolutely nothing to do with science opinion. The Web site (www.Scientology.org) told me more than I needed to L. Ron Hubbard could be called, accuknow about this, yes I'll say it, cult.

was indulging in my addiction lute truth, I concurred that if someone's poet that wrote Paradise Lost as a satire to Facebook when I came across going to start a religion, Scientology is a good name for it. As I continued perience extends well beyond a single religion promising immortality, no big

> Continuing to the next page, and the next, I found Scientology has or logos, the Greek word for "study of." rately, a John Milton who took himself

of the Catholic Church by combining myths and stories with the Bible.)

I decided to stop reading there be-Holmes to the Catholic Church. My is an immortal, spiritual being. His ex- cause I realized my opinion had already

Maybe it was already biased conevils when I considered the history even if not presently realized — and sidering the South Park episodes that made so much sense to me, but a story my friend had told me really hit home. Her uncle was close with the family until he moved to California, at which point he became a Scientologist and lost contact with everyone. The family received one or two letters over the course of close to seven years. He was working for less than minimum wage in order to become esoteric enough to After explaining that the word seriously. (If you're curious who John increase his "thetan level" (the rough

While I was visiting my friend, they received another letter. It was a light-spirited, carefree letter inviting his niece to an internship in Hawaii. Apparently, the uncle had left the

The family's hearts lifted, and I was glad he had finally come to his senses. There really couldn't be a happier ending to a story.

How does this relate to us as college students, you may ask? I am sure that you have no desire to be a Scientoloof "scientologies" closer than you may

A cult is defined as a group of people devoted to beliefs or practices that society or surrounding culture considers entirety is evil — that would just be being far outside the mainstream.

seen someone change because they on campus is unrivaled by any other joined an organization that has those student organization. However, when I types of beliefs or practices?

Here is a typical scenario you may have seen. Say you know a friend that is as close to you as anyone could be, and then all of a sudden, he or she is gone, disappearing from all activities with enjoyed. That person is now Greek.

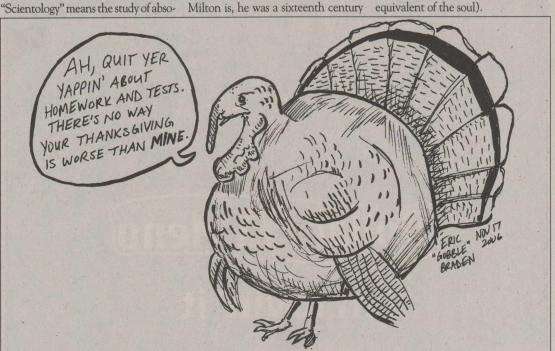
I guess I can relate to Andy because I went Greek. Luckily, it didn't take seven years of my life to quit and realize who is important in my life. I anyone anymore because they are too gist or move to California and cut ties embarrassed to be seen with the likes too ashamed to give us a call.

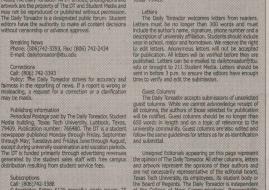
Maybe the more embarrassing thing is I was one of those guys.

Not to say the Greek system in its ridiculous. Greeks raise countless funds So have you ever lost a friend or for charity, and their involvement think of my time on Greek Circle, what stands out the most is a high school mentality and complete disregard for anybody but me, my pledge class and my fraternity brothers.

So in conclusion, whether you are friends that he or she had previously a Scientologist who is just looking for a place to belong and something to believe in, living it up on Greek Circle the same thing happened to me when or just considering joining a chickenworshipping cult, always keep in touch with those friends that have made your time at Texas Tech University so still miss the guys that never talk to wonderful. In the end, that's really what it's all about.

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# SGA vice president of graduate affairs has varied experiences

By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

primary job consisted of taking soldiers' minds off the War in Iraq.

He was contracted by an indesports and recreation in Iraq. Alexander said it was difficult to accomplish his duty at times because the soldiers he was responsible for often undergraduate degree. lost friends and fellow soldiers.

day before," said Alexander, the from about 100 feet." Student Government Association be guys who just couldn't make Columbia.

not have time to grieve for the east Texas," Alexander said. "We December.

