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### STATE

#### State leaders angry about new Sprint charge

AUSTIN (AP) — State leaders are investigating a new fee on Sprint cell phone bills that many believe is overcharging Texas customers and may even be illegal. Sprint began charging the 1 percent "Texas Margin Fee Reimbursement" on cell phone bills this month, but the company will owe a .7 percent tax on their revenue under the state's new business tax, often called the margins tax.

Sprint spokesman John Taylor contends that the total collections will actually be less than what is owed. Some commercial customers are only being charged a 0.6 percent surcharge, he said Thursday.

### NATION

#### Reputed Klansman pleads not guilty

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A reputed Ku Klux Klansman pleaded not guilty Thursday to kidnapping charges in the deaths of two black hitchhikers, four decades after their decomposed remains were found in the Mississippi River.

James Ford Seale, 71, was one of two white suspects initially arrested in 1964, but the FBI — consumed by a search for three civil rights workers — turned the case over to local authorities. A justice of the peace promptly threw out all charges.

### WORLD

#### Iraq talks with Chevron, Exxon

LONDON (AP) — Iraq is in negotiations with Chevron Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp. to build a new \$3 billion petrochemical facility, and is in talks with several other Western companies over industrial projects.

In an interview Thursday, Iraq's minister for industry and minerals Fowzi Hariri said the discussions with Chevron and Irving, Texas-based Exxon began this week in Washington and are at an early stage.

### DEATH TOLL

3069

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Car bomb kills 26 in Iraqi capital

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck a mostly Shiite neighborhood Thursday in central Baghdad, killing 26 people, hours after the prime minister promised the coming U.S.-Iraq security sweep in the capital would pursue militants wherever they were hiding.

The blast occurred shortly after two rockets slammed into the heavily fortified Green Zone. Two hours later, a second huge explosion rocked the area.

Police said they had blown up a second car bomb that had been disabled before its second suicide bomber could detonate it.

The U.S. military said an American soldier was killed Thursday by a roadside bomb northwest of Baghdad.

A massive plume of black smoke rose into the air on the east bank of the Tigris River and heavy gunfire rang out in the aftermath of the explosions in the capital.

The suicide bomber struck in the central neighborhood of Karradah, the second to hit the area in three days. At least three policemen were among the 26 dead from the latest bombing and 54 people were wounded, police and hospital officials said.

Angry Shiite residents took to the streets chanting, "We want the Sunnis out!" There is a small Christian and Sunni population in that section of the city.

The blast destroyed three minivans, 11 cars and dozens of shops, as well as the neighborhood's post office, according to a resident.

It struck shortly after the explosions in the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. and

British embassies and Iraqi government offices. The public address system inside the compound could be heard warning in English that people should take cover because "this is not a drill."

The U.S. military said at least two rockets, possibly three, struck the Green Zone, and six people were injured. The attack caused little structural damage, it added in a statement.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor told The Associated Press there were no deaths and the situation was under control.

"The embassy is functioning normally," he said.

Karradah has been the site of several bombings, including one Tuesday that killed four people and wounded seven.

Ambulances raced from the scene, at least one with the back door still open and

bodies stacked in the back, AP Television News video showed.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told lawmakers the coming U.S.-Iraqi security sweep in Baghdad would not be the last battle against militants, and he warned insurgents would not be safe anywhere in the country.

Al-Maliki did not reveal the details of the plan, which he has dubbed "Operation Imposing Law," or say when it would begin.

But he promised to go after those behind Baghdad's rampant violence no matter where they tried to hide. At the same time, he promised to ensure the rights of innocent Iraqis.

"We are full of hope. We have no other choice but to use force and any place where we receive fire will not be safe even if it is a school, a mosque, a political party office or home," he said. "There

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## THEN AND NOW

School of nursing celebrates 25 years of growth and change

By ANNA SCHUMANN STAFF WRITER

MTV had just been launched, the song on the radio was Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" and Ronald Reagan took his oath of office as America's 40th president. In 1981, the Texas Tech School of Nursing, which plans to celebrate its 25-year anniversary this weekend, opened its doors to students in Thompson Hall.

Teddy Jones, the founding dean of the nursing school, said she arrived ready to lead the school in 1979 after leaving a job at the University of Colorado. Still, because of some financial difficulties, the school could not open to students until 1981.

"We had the approval to do such a thing, but no funding to do it," she said.

Jones, who now lives in Friona, said after two years of working in a nursing continuing-education program out of Tech's Health Sciences Center, she and her small staff had recruited enough faculty and gotten the support necessary to enroll students.

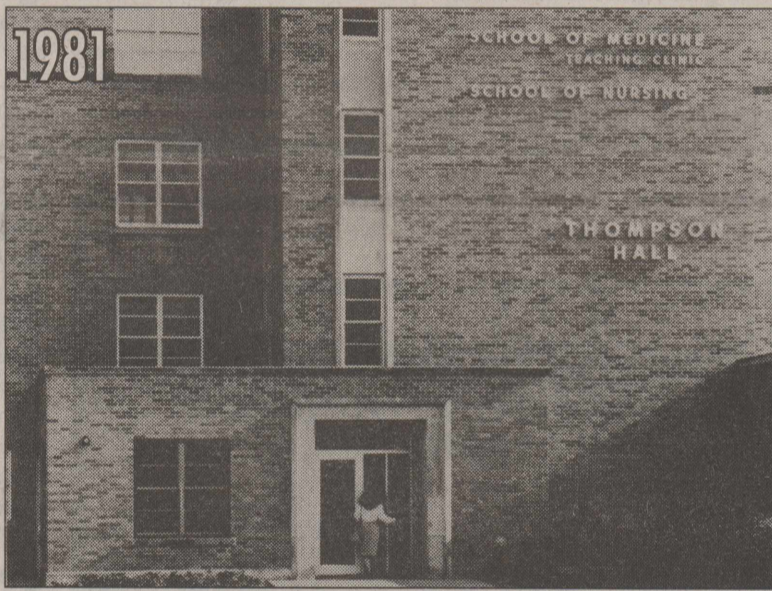
When the school opened its doors to students in 1981, there were seven faculty members and 75 students who were all entering the school with different levels of nursing experience. In 1983, the school's first graduating class had five members.

"We struggled in some ways," Jones said, "although we were very proud of the opportunities we were providing."

She said one unique thing the school did at the beginning was have students take basic-nursing clinical courses as freshmen so they would have a strong foundation. Currently, the school is set up to have students enter as juniors after having taken certain prerequisites the first two years.

Jones said she has witnessed many changes in the nursing profession over the past 25 years.

"There have been tremendous technological advantages," she said. "Some things have become less difficult due to the advances in technology. That's a simple exam-



THE NURSING SCHOOL was originally located in Thompson Hall.



THE HEALTH SCIENCES Center now houses the classrooms for the Tech Nursing School.

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## SGA considers eliminating bus route

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

When searching for apartments in Lubbock, Texas Tech students may want to take bus routes into consideration.

Chris Huff, external vice president for the Student Government Association, said the SGA realizes the busing situation is a problem for many students and has decided to address it.

"Students are having to wait 25 to 30 minutes for a bus when it takes 15 minutes to walk across campus," Huff said.

The SGA has been discussing possible ways to make the bus situation more convenient without raising transportation fees too much, Huff said.

To cover transportation fees, students pay \$3.50 for every hour of class they are enrolled in for up to 12 hours.

"It is up to the Board of Regents to decide if the transportation fee will increase," Huff said. "If it does, it will be very minimal."

For the fall semester, Huff said the W. Fourth Street bus route will likely be eliminated to allow more hours for other routes.

The SGA made the decision based on how many students ride the W. Fourth Street bus each day and the amount of revenue received from student transportation and apartment fees.

"There are only about 300 to 500 students who ride that bus each day,"

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## Abbott discusses online safety

By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

Predators are lurking everywhere and it takes a community to protect against them.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and members of the Cyber Crimes Unit spoke about the dangers of online predators and how to protect against them Thursday at the Coronado High School auditorium.