"It was really hard having to watch a guy whose bunkmate died For 15 months, Zeb Alexander's the day before," Alexander said, Humvee his friend died in."

crash two weeks after receiving his students he deals with.

"I had some problems with sol- trying to take off, and as we started said, "but for me we have 4,400 diers who wouldn't come to games to take off, the wind stopped," he graduate students, and there are because they lost some friends the said. "The plane took a nose-dive about 2,000 of them in student

vice president of graduate affairs the only experience he had with thing with the international stu- and eventually wanted to become from Snyder. "We had problems crashed aircraft. He also helped dents, and a lot of them are graduate a principal," he said, "but I got with forfeits, because there would collect pieces of the Space Shuttle students anyway."

soldiers who died because they had were the first ones there, and we

piece. It was one of the hydrogen happened until he returned. thanks from the shuttle.

focuses on the needs of the gradu-Alexander, who graduated in ate students and the international pendent company as a director of 2001 from Howard Payne Universtudents. He said he thinks his job body like they are important, and sity with a degree in theology, said is easier than the other SGA offihe was involved in a small-plane cers because of the low number of

> 'We had a strong wind in as were undergrads to mobilize," Alexander organizations, so it is a little easier Alexander said that is not to get them together. I do the same

'Myself and three others from to Michele Burgess of Lubbock, with college students and working Alexander said the soldiers did Lubbock loaded up and headed for and the two plan to get married in

Burgess said they met before

actually found the third-largest Alexander left for Iraq, but nothing

"He had just gotten back from As the SGA vice president of Iraq, and I had just finished up a "and he had to head out in the same graduate affairs, Alexander said he mission trip," Burgess said. "The timing was just right for us.'

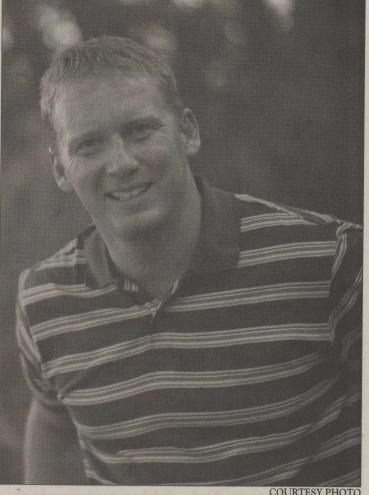
She said Alexander treats everyhe wants them to feel appreciated.

"He doesn't ever meet a stranger," Burgess said. "He wants people "It's really hard for all of the to know he cares about them, and he thinks they are special.'

Alexander said he knew what he wanted to do for a living as a child, but recently decided to change his

"I always wanted to be a teacher, involved with student government Alexander said he is engaged and I realized that I'd love working in a university setting where things happen."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Vice President of Student Affairs Zeb Alexander graduated from Howard Payne University in 2001.

# Tech students give health tips to children

By NICK ZELINSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Health classes at Texas Tech are making learning fun for children around Lubbock while giving some college students valuable children in a real world situation. experience through teaching service

Service learning is a teaching method that involves students in different perspectives." community service and is incorspecific learning objectives.

"I have done it twice now, and it has been a great experience for as well me," Jarrod Bogert, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from sport sciences major from Lubbock, Wylie said.

Bogert has participated in two experiences. health classes in which the class went to Lubbock elementary schools and presented a health objective to

"It is a good experience because subject," Castillo said. it is a more real-life experience,"

with a lecture and a PowerPoint dents. presentation; you get to interact

in his class are going to be teachers, it is good to get practice in teaching

people than I do from a classroom," Bogert said. "It is a good way to get

One of Bogert's classmates, Alporated into a course and tied to bert Castillo, said that not only did he get to teach the children, but he also learned from the experience

Castillo, a senior exercise and said he has learned a lot from his

"You get to learn stuff you didn't classmates. know about certain health topics, but you also get to teach the kids to get a better understanding of the

Castillo said he learned what are role models for them."

"It is a good hands-on experience," Castillo said. "You learn Bogert said since a lot of students from the kids as much as they learn

Castillo said some of the children may not get the proper knowledge of "Personally, I learn more from certain health topics at home, so he is glad to be able to teach them.

> "The kids get a better knowledge and understanding of certain topics they probably didn't know about," Castillo said.