Abbott said he created the Cyber Crimes Unit and the Fugitive Unit to track down sexual predators.

Jerry Strickland, spokesperson

for the attorney general and host of the presentation, said more than 500 convicted sex offenders have been arrested by the Fugitive Unit for repeating their crimes, including two who were arrested after posting bail for previous sexual assaults charges.

The Cyber Crimes Unit has tracked down, arrested and prosecuted 92 predators who solicited sex from members of the unit, who pose as 13-year-old girls. The prison sentence for those found guilty in such cases averages six years, Strickland said.

A portion of the event featured different multi-media presentations, which included a student-made

video dramatization of how an online predator attacks, pictures of offenders the Cyber Crimes Unit has arrested, and footage of the Cyber Crimes Unit in action.

DVD's on Internet safety were available after the presentation for free to give further tips on how to protect against online predators.

Paul Aleman, a sergeant investigator for the attorney general's office, performed a live demonstration to show how easy it is to get access to a private account on Myspace.com by changing one piece of information on his account.

David Boatwright, chief investigator for the attorney general's of-

fice, said officers have a variety of methods for gathering information about suspected offenders.

"There are things we can do to get more information about possible predators," Boatwright said. "Some of them require search warrants, but it is certainly possible to get the necessary information."

Boatwright said a predator could be a neighbor, a friend, even someone who is familiar from church.

"I don't know who I'm looking for," he said, "because I'm looking for everybody."

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## Auditorium hosts play, C-1 parking affected

Students who park in the C-1 parking lot near Jones AT&T Stadium may face parking problems today.

According to Texas Tech University Parking Services, part of the parking lot near the coliseum is closed today because of a children's play being put on in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Reynaldo Suarez Jr., the events supervisor for University Parking Services, said he does not think the event will displace many students.

The west side of the lot is closed to students from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. so that Lubbock citizens attending the play may use the lot.

Since the city owns the parking lots, it can recall them for any event it puts on at any time, according to University Parking Services.

Students can find additional parking on the west side of the coliseum, in the C-4 parking lot.



# Mason Moses leads SGA through wilderness

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
STAFF WRITER

When he is not skiing, golfing or listening to country music, Mason Moses, a junior communication major from Dallas, serves as the Texas Tech Student Government Association legislative liaison.

"Basically, I am Ryan's (Worley) eyes and ears," Moses said. "It is my job to know what is going on in the world."

Worley, the SGA president, said he appointed Moses to a position as an SGA officer because he is reliable and is not afraid to have a differing opinion.

Moses lived in Lubbock until he was 10, moved back to Lubbock from Austin for both eighth grade and ninth grade and attended a Dallas high school for his sophomore, junior and senior years.

"I was excited to move to Dallas so that I could come back to Tech without my parents being down the street," Moses said.

Moses said he has always known he wanted to go to Tech. He said he grew up attending Tech sporting events and has been wearing Red Raider gear for as long as he can remember.

Both of Moses' parents are educators who pushed him to excel, Moses said. He said his older brother, a former SGA president, is his best friend and a huge source of support.

He said in high school he was always involved in student council and served as student council president his senior year.

Upon coming to Tech, Moses said he joined the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and he serves as the corresponding secretary.

"FIJI has been the best experience of my life," he said. "I

definitely would not be where I am without the support."

Jonathan Cotten, a fellow FIJI member and Moses' roommate, said he has no doubt his friend will be successful in the future.

"Even when he's laying around the house, he's always trying to find ways to get things done," Cotten said.

Moses and Cotten have been roommates since living in the residence halls together their freshman year, Cotten said.

As for his future, Moses said he wants to be involved in politics in some way.

"I like the idea of working for a greater cause. It is a great feeling to serve people and help them in ways they may not be able to be helped otherwise," Moses said.

Besides sports and music, Moses said he enjoys reading and eating his favorite home-cooked meal, his mother's chicken fried

steak.

Moses said his favorite professional basketball team is the Mavericks, something he and Worley do not agree on.

Worley, a Spurs fan, said another issue the two disagree on is which one of their childhood summer camps is better. Worley said he attended Camp Longhorn, stressing that the camp was in Burnet and has no correlation to the University of Texas.

"Mason prances up and down the hall talking about how great (Camp Ozark) is," Worley said. "It is really sad because my camp is better."

Moses said his prancing up and down the halls was probably because of the outcome of a recent basketball game.

"I was probably prancing because the Mavericks beat the Spurs," Moses said. [mag8240@hotmail.com](mailto:mag8240@hotmail.com)

## Nursing

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there are many more complicated examples. The advances are exponential, not incremental."

Jones said there have been changes in where nursing is practiced.

"They are working in units we'd never dreamed of, like transplantation," she said. "They're working in places we only imagined 25 years ago."

Jones said she is proud of one thing in particular about Tech's nursing school.

"The fact that they are consistently rated by U.S. News and World Report is very positive," she said, "something we could have only dreamed of 25 years ago."

Jones said despite all the advances the nursing profession has undergone, some aspects of nursing have not changed at all.

"Nurses have continued to have the respect of patients," she said. "That's extremely important and something we should make sure to guard. Nurses are still the advocates of patients if necessary, which results in a tremendous sense of trust. I'm not just speaking of patients in the hospital, but anywhere.

Nursing has maintained a real awareness of changes in health care, which is key."

Karen Dadich, an associate professor of nursing and one of the founding faculty members of the nursing school, said despite small changes, some things are almost the same as they were 25 years ago in the nursing school.

"One thing that's the same is we still have the same energetic, pioneering spirit we had when Teddy Jones was dean," she said. "It was such a wonderful opportunity to be one of the founding faculty members. I knew it was going to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Since then, we have done so many things that are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, so many opportunities to be first. Another thing that's the same is in many instances, we still have highly motivated students. When we started we had students so eager for the school to open. My students today still bring the same sense of enthusiasm we saw in 1981 with our very first students."

One of the biggest challenges Dadich said the nursing profession has faced has been the nursing shortage.

"We've had to entice people who are nurses to become nursing educators to grow the profession," she said. "That's something we didn't think about 25 years ago."

Alexia Green, who has served as dean

of the nursing school since 2000, said advances in the knowledge of science and technology have led to big changes in the nursing profession.

"Technology makes the environment they function in more complex, which increases their role of responsibility," she said. "Their skill set has to be much higher to deal with the patients now."

Having technology integrated into the curriculum is important, Green said, because nurses need to be "tech savvy."

Since her time at the nursing school, Green said she has been challenged by a nursing shortage, which the school has handled by increasing enrollment by 118 percent and increasing the number of faculty members by approximately 75 percent. In 2006, the school graduated 360 students—a 7,100 percent increase since the school's first graduating class.

By the year 2015, Green said she hopes to have more than 2,000 students enrolled in the School of Nursing. She said the Tech School of Nursing has a 97 percent retention rate.

"Once they're in, we do everything we can to make sure they graduate," Green said.

The growth of the school makes her proud, but students and faculty should get credit for that, Green said.

"We have a very renowned staff,

known nationally," she said.

Other things Green said she would like to see done in the future include drawing students to the school's upcoming Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program, which should begin in the fall. She said she would also like to see continued growth in the faculty.

Jones said she agrees growth is important.

"Before I left, I wanted to see the creation of a campus in the Permian Basin and get graduate programs underway," Jones said.

Although the creation of the campus happened before she left the Tech School of Nursing, Jones said she can not take credit for it.

"I didn't do a thing by myself," she said. "I could never be justified in saying 'look at that.' That place did far more for me than I could ever do for it. A man who served on the Board of Regents once told me, 'Don't get too pleased with yourself, keep watching the step ahead of you.' That's what I do. I'm proud the school has continued to meet the mission the board initially set in place. What more can you ask for?"

Dadich said it is hard for her to believe the school has been around for 25 years and even harder to imagine where it will be 25 years from now.

"I can't imagine where it could be in 25 years because if you had asked me in 1981 where I thought it could be in 25 years, I could have never dreamed it would be where it is today," she said. "I just hope it will still have the same pioneering spirit, still have a group of faculty who want to make the school ever better and still attract students who really want to make a difference in health care."