Health topics the children are taught range from knowing how much water to drink in a day, to knowing how much to exercise, to tips on how to eat healthy.

Bogert said children seem to like learning from him and his

"As college students, we are looked up to by younger kids," Bogert said. "They pay attention to what you are teaching them. We

Bogert said. "It isn't just a classroom methods work best with the stu- wildman.zelinski@ttu.edu

# Students exercise for different reasons

By NICK ZELINSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For one Texas Tech student, minutes per occasion. exercising takes commitment and time and is an important part of staying healthy.

"It is a great way to keep my body healthy," said Neil Albuquerque, N.M. "For me it is also a good way to get energy. Sometimes I don't feel like I have energy, so it is a good way to get energized."

Wilson said if he fails to is because he is lazy.

whether or not I want to put order." forth the effort."

in moderate-intensity physi-

Chelsea McCullough, a graduate student from Pampa, said she works out for a number of

"I love the physiological re-Wilson, a senior marketing sults," McCullough said. "It and management major from helps me mentally, physically and emotionally. It also gives me a better overall quality of life."

an avid exerciser takes commit-

"Being a grad student, servstill one of my top priorities," "Sometimes it is just easier McCullough said. "It takes time,

The Tech Fitness and Well-According to the Centers ness Center offers a variety of different activities offered at for Disease Control and Pre- services to Tech students who Tech, students can call 742-3828

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a week or engage in vigorous-in- by the center include personal tensity physical activity three or training and fitness assessments. more days a week for 20 or more The fitness and wellness center offers a program called Raider X in which fitness classes are held in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center. Raider X classes, which are taught by different health care professionals, are free to Tech students.

"It takes a lot of commitment," Wilson said. "The number of people at the gym dwindles McCullough said becoming throughout the semester, but that is generally because people find other ways to use their time."

Wilson said he would recwork out during the day it is ing as director of operations for ommend exercising to anyone not because of lack of time, it Tech volleyball, exercising is who is interested in physical

"It keeps me in shape," Wilto watch TV," Wilson said. "I effort and commitment; you son said. "It is very beneficial to always have the time; it is just have to have your priorities in your body and it is also a great way to relieve stress."

For more information on the or go online at http://www.depts. According to http://www. ttu.edu/recsports/fitwell/index.

minutes on five or more days index.php, services provided wildman.zelinski@ttu.edu

# MADD pushing new technology to eliminate drunken driving

technology such as alcohol-detect- driving drunks," said Glynn Birch, offenders. ing devices in cars may hold the president of MADD, at a news conkey to eliminating drunken driving, ference. Birch said technology, along ers to blow into an instrument that according to a campaign begun with tougher laws and enforcement, measures alcohol. The vehicle won't Monday by Mothers Against Drunk has put eliminating drunken driving start unless the driver's blood alco-

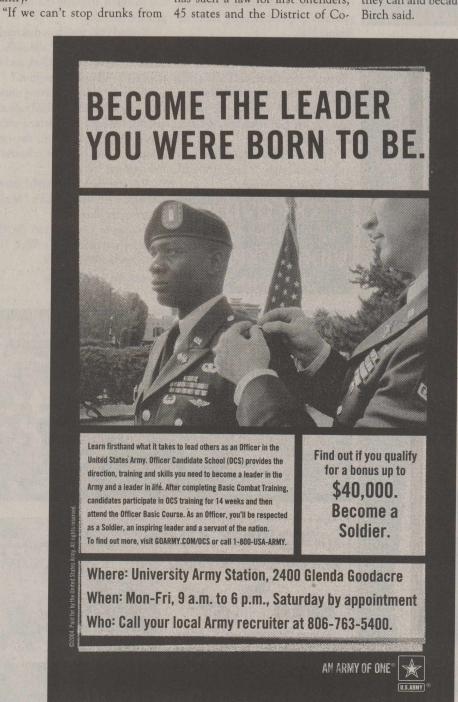
The Irving, Texas-based organization, along with the Department to pass laws requiring breath-test drivers to breathe into the devices of Transportation, is pushing for interlock devices in vehicles for periodically. such devices as well as tougher all those who have been convicted enforcement measures around the of drunken driving. New Mexico tinue to drive drunk today is because

"at our fingertips."