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## Bomb

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will be no safe place in Iraq for terrorists."

On Wednesday, U.S. and Iraqi troops battled Sunni insurgents holed up in high-rise buildings on Haifa Street in the heart of Baghdad, with snipers on roofs taking aim at gunmen in open windows as Apache attack helicopters hovered overhead.

The Defense Ministry said 30 militants were killed and 27 captured Wednesday.

The U.S. military said the soldier killed Thursday was part of a unit on a combat security patrol when the roadside bomb exploded. Three other soldiers were wounded.

The military reported separately that an American soldier was killed Wednesday in clashes near the city's center, but officials declined to give more specifics or say if it was connected to the Haifa Street fighting. Two U.S. Marines also were reported killed Tuesday in combat in Anbar province.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the latest joint raid was aimed at clearing the area, which sits just north of the heavily fortified Green Zone, of "terrorists and outlaws." He promised such operations would continue as U.S. and Iraqi troops prepare for a broader security crackdown to stanch the sectarian bloodletting that has turned Baghdad into a battlefield.

But the operation drew condemnation from a Sunni group that said it was further proof that the Shiite-led government was targeting the minority sect.

The hard-line Association of Muslim Scholars called the Haifa Street crackdown "a campaign of genocide" against Sunnis and said several buildings had been damaged and people killed. It said it had not determined the exact number of casualties.

President Bush has committed 21,500 extra troops in a surge he hopes will succeed where other efforts have failed in quelling the sectarian violence.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, also has placed high hopes on the operation and promised it will target Shiite militias and Sunni insurgents equally.

Past attempts by U.S. forces and Iraqis to secure the capital have failed, and many critics said it was because al-Maliki had intervened to prevent the crackdowns

from going after members of

the Shiite Mahdi Army militia that is run by one of his political backers, anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The militia force is believed responsible for much of the recent sectarian killing in Baghdad and central Iraq. Its forces and death squads have deeply infiltrated Iraqi security forces.

The crackdown "aims to disarm all groups and only leave weapons in the hands of the government," al-Maliki said. "This plan will not be the last. The battle between us and terrorists is open and continuous."

Meanwhile, the mayor of Baghdad's Sadr City said he reached agreement with political and religious groups to keep weapons off the streets of the heavily populated Shiite militia stronghold. He said he has presented the deal to U.S. and Iraqi government officials in an apparent attempt to avoid a crackdown on the area.

Rahim al-Darraj said Iraqi troops will be in charge of security in the sprawling district in eastern Baghdad. His comments come amid fears that Sadr City, the main headquarters of the Mahdi Army militia, could be a major target in the planned crackdown.

Al-Maliki said five committees will be set up to work in conjunction with the military as it and U.S. troops conduct the security plan to deal with political, media, public services, economic and community outreach aspects.

He said Baghdad would be divided into nine sectors and Iraqi troops would be in the lead, backed by American forces.

The last of five additional U.S. brigades to help with the security sweep are scheduled to arrive in the Iraqi capital in May. The first, a brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division, arrived last week.

At least 11 people died in other violence across Iraq, police said. A bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded in one of Baghdad's busiest market areas, killing at least five people and wounding 20, police said.

The blast hit the Shorja market district about 11 a.m., said police.

A bomb also struck a market in the religiously mixed area of Baiyaa in western Baghdad at 10:45 a.m., killing three civilians and wounding 11, police said.


Both areas have been the targets of bombings previously as insurgents seek busy commercial targets to maximize the casualties.

A mortar attack struck a mainly Shiite neighborhood in eastern Baghdad, killing one civilian and wounding four.


In northern Iraq, gunmen killed Hussein Abdul Aziz Ahmed, a member of the local council in Gayyara, about 20 miles south of Mosul, as he was driving to work, police said.

A parked car bomb also struck an Iraqi army patrol in Mosul, killing one soldier and wounding five people.

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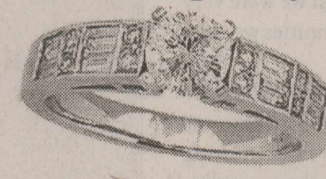
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# City Council makes red lights a go

By NAOMI KASKELA  
STAFF WRITER

Changes were discussed concerning red-light cameras and bicycle projects around the Hub City at the Lubbock City Council meeting Thursday.

The main change discussed about the red-light cameras was a proposed contract with a new vendor, said Marsha Reed, the assistant city engineer.

During the meeting, the council voted to go with a different vendor than the vendor originally planned.

The reasons for this change included cost and keeping the company local rather than going with a large corporation somewhere else, said Linda DeLeon, councilwoman for District 1.

"I think the decision was made because the cost was going to be less for the citizens," she said.

Because the new company chosen, ATS Company, is local, the money will stay with the city, she said.

"They're going to have to come up with a contract that we will be comfortable with, being all seven council members," she said.

John Leonard, councilman for District 5, has disagreed with many aspects of the project, DeLeon said. Still, even he had specific items he wanted to be addressed in the contract.

DeLeon said she came up with the idea after she saw red-light cameras in Washington D.C., where her daughter lives. However, the issue had not gained support until Mayor David Miller was elected.

The cameras' purpose is to "prevent so many violations on a daily basis," she said.

The funds garnered from individuals caught running red lights will go to public safety, which will make the project a win-win situation, DeLeon said.

However, not everyone has

supported the idea.

"I think people that scream the loudest about red light cameras is because they probably are the ones that run the red lights," she said.

A citizen brought concerns to the council about changing the length of the yellow light during the meeting.

DeLeon said control of the cameras will be in the city of-

*"I think people that scream the loudest about red light cameras is because they probably are the ones that run the red lights."*

— LINDA DELEON  
COUNCILWOMAN FOR  
DISTRICT 1

officials' hands, and the company will not be able to manipulate the length of the lights in any way.

The idea to lengthen the time the yellow light is illuminated to allow more people to get through is not something she said she agrees with.

"That's stupid in my opinion," she said. "All the citizens will say, 'Well, I've got time to get through the intersection because the yellow light is longer.' It'll probably make it worse."

Reed said the issue will be brought before the council once again sometime in February.

A work session was conducted after the regular meeting to discuss the situation in the city concerning bicycles.

Larry Hertel, city engineer, said he was asked to update the council on what the bicycle condition is, pertaining to bicycle lanes and paths throughout the city.

"We have no funding to do any bicycle projects at this time," he said. "This was really just an informational work session presentation."

Hertel said in Lubbock there are 75 miles of signed bicycle routes and eight miles of striped bike lanes.

An extension of the lanes that already exist was discussed, he said.

One specific project discussed was building an overpass over South Loop 289 so bicyclists would have an easier time maneuvering around the city.

Hertel said in the future he expects bicycle groups and others to make requests — including those pertaining to Texas Tech — to be included in bond discussions.

"What I told the council is we certainly try to coordinate and communicate with Texas Tech on their internal bicycle routes to the campus to make sure ours match up as best we can," he said.

There are changes already being made because of the construction of the freeway, said Jere Hart, city traffic engineer.

He said there are several areas where the Tech campus runs alongside where the new freeway will be that will have bicycle bridges or routes.

These changes are in the future, Hart said.

"I believe the freeway is supposed to be finished by the summer of 2008," he said.

The bicycle route changes in that area should be finished at that time as well.

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## Bus Routes

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he said. "The route, in total, costs around \$240,000 a year."

There are two apartment complexes on the W. Fourth Street bus route: The Reserve and Waterford Place.

Huff said the SGA charges the apartment complexes \$5,000 a year to use the buses, while the maximum amount of money received from student-transportation fees for the route is \$21,000 per semester.

"That is about \$190,000 we are trying to make up for," he said. "It would be more appropriate to use the money elsewhere."

Huff said the extra bus hours and revenue would go towards other bus routes.

"Hours would be reallocated to

buses going to satellite parking and bus services after 3 p.m.," he said. "If we don't use all the hours, the additional money would go into a fund balance."

The fund balance would act as a savings account, Huff said, and the money saved would go toward building new parking facilities.

Destiny Everett, property manager at the Waterford Place apartment complex, said she had no idea the SGA was considering eliminating the route, and she is not happy about the concept.

"I contacted them a few months ago to make sure my ducks were in a line, and they shared no concerns," Everett said.

Everett said she believes it is important the student bus routes are offered at conventional apartment complexes since the typical student-apartment-rent fees are so high.

Mark Moore, a sophomore from

Mt. Vernon, said he enjoys taking the bus because he does not have to pay for a parking pass, and he thinks a lot of students will be affected if the route is eliminated.

"There are a lot of college kids in my area and I'm sure a lot use it," Moore said. "It is always full when I get on."

Bill Nichols, who drives a bus on the route, said he was concerned for some of his riders.

"There are three handicapped people who ride the bus — all sight-impaired," Nichols said. "They may have to move or something."

Huff said he realizes many students may be upset about the bus route being shut down.

"That is why we are trying to let students know well in advance so that they can prepare," he said. "We would not be doing this if we absolutely did not need the hours elsewhere."

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## Abbott

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Kimberly Bustos, a sergeant investigator for the attorney general's office, said it takes about 30 seconds for a predator to find someone online who is a potential victim, and it is not just children who are at risk.

"Statistically, high school and college students are at higher risks," Bustos said. "They have more freedom and leeway. They tend to overlook the dangers that are out there."

Abbott said his trip to Lubbock is just one stop in a series throughout the state of Texas to educate the public. He said this is in no way a political visit.

"The Internet is an essential tool, but it's also a place where children get to chat online or belong to social networking sites like Myspace," Abbott said. "What parents need to know is the Internet is a fabulous tool, but it harbors great danger for children."


Aleman said stopping every predator is not possible, but officers are trying to make it harder for an offender to succeed.

"There's no way to defeat this," he said, "but there is a way to deter this, and that is what we are trying to do."

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## Media bias rears ugly head

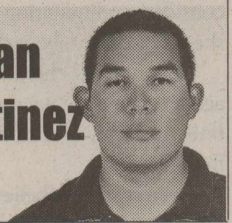
For those of us who are truly interested in politics, the State of the Union Address is the equivalent of a heavyweight fight night, complete with over-priced cable and a TV dinner. All the political celebrities are in one room, all the issues of the last year are revived and all members of the media are in a frenzy to get what they consider to be the best coverage.

That usually ends up being the key. It's widely understood by almost anyone who watches the 24-hour news channels that they all have their own form of bias, and almost none of them try to hide it. What was most interesting for me on Tuesday night was not what the president said during his address, but what the news channels said before and after it.

News channels get information prior to the address about what the president intends to purvey in his message to America and Congress. While they don't receive a word-for-word copy of the speech, they're pretty well advised about what to expect. And if you don't think they're trying to spin it into a sensational story of some kind, you might be caught off-guard.

Let's take the FOX News Channel as our first example. If you paid Michael Moore half the attention he deserves, you would know that this

**Adrian Martinez**



channel has ties to the Bush family. Most people take that to mean everything said on this channel is conservatively biased.

That's really not entirely true, but it was obvious from watching the programming on this channel that an hour before the State of the Union, FOX broadcasters were attempting to paint a favorable portrait of the president, titling his upcoming address as "Words of Wisdom."

FOXNews.com also shows its bias. A poll has been placed on the network's Web site that asks the question, "If you work hard and play by the rules in America, do you have a good chance to succeed?"

The current results say that 75 percent of those who answered said "yes," but I wonder if those people realize where this question came from, or why it is being asked of them.

This question is a direct reference to Sen. Hillary Clinton's video in which she announces the formation of her presidential exploratory committee. It's obvious Clinton

is attempting to make us feel like the Bush administration has made it hard for fair-playing Americans to succeed, and it's equally obvious that FOX News is attempting to counter that.

MSNBC is a different story. An hour before the address, the news network chose to bring up more negative press about the administration, namely the leak of CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity. According to the report, Vice President Dick Cheney was said to be the one who had leaked Plame's identity — an accusation that is now considered false. You might notice this story is nowhere near the top of any news source's agenda at that moment, leading me to believe that MSNBC's choice to release the story precisely when it did was more strategy than honest journalism. In fact, most news sources are now only referring to this case because of the inconsistent testimony given by former White House Aide Lewis Libby.

Even during the address itself, bias could be seen by all news sources covering the event. While the president did receive much applause during his sixth State of the Union, it's important to note not all of that applause came from both sides of the aisle.

News networks have the choice

to use a variety of camera angles. Their choice to show the audience either the applauding side or the opposing side is a dead giveaway as to what kind of message that news source is trying to support.

After the speech and the official Democratic rebuttal, given by Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA), there was plenty of material to spin. FOX News seems to regard the president's speech as successful, while other networks tore it apart, immediately demolishing the president's purported health insurance plan. Other networks seemed to give the address very little attention at all and instead focused on how youthful Sen. Webb appeared.

So what can you do to avoid being swayed to one viewpoint or another by biased media? You probably don't care. People seem to want to watch news sources that already coincide with their personal opinions, and this leads them to feel the conflicting news sources are simply unworthy of their attention. But if you're truly interested in entering a "no-spin zone," don't just watch Bill O'Reilly. Watch all sources and read between the lines.

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## Students need to think of others, environment

When I leave my apartment on Saturday mornings, I am always amazed with the quantity of empty beer cans strewn across the ground and in the parking lot. There must be between 50 and 100 empty cans dispersed randomly around my building alone. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against drinking and having a good time, but I think this situation demonstrates a huge problem among college students.

Most students simply have no respect for the environment, their university, other people or themselves. I think the aforementioned example is particularly bad because even if my neighbors don't care about the impact of leaving trash in the environment, that is still where they live. I ask myself the same questions every weekend: "How can you trash your own home?" "Do you really like looking at random #@\$% every time you walk out the door?" It makes my apartment feel like a dump, and I don't like living in garbage.

Also, I know the problem with littering is not limited to just my apartment complex. I lived in Clement Residence Hall in 2006 and, on the weekend, it looked like everyone chugged a couple of beers before going to the clubs. However, inside the residence hall almost was as bad as the parking lot. The bathrooms were always nasty from people missing the toilet when they puked or urinated (including the toilet seat) and left paper towels and other trash on the floor. I don't even want to think about what was in the showers.

Trash was also left in the hallways on more than one occasion. I remember one time when some jerk left a bunch of crushed chips outside my door, and a community assistant tried to make me clean it up as if it were my responsibility to clean up other people's messes. Yea, good luck with that.

Then there is the bench destruction at football games. Is jumping up and down and trying to break a bench really that entertaining? I'm all for team spirit, but I don't think we have to make Texas Tech spend money on replacing benches — those funds could be used more constructively. Not only that, but after you break a bench, how exactly

**Will Harman**



do you plan on watching the rest of the game? I talked to a girl about it today and her only response was, "Gee, I never thought of that."

I was impressed. Anyway, I bet its pretty hard trying to see over the heads of all the people ahead you without that bench. But hey, maybe all those people have X-ray vision, and in that case, it's cool.

Another thing that irks me is when people ride their bikes too fast. When the streets on campus are crowded with people between classes, people on bikes should slow down and be cognizant of what is going on around them. I know I don't want to be mowed down by some absent-minded cyclist, and I'm sure that other students feel the same way. Maybe they should consider getting up 10 minutes earlier and walking to class instead of trying to see if they can get their bike to 40 miles per hour.

I could go on all day about different things people do that I don't like. It's a long list, but I think you get the point. Who doesn't regularly have experiences in which they see a lack of respect? I'm sure that all the people who read *The Daily Toreador* could come up with at least 20 things they have experienced today alone. Hell, this morning my roommate woke me when he was playing his guitar as loudly as possible. Why can't he just shut the door to his room? It's like asking how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll pop — I may never know.