WASHINGTON (AP) - New driving, we'll stop vehicles from lumbia allow the device for some

Interlock devices require drivhol concentration is below a preset The organization wants states level. Other interlocks may require

"The main reason people conhas such a law for first offenders; they can and because we let them,"





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# It's all gravy: Movies to watch on Turkey Day

Seeing how it is the day before everyone leaves for Thanksgiving, I thought I would take the Jeremy chance to give people some ideas as to what movies to watch on "Turkey Day."

First up, I'd like to recommend people watch movies that make them thankful for our armed timate guy tearjerkers. If someone forces. I'm not talking about doesn't shed a tear at the end of "Jarhead" or "Three Kings"; I think we should remember the not understand the movie. soldiers who fought in the great wars where our freedom and libattacked the United States.

Furthermore, I don't recom- little pigskin drama. mend someone watch "Saving with each other.

taste, try the film "The Dirty into the schedule. Dozen." It's a golden oldie star-Sutherland. It's one of the few ul- season, and it's never too early with his or her family.

the film, then he or she simply did

Thanksgiving, obviously, is a time for football, so no film list erty were challenged when people about movies to watch on the big Christmas movie, but I'd like to film to watch because it gives day would be complete without a

I recommend watching Private Ryan" because, at this "Rudy." This isn't my favorite point, who has not seen the sports movie, nor is it my favorfilm? Watch a new movie to get ite football movie, but this feels simple fact that at the end of the watch on Thanksgiving is "Ala fresh perspective on war. Watch like the right movie to watch at movie there's Christmas music most Famous." Sometimes a per-"Glory" and see what the Civil this time of year. After sitting playing while a blood-soaked son needs a movie to relax to after War was like. The film, starring down and watching the Dallas Denzel Washington and Matthew Cowboys give Tampa Bay the Broderick, is a great epic about ass-kicking of a lifetime, put on and everyone should be thankful the North and South going to war "Rudy" because, seriously, who for something, I'm going to make If World War II is more your game the NFL decided to sneak

to start watching those holiday

I know this seems like a "guy flick," but I can speak from experience that there is nothing hotter than a girl who can sit down and quote the film word for word.

I'm sure I'm going to hear all point out that Bruce Willis does dress a dead terrorist up as Santa Claus and write, "Now I have a machine gun, ho, ho, ho," across above us? the man's chest. Plus, there is the Willis hugs his wife.

cares about this third football my fourth selection on the list a category of films that I like to call the "thankful" movies. These are Thanksgiving is typically the the movies that make someone Reynolds is the DT's movie

"Deliverance" is a great films. So, after polishing off a Thanksgiving movie and I will second helping of pumpkin pie, be happy I am sitting with my sit down and watch the best parents enjoying a nice turkey Christmas movie ever made, "Die instead of being stuck out in woods being told to squeal like a little piggy.

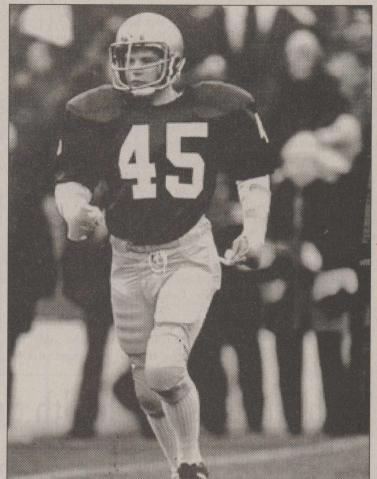
People should also be thankful they are in the comforts of their house instead of being stuck in some twisted-psycho land like the characters in "Hostel."

"Canadian Bacon," starring about how "Die Hard" is not a John Candy, is another perfect us a chance to be thankful for Canada. Seriously folks, would you rather have North Korea

The last film on my list to a day of eating. This film is easily Considering it is Thanksgiving Cameron Crowe's best picture, and the 1970s music could erase any day of spending time with the relatives.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

ring Lee Marvin and Donald date that starts the Christmas thankful they are sitting at home critic. E-mail him at jeremy. n.reynolds@ttu.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO/ Sony Pictures

By IAN KLUMPP STAFF WRITER

most popular band, U2, releases its sad piano blues; it sounds most like first single-disc collection CD spanning their entire 26-year career. The "Bastards," shows the artist's more album has all the U2 hits from as early experimental side playing with as "Boy" through "How to Dismantle some spoken word and jokes. It is a Bomb." Those who find themselves a little more bizarre than anything craving a Hurricane Katrina remembrance song can find the previously unreleased track "The Saints Are Coming," which was a Green Day collaboration. Dans to audites temetra à

blues mixed with foot-stomping rock; through on this box set. out of Waits' previous albums this disc ian.m.klumpp@ttu.edu

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most resembles "Bone Machine." The next disc, "Bawlers," takes the listener back to Waits' beginning days of hang-U2 — "U218 Singles" Ireland's ing out with beat poets and playing "Heart of a Saturday Night." Disc 3, he has released in the past, but it is most like "Black Rider."

Christmas" (Box Set) For fans of both Christmas and Sufjan Stevens, Tom Waits — "Orphans" This this album is an absolute dream come 3-disc creation portrays all of Waits' true. It is a collection of Stevens playbest features by providing a sense of his ing every Christmas carol from "Silent musical, songwriting and entreating Night" to "Holy, Holy, Holy." Stevens talents. The first disc, titled "Brawl- has both a beautiful voice and wonderers," is a rowdy disc filled with jiving ful musical talent, and they both shine

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Tech grad returns to Hub City with Trans-Siberian Orchestra mance will be Friday at 8 p.m., and Christina Hernandez said she By DANIELLE NOVY those interested in attaining tickets had initially chosen to continue her LAVIDA EDITOR can visit the orchestra's Web site at education at Tech because it is only

After graduating from a school

like Texas Tech — a college their degrees.

Christina "Steena" Hernandez is not one such student. Afthough Hernandez will return to the Hub excited; I can't wait to see it." City for the second time since United Spirit Arena. The perfor-

http://trans-siberian.com.

situated in a largely isolated West a bachelor's degree in fine arts in Texas town — many students 2000, Hernandez moved to New ater program, the deal was sealed. leave their alma maters in the York to pursue a career as a vocalist, from Odessa to see her daughter's hometown. performance.

she resides on the East Coast, Ellen Hernandez said warmly. "I'm years as she has been touring the

Mary Ellen Hernandez said her nization among other projects. she graduated to perform with the daughter's first return to Lubbock Her most recent gig, serving musical "RENT."

er," Mary Ellen Hernadez said. "She down until Dec. 31, she said. used to grab the turkey baster and start singing around the house."

dez's Web site, http://www.steenaher-stage." nandez.com, the singer and actress "All My Children," "Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns."

Her resumé also includes work products, including Conair Hair and Scunci Hair.

her time spent in the public eye, definitely have faith in God, and he Christina Hernandez said she is still affected by the thought of returning

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a paltry two-hour drive from her After graduating from Tech with Odessa home base, yet when she found out that Tech had a good the-

"I'm kind of a mama's girl," Chrisdust and never return to the small said her mother, Mary Ellen Hernan-tina Hernandez said of the appeal cities from which they received dez, who will drive up to Lubbock of attending a school close to her

> Yet Christina Hernandez has "I'm very proud of her," Mary been far from home the last several globe with the United Service Orga-

Trans-Siberian Orchestra under after moving to the Big Apple was one of three female vocalists with the the glimmering spotlights of the through a tour of the Broadway Trans-Siberian Orchestra, has kept Christina Hernandez on the road for "I always knew she'd be a perform- the past two weeks and won't wind

> "The crowd response is amazing," she said. "I love that feeling I According to Christina Hernanget every time I step out onto that

Christina Hernandez said nabhas appeared on soap operas such as bing a role with the orchestra was "pretty intense — just like any other cutthroat New York audition."

It was her faith in God that gave on national commercials for various her strength through the audition process, she said.

"I asked God, as silly as that might Still, despite a career defined by sound to some people," she said. "I held my hand right through it."