I think if people would just take a minute to consider the consequences of their actions and try not to trash everything, everyone could have a much more pleasant college experience. I still think having fun is one of the most important things about college. If you want to get trashed, go for it. You have my blessing. Cheer at football games and ride your bike, but please be mindful that what you do has an impact on everyone around you as well as on yourself.

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## This lame duck is cooked and done

Because I can't dumb myself down enough to listen to President George W. Bush give an address, I read the transcript of the State of the Union. It really didn't make much of a difference, as this speech was equally painful to read.

Remembering all the campaign promises the president made (and the cringes that go along with them) and contrasting them with what has actually happened, this speech just cemented what I already thought: Bush is a lame duck.

The *Random House Unabridged Dictionary* defines "lame duck" as "a person or thing that is disabled, helpless, ineffective or inefficient." Interestingly enough, all four terms apply to our fearless leader.

Bush is disabled in his leadership capability, helpless when it comes to foreign policy, ineffective at leaving no children behind and inefficient with American money.

Americans let the wrong guy steal the election in 2000. President Bush is about as much of a leader as I am a nuclear physicist. Even with a Republican majority in both houses of Congress, he couldn't get anything done. The president's crowning legislative achievement was the joint resolution to use force against Iraq, and we all see how well that's turning out.

Bush failed at everything else in life (except drinking, he was pretty good at that), so why should the presidency be

**Amy McCarthy**



any different? Leadership isn't something that Karl Rove can whisper in your ear at a press conference; it's based on a connection with the people and a desire to please them.

This administration didn't get the memo. Satisfying the needs of big business and special interest has always come first. It is now time for America to have a real leader, not a puppet of corporate America.

After this administration, it seems diplomacy doesn't exist anymore. Looking at our relations with Venezuela, North Korea and Iran, the president and the Department of State are completely helpless and clueless when it comes to dealing with foreign nations — especially hostile ones.

Nuclear talks with North Korea have consistently failed; Hugo Chavez is building up anti-American sentiment all across South America with promises of oil and money, and Iran could honestly give a damn about what threats we make.

When your most powerful allies are the United Kingdom and Spain (but who could forget about Lithuania, Azerbaijan and Slovakia?) and the rest of the world is adamantly opposed to how

you are conducting your international affairs, there is most likely a problem. Foreign policy normally consists of elements that don't involve blowing up things, and I wouldn't hold my breath and wait for this administration to realize that.

Sadly, No Child Left Behind was one of the few initiatives President Bush was able to push through. Too bad this misguided policy didn't go the way of social-security privatization and the anti-gay-marriage amendment. The fundamental assumptions of the program are completely flawed.

The status quo's standardized testing is no way to evaluate an education. No Child Left Behind advocates a system in which students are products rather than people — neatly packaged and exceptionally good at filling in circles with their No. 2 pencils. In this framework, it is almost as if creativity and individuality are discarded in favor of uniformity and simplicity. But, as we all know, not all questions have a multiple-choice answer, especially when it comes to the development of the young mind.

Moreover, if this policy is reauthorized, programs like art, music and theater will continue to be devalued because school districts will be forced to shift their resources away from these essential programs and into teaching the test.

No Child Left Behind not only cheapens the education children receive, it also is a stinging slap in the face

to educators who have committed their lives to the pursuit of knowledge. These teachers want children to learn rather than simply pass a test. It is time for the suits in Congress to realize educators know what they're doing. Let's sit back and let them do it.

"Fiscal responsibility" is a phrase Republicans enjoy throwing around. Not so much in the past six years, though, considering President Bush is no spendthrift. With an almost \$9 trillion deficit, billions spent monthly in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a ridiculous tax cut to large corporations, I have to wonder, "How are we going to pay for it all?"

The problem is we can't. The new Democratic Congress definitely needs to reign in the president's inefficient spending, but it also needs to remove some of the tax burden from the middle class and place it on the corporations this administration is so fond of to make the economy flourish (much like it did in the Clinton administration).

Stick a fork in him — he's done. As we ride out the next two years under this administration, President Bush is going to have to make a lot of changes in both ideology and policy to escape lame-duck status. I'll be sure to look for that right after I see Santa Claus carrying weapons of mass destruction.

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# Tech water polo players hope to form organization

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Some Texas Tech students who play water polo in their free time are taking the necessary steps to turn the hobby into an official student organization.

Greg Preston, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, has been one of the group's leaders and plans to serve as the organization's president once official registration with the university is complete.

"Right now, I'm just in charge of setting up practice times," Preston said, "as well as making sure we have a place to play."

Preston said his road to becoming the founding president of Tech Water Polo began when his twin brother begged him to play with his high school team when the team was a player short for a game during his sophomore year. He scored a goal in that game and has been playing ever since.

Preston said he and his brother had T-shirts made to promote the organization and have been selling them as a fundraiser to help the aquatic athletes get their feet wet.

Blake Leslie, a sophomore wildlife management major from San Antonio, said he hopes his fellow water polo players will put the game on a higher priority level once the organization becomes official. He said many of his teammates are not taking the commitment seriously yet.

"Some people care about the game, and some people do it for fun," Leslie said, "but some people live for it."

Leslie said he believes Preston is the right man for the job of the organization's president because of his work ethic and his passion for the game.

"It seems like Greg is really working hard to get things together," Leslie said, "and keep it together."

Preston said his goals for the organization include setting up matches

with Texas A&M and the University of Texas, both of which have strong club teams. He said the Texas team won the National Club Championship in 2006, and the Tech team needs a lot more practice before it would be ready to compete against either A&M or UT.

"I'm pretty sure that if we played right now," Preston said, "they would just out swim us."

Leslie said he agrees with Preston's analysis of the team and said he felt the group needed a stricter schedule with two full practices a week and another meeting just to work solely on swimming.

Preston said he plans to implement such a practice regimen as soon as the organization becomes official, which should take place before March. He has been working with the director of student organizations, Micheal Gunn, to complete the process.

Gunn said any student can form a student organization as long as it meets certain requirements. The group must have at least five members and an adviser with an office on campus.

He said to obtain the necessary application paperwork, members of the organization-to-be must attend a registration meeting required by the Tech Board of Regents. The meetings are held every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Senate room of the Student Union Building. If necessary, Gunn said he will meet with students at other times.

Preston said to meet university compliance requirements, Tech Water Polo had to form a constitution stating the organization's purpose and its goals for the future; the document is still in the amendment process.

Currently, the water polo players meet at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Wednesdays and play from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with plans to expand their practice schedule in the future.

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# Curfew imposed in Lebanese capital after clashes show deepening tensions

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — University students loyal to Lebanon's government clashed with Hezbollah supporters Thursday, setting cars ablaze and battling with homemade clubs and stones. The melee deepened worries that Lebanon cannot contain the political and sectarian rivalries threatening to push it toward civil war.

At least three people were killed and dozens were injured before army troops backed by tanks and firing barrages of warning shots into the air dispersed most rioters. The military then declared Beirut's first curfew since 1996.

But the fallout reaches far beyond the casualty count. The clashes, sparked by a cafeteria scuffle between pro-government Sunni Muslims and pro-Hezbollah Shiites, reinforced fears that Lebanon's sectarian divisions are erupting into violence as they did during the 1975-1990 civil war.

It was the third straight day of violence, sparked by a Hezbollah-led strike Tuesday that came ahead of a crucial gathering of donor nations in Paris. The conference Thursday raised pledges of \$7.6 billion to help Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's U.S.-backed government rebuild after last summer's devastating Israel-Hezbollah war.

The money and show of international support could boost the embattled Saniora. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah has vowed to bring him down unless the opposition is given more power.

The chaos has paralyzed the government. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said Wednesday that donors were backing the wrong side in the standoff and that he could topple Saniora at any time.

In Paris, Saniora pleaded to his countrymen to "distance themselves from tensions."

"No one can help a country if the people of this country don't want to

help themselves," he said. "I call on your wisdom and reason."