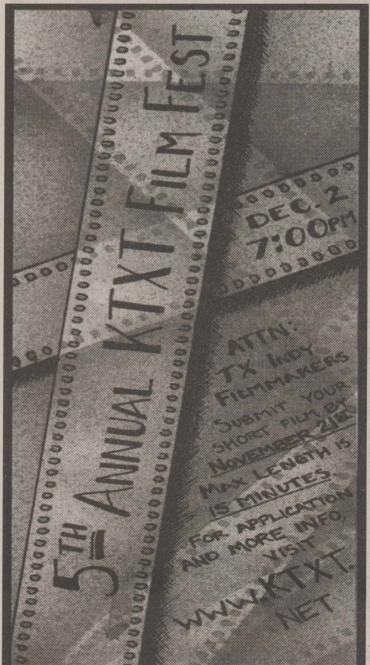
Two weeks after receiving notice wind of rehearsals began, she said.

"It's just such a beautiful show," Christina Hernandez said. "It gets bigger every year."

For more information on the show, visit the band's Web site http://trans-siberian.com.

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# nine to 2007 roster

By WES SKIPWITH STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders looked to improve their hand by drawing a gang of ace pitchers on signing day.

The Texas Tech baseball team of nine players to join its fall 2007 roster.

coach.

Five of the eight signees are Thomas Pressly, Austin Quick and catcher Mickey Armstrong round out the high school recruiting class. Armstrong, Kilcrease and Pressly with a three-game series against

The Red Raiders also added four Law Field.

lege ranks. David Dinelli, Lorenzo Douglas, Zack Stewart and Sean Wincher will all contribute on the mound for Tech next fall. These four pitchers posted a combined ERA of 2.84 last year.

These nine signees will join announced Thursday the signing an already talented Tech team. Two Red Raiders were named to the Third-Team Preseason All-Tech coach Larry Hays showed American Team on Tuesday. Junior an emphasis on improving his catcher Matt Smith and sophomore pitching staff in this year's recruit- outfielder Roger Kieschnick reing class by signing eight pitchers ceived this honor from the National and one position player - the Collegiate Baseball Writers Asfirst time he has signed only one sociation after they combined for position since taking over as Tech 16 home runs, 30 doubles and 101 RBIs last season.

Smith led the Red Raiders with straight out of high school including a .377 batting average and finished local pitching product Chad Bettis, the season as a Johnny Bench who hails from Monterey High Award Candidate. Kieschnick was School, Pitchers Robert Kilcrease, named 2006 Big 12 Freshman of the Year and First-Team Freshman All-American.

Tech will begin the 2007 season were All-State selections last year. Stephen F. Austin Feb. 2-4 at Dan

more pitchers from the junior col- > wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

# Tech baseball signs Women's golf inks three to 2007 fall roster

**By WES SKIPWITH** STAFF WRITER

of young-gun golfers to their already "green" team Wednesday.

team announced Wednesday the signing of three new members to its 2007 fall roster.

Alex Gibson, Jackie Smith and Stephanie Smith signed national let-Tech as freshmen next fall. The new signees will join an

now, there will be no seniors on the

Tech coach Stacey Totman said

she welcomes the new youthful addi-

"Alex, Jackie and Stephanie bring The Lady Raiders added a trio a great deal of depth to our program," Totman said. "With them on the team one tournament victory and two second we will have about 10 solid players who The Texas Tech women's golf all have the ability to step up and win at any time."

Gibson attends Pendleton High School in Texas and will join Tech's squad after she graduates. She has won the City Junior Tournament two years in ters of intent and plan to compete for a row. Totman said Gibson is dedicated and willing to work.

get better and better as she gets more

graduating from Tomball High School in Junior Selection Tournaments. Texas. She finished second at the 2005 Texas Junior Golf Tour where she has place finishes. She was named to the TJGT All-Tournament Team last year.

"Jackie has a natural competitive spirit which is something you can't teach," Totman said.

Stephanie Smith comes from The Woodlands. She finished third in the 2006 Region 11-5A Tournament and in the 2005 Texas State Championships. "Alex has the work ethic second to When not playing for her school, she already young Tech team. As of right none," Totman said. "I expect her to competes on the Texas Legends Junior Tour where she was named 2005 Player of the Year. She also has two champion-Jackie Smith will join Tech after ships at the South Texas Westfield PGA

"Stephanie is already competing 5A state meet. She also competes in the at a very high level, which is amazing considering she has only been playing golf for a short time," Totman said. "She has an amazing ability at hitting the ball over great distances."