Leaders on all sides called for calm. Nasrallah — who has insisted in recent days he does not want Lebanon to tumble into civil war — went on TV in the evening to tell followers it was a "religious duty" to get off the streets to allow security forces to keep order.

"I appeal to you in the name of Lebanon and human conscience ... It's a pity to waste Lebanon like this," said Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally. "It is time we learn from the past."

During Lebanon's civil war, Christians battled Muslims. But the new confrontation has taken different sectarian lines: Shiites support the opposition, Sunnis back the prime minister and Christian parties are divided between the two camps.

If sectarian divisions explode in Lebanon, it would likely further fuel Sunni-Shiite tensions around the Arab world,

already heightened by Iraq's turmoil. Mainly Sunni Arab nations like Egypt and Saudi Arabia have shown alarm at Hezbollah's increasing strength in Lebanon and have backed Saniora.

Thursday's clashes in Beirut showed just how quickly any spark can turn into a wildfire.

Students said it began with a scuffle in the cafeteria of Beirut Arab University between Sunni Muslims and supporters of the Shiite Hezbollah. As Sunnis in the surrounding Tarik el-Jadideh district moved in, Hezbollah activists called in reinforcements.

Hezbollah activists with walkie-talkies were seen coordinating as a ragtag convoy of hundreds of vigilantes raced to the campus. Gangs — many wearing

blue and red construction hard hats and wielding clubs made from sticks and even chair legs — poured into the area and battled Sunni students and riot police and soldiers.

Hezbollah backers claimed Sunni gunmen fired from apartment balconies near the school, wounding several people. The claim could not be independently confirmed.

Thick black smoke rose over the campus and the neighborhood on the southern edge of Beirut as rioters set fire to vehicles, tires and trash. Bands of youths clashed with stones and clubs in running street battles as the army tried to close off streets with tanks and armored vehicles. Troops fired tear gas and warning shots into the air.

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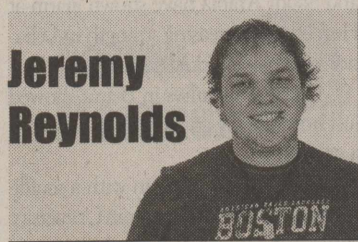
## Fanning's new film raises concerns

In less than a month, actress Dakota Fanning, best known for her roles in "War of the Worlds" and "Charlotte's Web," will enter her teenage years. Last summer, rumors of her role in the new movie "Hounddog" began filtering through the Internet and eventually clogged up at the conservative-Christian side of it.

Petitions have been signed, and a district attorney has been brought in to judge just how far a director can push the acting of a minor.

In the film "Hounddog," Fanning stars as a young girl in the 1950s, whose only escape from her dire reality is through the music of Elvis Presley. It seems like the natural All-American kind of film for a bright young actress to star in, but there's more to the movie than just the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

In the film, Fanning wakes up in her bed as her naked father is climbing in, she spends a lot of the movie walking around in her underwear, exchanges a kiss with a young boy who exposes himself to her, engages in mutual masturbating and eventually is promised tickets to a Presley concert only to get raped by the teenager



**Jeremy Reynolds**

doing the promising.

Production of the film came to a stop last summer as Christian groups and parents began protesting the movie, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival this week. After the district attorney in Wilmington, N.C., previewed the picture, he was quoted as saying there was nothing illegal about the way the director and producers handled the filming of the sensitive scenes, according to an article in *The New York Times*.

As a movie critic, I believe all these Christian groups out there who try to prevent the release of films should step aside for the better good of cinema. I'm a Christian who has gone to church for many years, but I think there needs to be a line between Church and Hollywood. There's already a line that supposedly separates Church and State, and I think the

next line should block parents and pastors from getting involved in the production of Hollywood films.

The rape scene that has caused so much controversy in "Hounddog," is made up of nothing more than close-up shots of Fanning's face and kicking legs. Rape, sadly, is a part of the American culture, and in a press conference on Monday, even Fanning said life isn't rosy, and people need to get use to that.

It might be a bit unethical to push a young actress that far on screen, but for the sake of reality in films, I don't think there should be a law against it. Thankfully, all the Christian groups who have protested the movie have had their complaints fall on deaf ears. Still, "Hounddog" will probably not be the last time parents and pastors stand together trying to change Hollywood.

For the better part of the last decade, a company called "Clean Flicks," a Utah-based chain of Chris-

tian video stores, sold edited movies without studio permission. Soon after the company began editing the films such as "Die Hard" and "Saving Private Ryan," lawsuits started filing into courthouses.

Last summer, the decision finally came down that Clean Flicks needed to cease production of its edited films. The company closed its doors in August.

I'm not against edited films, such as those edited for television. I understand showing an un-edited version of "Saving Private Ryan" on ABC at 7 p.m. could be harmful to a young child who just happens to flip over to that channel during the first 20 minutes of the movie.

Still, it's unethical to butcher a director's work and then sell it for a high price to make a profit. Thankfully, the courts decided in favor of the studios, preventing this parent-and-Christian group from ruining some of today's greatest masterpieces.

Everyone says there is a liberal influence in Hollywood and, as a Democrat, I'm not going to deny that. There is definitely a liberal push in films these days.

In some of the films released in the last few years, such as "The Family Stone," the liberal push is so prevalent that it's annoying. How about filmmakers make a family film that doesn't include a homosexual character with a black boyfriend.

Still, the film "Brokeback Mountain" was not one of those "liberal films," as Christian organizations would have someone believe.

Church and parent organizations across the country decided to come together and protest the film "Brokeback Mountain" when it was released, which convinced a lot of theater owners to not screen it.

These organizations need to stop petitioning theaters from showing films. Many multiplexes decided against showing the movie because

of the strong response from these organizations. I think this deprived many people from watching a truly great American love story. No one is forcing anyone to go see these supposedly "immoral" movies.

When the film was released on DVD, parent groups that are supposedly looking out for the well-being of children petitioned Wal-Mart to not sell the movie. Once again, this group's cries fell on deaf ears, thankfully.

Christian and family organizations that pretend to promote the betterment of cinema need to reevaluate their duties because they are depriving many people from seeing great films, and in the case of Fanning's new flick, the groups gave the producers of the film hassles and headaches that were unneeded.

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## 'Iwo Jima' hits close to home

By TESSA STRASSER  
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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — They say to truly understand someone, you have to walk a mile in their shoes. Clint Eastwood already walked a mile in the shoes of American soldiers with "Flags of our Fathers," so it seemed only fair to look at the same battle through the eyes of the Japanese opposition.

To put it into context, the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II was never meant to be a victory. The Japanese command planned on using a battle to delay the enemy so they had more time to plan defense for the homeland. When "Letters" begins, the Japanese troops are already in

place on the island, digging ditches in preparation for the upcoming battle. General Kuribayashi (Ken Watanabe) decides instead of the normal beach landing brawl, that they will dig out tunnels through the hills. Everyone on the island sees that this will be a losing battle right away, but the question is how many troops will have to die.

Kuribayashi faces problems right away. The other generals think he is a coward and an American sympathizer for wanting to "hide" in the tunnels, the homeland takes away their air and naval support for more important battles and the U.S. fleets that storm the coast seem never-ending. The problems keep arising. The Japanese troops are vastly outnumbered, and their food and ammunition supplies run out. There's no

escape from the island and the troops are left with no option but to die "with honor."

"Letters" is shot in a dark bluish-gray light, which only adds to the depression of the battle. The only color that's ever brought to the screen is the explosions of the American missiles. This helps build into the Japanese soldiers' feeling that there is no escape from the never-ending darkness of their tunnels.

The major difference between "Letters" and "Flags" is the different emotions of the characters. While the battle scene in "Flags" was brutal, it led to a major triumph. In "Letters," there is nothing but grief and despair. The Japanese go into the battle saying that no man will leave and that before any of them die, they must take ten men with

them. While the only complex character in "Flags" was American Indian Ira Hayes, here they all are emotionally complex. Each character struggles differently with whether they really are willing to give up everything for their homeland and how they feel about the Americans. It's hard not get sucked into their feeling of futility.

Having war movies out at a time when we're at war brings more thoughts forward that we might have overlooked. Does having pride for your country always mean death? Are your convictions really the same as your country's? Most importantly, where does morality come into play in life-and-death situations? Time may have passed since Iwo Jima, but these are issues that are still yet to be resolved.

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# Cowboys add Garrett, but not as head coach - yet



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IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys added Jason Garrett to their coaching staff Thursday night, and said he would remain a candidate to replace retired head coach Bill Parcells.

Garrett, the backup to Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman for two Super Bowl titles in Dallas from 1993-99, was quarterbacks coach in Miami the last two seasons — his only coaching experience.

Garrett also had been in line to become the Dolphins' offensive coordinator for new head coach Cam Cameron.

The Cowboys said Garrett's responsibilities and title won't be determined until the head coaching search is complete. The most likely scenario, however, is that Garrett will become the offensive coordinator if he's not the head coach.

"The nature and timing of this hire is unique in that we were dealing with a limited window of time in which to talk to Jason about returning to Dallas," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a statement.

The Dolphins gave Dallas permission to talk to the 40-year-old Garrett, but also told the former

quarterback that he had to decide by Thursday if he was going to sign a contract extension. That deadline passed with Garrett still in Texas.

"Jason is someone who is held in high regard as a bright offensive mind throughout the NFL," Jones said.

"We are grateful to the Dolphins for granting the Cowboys permission to explore this opportunity. Jason will now proceed further in our head coaching search as an in-house candidate."

San Diego defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, the former

head coach at Denver and Buffalo who also had interim stints in New Orleans and Atlanta, is scheduled to interview Friday about the head coaching vacancy.

The Cowboys also plan to talk to San Francisco offensive coordinator Norv Turner, a former head coach, and New Orleans defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs.

Both are former Dallas assistants.

It wasn't clear when those interviews would take place, but Turner is coaching the Senior Bowl on Saturday.

## Track

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he said.

Kinetic energy in the vaulter running is transferred to kinetic energy in the pole when the vaulter places and bends the pole, Light said. The kinetic energy

is then transformed to potential energy, which represents the height the vaulter can achieve.

"The goal is to get the body extended in a line with that pole," Light said. "That's where you get the nice, smooth vault at the top."

He said it is crucial for his athletes to learn how to utilize 100 percent of the stored

potential energy for maximum results.

Every week during practice and in between physics lessons, Light takes his team for gymnastics lessons to learn proper technique.

He said besides core strength in the chest, pelvic region and abs, he teaches his athletes to stress strength in a dynamic plane.

"We work on the rings, the high bar, trampoline," Light said. "Everything we learn in the gymnastics room, I am always talking pole vaulting. I tell them this is what they want to feel when pole vaulting. We get some really good training done in there."

Light said psychological factor of pole vaulting is the most difficult part

of the event.

"When you're running down the runway 120 feet then vaulting 18 feet in the air, I think there is somewhat of a psychological fear factor there," he said. "I teach to put that fear away and be confident. There can be no doubts when you're on that runway."

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## A&M takes top ranking in Big 12

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
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With the release of the 2007 USA Today National Fastpitch Coaches Association Preseason Top 25 poll in NCAA softball, five teams from the Big 12 earned top spots.

Texas A&M took the top ranking in the conference with the No. 13 slot. Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Baylor came in ranked No. 15, 16, 17 and 18, respectively.

Kansas earned votes but did not break the top 25.

The Texas Tech softball team will begin its season Feb. 9 against Cal State Fullerton in Tempe, Ariz.

Going into the season, Tech has a full freshmen recruiting class for the fall of 2007. Catcher Jen Lee will join the squad in the fall along with pitcher Tye Coats and infielder Lauren Preston.

Lee, a 5-9 player from McNeil High School in Round Rock, is a twice all-district performer and earned first-team all county honors in 2006.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Raider bench proving to be key part of offense

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry, her Lady Raiders do not fish only for themselves.

Coming off the bench to help contribute to the team in a selfless manner has been a focal point for Curry and thus far, it has paid dividends.

In its past two games, the Tech bench has combined for 65 of Tech's 144 points, including a 34-point effort in Tech's 63-61 win against Oklahoma State Saturday.

"What's been awesome about this team is the selflessness of it, and no one minds doing what, as long as we find a way to be successful," Curry said. "It's about caring about one another and putting yourself aside and putting your team first. I like that a lot about this bunch. They really care about one another."

When Curry calls upon one of her reserve players, senior post player Patrice Edwards said each bench player needs to be ready.

"Coach Curry always tells us whenever your number is called, you go in there and do what you need to do,"

said Edwards, who had 26 points during Tech's two-game road trip against the Cowgirls and No. 6 Oklahoma. "Whether it's two minutes (left) or it's one, you go in there and you play as hard as you can."

Curry said a couple of weeks ago, one member of her team had to make a decision on whether or not she wanted to be an integral part of the Lady Raider squad. Curry was referring to freshman guard Raquel Christian, who said she accepted the challenge. After realizing her duties as a role player, the freshman from Midland hit the biggest shot of her young career against Oklahoma State Saturday.

With :01.1 left in regulation time, Christian pulled up for a jumper just inside the left wing. The shot fell, giving the Lady Raiders the win.

"It's great as coach to see a kid like that, that's at times, has grown up a lot," Curry said of Christian. "Some kids turn the corner and some don't, but with great effort and great energy good things happen. It speaks volumes when they actually experience a shot like that. It makes it all worth it. They see now what we're talking about."

After battling against teams like the Sooners, OSU and Texas A&M, the Lady Raiders will face No. 24 Texas (14-6, 3-3 in Big 12) Saturday for the first time this season. Curry referred to the game Saturday as "judgment week," which she said will put some separation in the Big 12.

"We haven't put any more emphasis on this one, but here down the stretch, it's important if we leave the building four and three or three and four," Curry said of Tech's possible conference record after Saturday. "As you look at our league and how things are knotted up right now, you're going to create some separation and you want to make sure you are in that upper echelon at that separation point."

Christian said the bench has been playing with more confidence and energy as of late and wants to see the team maintain that momentum.

"I think we know our roles, and we're bringing a lot of energy than we did previously in the season," said Christian, who has scored 14 points in each of her last two games. "We're bringing a lot more energy and it's more intense, and we know what we have to

do to win. We had a little discussion on the bench stepping up in general. We have to continue to step up if we want to continue to get somewhere in the Big 12."

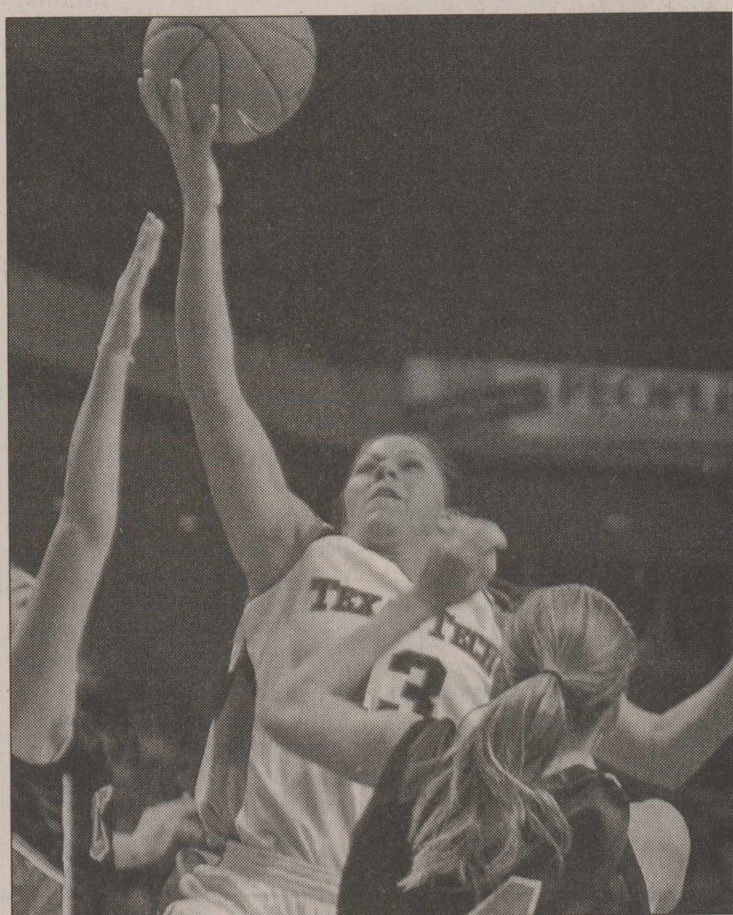
Curry said Texas' leadership is a key aspect for Longhorn coach Jody Conradt and her team. Senior Tiffany Jackson, who averages 19.2 points per game, has been one of the main reasons for the team's success this season.