Totman said she considers Jackie Smith and Stephanie Smith as two of the top-five women's golf recruits in Texas. She said her team's success on the course has contributed to her success on

"Due to the fact that we are getting better and better every tournament," Totman said, "we are getting a lot more looks from a lot more talented prospects."

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# Howard named National League's Most Valuable Player for 2006

Monday after leading the majors and one third for 347 points. in home runs and RBIs, beating out the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Puiols for the honor.

Howard received 20 first-place

Howard of the Philadelphia in balloting by a panel of the Base- RBIs while batting .313. He had the homers put the Phillies ahead Phillies was voted the National ball Writers' Association of Amer- most homers in the major leagues and five tied games. The Phillies League's Most Valuable Player on ica. Pujols got 12 firsts, 19 seconds since Barry Bonds hit a record 73

> "It's definitely a relief. It's a good turned 27 Sunday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan votes and 12 seconds for 388 points of the Year, had 58 homers and 149 player. Twenty-three of Howard's

He set Phillies records for home birthday present," said Howard, who runs and RBIs, producing the high-major leagues for good until July 1, Howard, the 2005 NL Rookie league history for a second-year disabled list.

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However, despite Kipyego's demanding lead, Murray said he held his breath until Kipyego crossed the finish, but Kipyego said she was confident she would finish in first. She said she is thrilled to win Tech's first NCAA individual title in Tech cross country history.

Kipyego finished 26.8 seconds ahead of second-place runner Jenny Barringer of Colorado.

"I didn't want to lose," Kipyego said. "I told myself, 'I cannot lose this race."

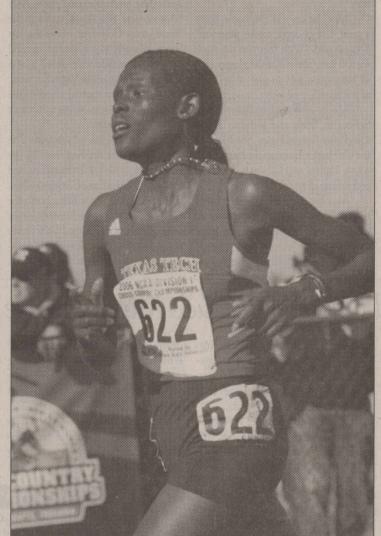
Kipyego said the win is a direct result from consistent hard work all season long.

"I followed the program and listened to my coaches all year,"

Kipyego finished the 2006 cross country season in first-place in all six races. Her wins include a first-Championship and the Mountain individual championship Monday with a time of 20:11.1. Regional Championships.

Kipyego shyly admitted that her success this year surprised even herself.

"I started the season with one win, which lifted my confidence a little," Kipyego said. "Then, I won another race, and then another race, which boosted my confidence some more and motivated me to continue to work hard."



COURTESY PHOTO/Texas Tech Media Relations place finish in both the Big 12 TEXAS TECH RUNNER Sally Kipyego won the women's 2006 NCAA

> in first place to win the team title at the 2006 NCAA Champion-No. 6 Colorado with 223 points. No. 10 Michigan finished in third place with 223 points and No. 8 Wisconsin finished in fourth place with 262 points. No. 2 Arkansas clocked in at fifth place with 286

Top-ranked Stanford finished points, 14 points ahead of No. 13

Texas Tech. The Red Raiders upset seven ships with 195 points, followed by higher-ranked teams. No. 3 North Carolina State finished the 2006 National Championships in 19th place. No. 4 Michigan State finished in 12th and No. 5 Illinois finished in eighth place, followed by No. 7 UC Santa Barbara in ninth place. No. 9 Minnesota finished in 11th place, and No. 11 Arizona State finished the race in 13th place. No. 12 Duke finished four spots behind Tech at 10th place.

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# Marquette breaks by Tech in CBE Classic, 87-72

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Steal. Fast break. Layup.

Rebound. Fast break. Dunk.

No. 13 Marquette put on a transition clinic in the first half Monday night, taking advantage of Texas Tech's early turnover problems on its way to an 87-72 victory in the semifinals of CBE Classic.

Wesley Matthews scored 20 points and Jerel McNeal matched his career high with 19 for the Golden Eagles, who kept Texas Tech coach Bob Knight at 873 victories.

He remained three short of tying Adolph Rupp for second place on the career list and seven shy of breaking Dean Smith's record of 879.

"I think our main problem tonight was that we ran into a better team than us," Knight said. "They showed it from the beginning. They jumped all over us."

Smith attended Monday night's game, one day after Knight watched Smith's induction into the first class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Golden Eagles (5-0) forced 18 turnovers, converting them into 27 points, and got 22 points on fast

"That's the kind of game we play," Matthews said. "We practice it. We drill it. That's when we're at our best, getting a rebound or a turnover and running."

Tuesday night's championship game. in an earlier semifinal.

The Red Raiders (4-1) will play the Falcons for third place, also on points, and Jarrius Jackson \_ the only

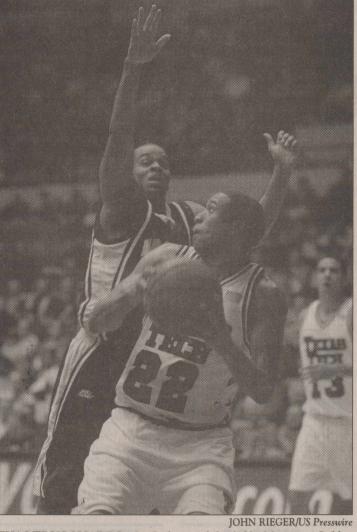
Dominic James had 16 points and David Cubillan added 11 for Mar-McNeal and six from Matthews.

points before the break. The Golden Eagles then kept Texas Tech from mounting any serious threats in the beginning," Matthews said. second half.

After Lazar Hayward's basket with 5 1/2 minutes left gave Marquette its only 20-point lead at 74-54, Benny Valentine hit back-to-back 3-pointers in an 8-0 run that closed the gap to 74-62 with just over four minutes left.

But James hit a layup 30 seconds later at the other end, and Marquette

Valentine led Texas Tech with 17



Marquette will face No. 9 Duke in TEXAS TECH GUARD Jarrius Jackson is defended by Marquette Golden Eagles guard David Cubillan in the second half in the College Basketball MO. Marquette won the game 87-72.

starter in double figures for the Red Raiders \_ added 14.

The Red Raiders committed 12 turnquette, which got seven assists from overs in the first half, with Marquette capitalizing for 21 points. That was two Marquette had two long first- more turnovers than Texas Tech had half runs and led by as many as 17 in its 85-81 victory over North Dakota a 3-pointer. State on Friday night.

Marquette's early intensity didn't surprise Knight, though.

"I've been in this game a long time. I'm not surprised by anything," Knight said. "That's what we're all trying to do, start off good."

Marquette raced to an 11-2 lead in crutches. just over four minutes and went ahead 26-12 on James' dunk with 8:42 left in the first half.

"We started off fast, got the early

turnovers," James said. "We're a hard team to stop when we're getting the ball downcourt and in transition."

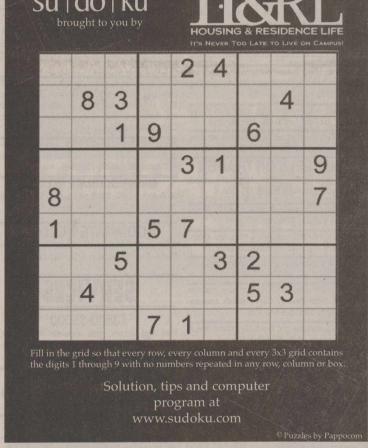
Texas Tech answered with an 11-3 run and trailed 29-23 after Darryl Dora scored with 5 1/2 minutes to go, but Dan Fitzgerald answered 10 seconds later with

Matthews followed that up with a "I think we caught them off guard in steal and dunk, and the Golden Eagles were off on a 17-8 tear that put them up 46-31 at the half.

Fitzgerald, a junior forward, injured his left shin in a collision with just over 11 1/2 minutes left and didn't return. He came back to the sideline late in the game, walking with the help of

The injury was not serious, Marquette coach Tom Crean said.

"He's OK," Crean said. "It's just his shin. He was ready to go back in."











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