"Every other player is a High School All-American, and Tiffany Jackson is a special player," Curry said. "She's having a great season for them. You can tell their leadership is at an all-time high. She's always been someone that I have respect for. I've admired her from afar."

Curry said without the role players stepping up off the bench in recent games, Tech (12-8, 3-3 in Big 12) would not be in the mix in the Big 12.

"You're just not near where you're at," Curry said. "I like our rotation. I like the success we're having with it, and everyone feels comfortable in their role right now and that's important."

Tip-off for Saturday's game is 3 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena.  
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TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Jordan Murphree drives to the hoop for a layup during a recent game at the United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders face No. 24 Texas 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Red Raiders head to Missouri for key Big 12 match-up

By **JAY LANGLEY**  
NEWS EDITOR

Going into Saturday's tip-off at the Mizzou Arena, the Texas Tech and Missouri basketball teams are heading in different directions.

Following back-to-back home wins against top-10 teams Kansas and Texas A&M, the Raiders (15-5, 4-1) are tied for first place in the Big 12. When Monday's new Associated Press poll comes out, the Red Raiders should crack the top-25 for the first time since the 2004-2005 season.

After starting the season 9-0, Missouri (12-6, 1-4 in Big 12) heads into Saturday's game having lost four of five. The Tigers' lone conference win came at the hands of five-win team Colorado.

Jarrius Jackson leads Tech in

scoring, and the senior guard is third in the Big 12 with 20.1 points per game. In three career games against Missouri, Jackson is averaging 20 points per game. Only his 23 points per game against Nebraska ranks higher against Big 12 foes.

But Tech's recent success can be attributed to the improved play of forwards Darryl Dora and Jon Plefka.

Before Saturday's win against Kansas, Dora had two points in three Big 12 games. Dora dropped a team-high 19 on the Jayhawks on 7-of-13 shooting from the floor. Plefka averages just 5.4 points per game, but scored a key 17 points in Tech's upset win, over A&M Wednesday on a night when Jackson shot just 30 percent from the floor.

"We are really confident right now," Dora said following Tech's

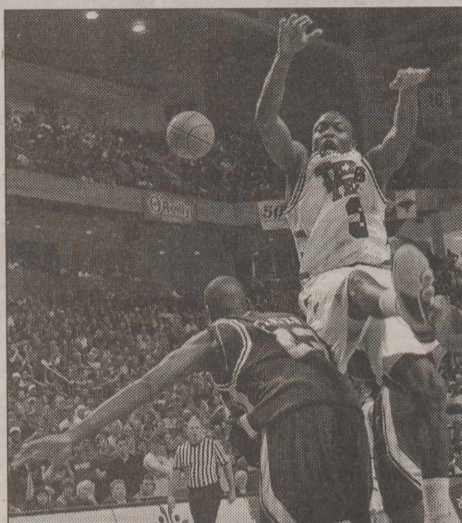
win against Kansas. "But we have a lot of work to do. Every game in the Big 12 is going to be tough. We just gotta continue to play hard, practice hard and execute the game plan that the coaches give us."

Tech coach Bob Knight said he sees a lot of improvement from last season's team.

"I think it's experience," Knight said. "We've got a couple different players. We've got some things that I think we can do and we're just a better team than a year ago. Last year's team had a real problem with things like the end of games. This team has bounced back and won three of its last five games after being tied or down at the end of the game, and that's pretty good."

Stefhon Hannah is one of three Tigers averaging double-digit scoring, and the 6-foot-1 guard leads the team with 15.3 points per game and 4.8 assists per game. Missouri is one of the deepest teams in the Big 12 with eight players averaging at least 15 minutes per game.

The series history between Tech



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Martin Zeno jumps for a rebound against Texas A&M Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

and Missouri is tied at seven wins a piece, but Tech is 4-1 against the Tigers since Knight arrived, including last season's 73-55 win in Lubbock.

In the 2006 game between the two teams, Jackson and Dora led Tech with 22 points as Tech shot 52 percent from the floor and forced 23 Tiger turnovers. This season, Missouri is first in the Big 12 in turnover margin forcing a league high 21.1 turnovers per game. But the Raiders are averaging a league low 12.2 turnovers per game.

Saturday's tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Mizzou Arena.  
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## Light's theory of pole vaulting

By **PAUL ROBERTS**  
STAFF WRITER

In order to be a good at pole vaulting, Texas Tech track coach Rock Light said one's strength is not important, but the athlete must be an expert in physics and gymnastics.

"The laws of physics are pretty much set in place," Light said.

The key to becoming a good pole vaulter is learning the transition of energy from the vaulter to the pole, then back to the vaulter, Light said.

The Tech pole vaulting crew looks to add onto last year's success in the second meet of the 2007 season Friday when the team travels to Albuquerque, N.M., for the Zia Classic.

Light said even though the team lost two All-Americans from last season's team, he has expectations of a successful 2007 season.

On the women's side, Light said a trio will be leading the squad.

He said sophomore Amanda Alley, senior Lindsey Walesheck and senior Kelly Schulz have been All-Big 12 team members in the past, and with reaching Regionals last year, will prove to be a solid group.

Alley earned the Red Raiders their first provisional mark of the season Friday with a height of 12-11 1/2 to place first in the event.

Light said the Tech team will have the No. 1 pole vaulter in the country next season when Katie Veith is added to the roster.

On the men's side, Light said senior All-American Seth Harris looks to make a big comeback after injuring his ankle in 2006.

"He had a really bad ankle injury last year," Light said. "But he is a really tough kid. He was chosen by the entire team as team captain for this season."

He said an example of Harris' toughness is the amount of time it took for him to get over the foot

injury.

"He dislocated his ankle in the first meet of the year at the beginning of January," Light said. "At the end of February, he jumped at the Big 12 indoor meet — he's a tough kid."

Coach Wes Kittley said he looks for the pole vaulting squad to be a huge boost for the entire Tech track team.

"We've established a little bit of tradition in the past years in pole vaulting," Kittley said. "It's a group that's been together for a long time. They should prove to be a great opportunity for us to score valuable points."

When coaching athletes in the pole vault, Light said he takes the approach of teaching consistency, physics and different gymnastic exercises during practice.

He said being focused is key during meets to increase chances of placing first in the event.

"This is an event where consistency is so important," Light said. "Making the first mark each time the bar goes up is crucial."

He said the way the event is scored, a vaulter could lose points if he or she is inconsistent.

He said during the event, each member gets three tries to clear the set height before he can advance. However, athletes can receive more points if they reach the bar on the first try than someone who does not.

"If you make it on the second jump and someone else makes it on the first jump, then they are winning," Light said of the latter.

Light broke down the sport into four parts — the approach, planting and taking off, the swing and the fly away.

The team does not practice any specific techniques, but take on a style that is consistent throughout the entire team, Light said.

"I believe there is a common theme in style for good pole vaulters," he said.

All the approaches are the same and the plant and take-off are similar as well, he said.

"So if they deviate away from these methods, then something is not right or I am teaching something wrong," the coach said.

For one of his coaching lessons, Light goes straight to the physics book.

"The key is understanding the vaulter and the pole have kinetic energy," Light said.

It is imperative to learn how to use all the available energy from the pole to reach a maximum height,

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