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STATE

32 injured when train collides with bus

HOUSTON (AP) — At least 32 Shell Oil Co. workers were injured early Tuesday when a train collided with a bus carrying contract employees at the company's Deer Park refinery.

The workers were all conscious and taken to area hospitals for treatment or further evaluation, with injuries ranging from bumps and bruises to a possible hip dislocation, a company spokesman said.

About 30 to 40 contractors were aboard the school-type bus when a Port Terminal Rail Authority train crashed into the vehicle, company officials said.

NATION

EPA plans to tighten smog standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal scientists want to tighten smog standards, a step that would allow tens of millions of Americans to breathe easier. The plan also would run headon into President Bush's hopes of weaning Americans from gasoline by using more smog-producing ethanol.

Environmental Protection Agency scientists on Wednesday will say that tougher standards "would provide greater health protection for sensitive groups, including asthmatic children and other people with lung disease.

WORLD

Palestinian ceasefire takes hold

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gaza's warring factions began to hold their fire Tuesday as a truce took effect across the volatile territory and brought hopes for an end to the infighting that has left 36 people dead in five days.

But the killing of a Hamas militant by rival Palestinians - combined with an Israeli airstrike on a smuggling tunnel following a suicide bombing — underscored the fragility of any lull in Gaza's bloodshed.

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Bombers target Shiite worshippers

By BASSEM MROUE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) ambushed a busload of pilgrims in a series of attacks that killed at least ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

despite heightened security fol- At least 12 more died and 28 were appeared to be a reprisal attack.

lowing a battle with messianic Shiites wounded when a bomb exploded Bombers struck Shiite worshippers venues, extremists chose targets in police said. in two cities Tuesday and gunmen smaller cities where safety measures were less stringent.

who authorities said planned a large in a garbage can as Shiites were attack on a Shiite neighborhood, poassault on Ashoura ceremonies. performing outdoor rituals in the With security so intense at the main largely Kurdish city of Khanaqin, in Baghdad and two policemen were

In Baghdad, gunmen in two cars opened fire on a bus carrying pilgrims. In the deadliest attack, a suicide to the capital's most important Shiite 58 people as more than 2 million bomber blew himself up among a shrine, killing seven and wounding Shiites jammed major shrines for crowd of worshippers entering a seven, police said. Hours later, mortar Shiite mosque in Mandali near the shells rained down on two mostly The bloodshed took place wounding 47, according to police. and wounding 30 in what police said

lice said. A Shiite man was shot dead killed in a bombing in Mosul, police said. At an Arab League meeting in Tunisia, Iraqi Interior Minister Jawad to set aside room in their hospitals for wounded Iraqi police.

Iranian border, killing 26 people and Sunni neighborhoods, killing nine violence in the Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, venues for the biggest and most important Ashoura

One person was killed in a mortar commemorations. Police found eight bodies Tuesday of people slain by sectarian death squads in Baghdad, the lowest single-day total in months.

Ashoura ceremonies mark the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Mohamal-Bolani asked other Arab countries mad, in a battle near Karbala that cemented the Sunni-Shiite schism. Worshippers beat themselves with Intense security prevented major chains, slice their heads with knives and pound their chests in expres-

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Officials prepare for possibility of fans rushing court

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

As the Texas Tech men's basketball team prepares to face University of Texas Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena, event coordinators prepare for a potential record breaking crowd and fans who want nothing more than to exchange high fives with the team at half court

Nathan Horrell, event coordinator for the United Spirit Arena, said the event's staff are taking precautions for a large crowd, but do not expect fans to rush the court like they did in the games against Kansas University and Texas A&M University.

"We are not going to the extreme, but we are prepared in case Tech fans do decide to rush the court," Horrell said. "Texas is not ranked as high as they usually are and the fans already

Horrell said Tech police are going to be at tomorrow's game, but they assist in security in all events at the United Spirit Arena.

He said the event staff has a specific procedure in the event fans do run down the stands

to celebrate in the middle of the court. "Our first priority is to protect the court," Horrell said. "But you cant' stop a crowd of 6,000 students, so the game officials are our next priority. Then we protect their team and our

coaches. As for our players, they tend to get involved in the celebration." He said in both of the upsets against Kansas and A&M, only one injury was reported. "A young lady suffered a minor injury," he said. "We took her to the hospital and she was

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Day Zero: revolutionary procedure changes man's life

By ANNA SCHUMANN STAFF WRITER

Tuesday was "day zero" for one patient who underwent directly. what doctors have called a "risky procedure" at the University Medical Center.

The patient, Lionel Garcia, 33, of Abilene, said he was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, a form of cancer, months ago. Side effects of the chemotherapy left him with damaged bone marrow.

Weldon Kolb, a bone-marrow transplant-cell engineer at UMC, said Tuesday's procedure, one of two taking place at UMC this week, engrafts two types of blood from the umbilical cord and placentae taken during normal childbirths and stored in cord-blood banks nationwide.

Kolb and Brenda Williams, bone marrow transplant co-medicine to minimize his reaction to the preservative. ordinator at UMC, performed the procedure at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The cord-blood units were transported to the patient's room from Kolb's laboratory in a case of liquid nitrogen. Kolb said if the units were not kept cold, the cells in the blood would not work properly. From the case of liquid nitrogen, the units were taken out of metal containers so only the bags of blood were through the second half of the procedure, he remained exposed. The bags of blood were then examined for cracks and placed in a tub of room-temperature water, which Kolb said had

anti-bacterial and anti-fungal solution in it.

The units of cord-blood were transplanted one at a time; the first was dripped into the body, the second was infused

Williams said the second was infused because the first unit was not dripping as quickly as the nurses wanted it to, and with infusion, the nurses have more control.

During the procedure, the nurses frequently asked how Garcia was doing. He was awake for both halves of the

Williams said during the first half of the procedure, Garcia became nauseous and anxious. "It's a result of the DMSO preservative used to protect the

cord blood," she said. "It was normal and expected." Williams said before the procedure, Garcia was given

After the first half of the procedure, Williams said the patient was in good condition physically but feeling anxious. At 11:50 a.m., Kolb, Williams and the bone-marrowtransplant nursing staff prepared for the second transplant.

A transplant-unit nurse performed the second transplant. Though medicine was supposed to allow Garcia to sleep

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SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado LEFT: CELL ENGINEER WELDON Klob, and nurse Eva. Hinejosa Perez pump cord blood into Lionel Garcia's catheter,

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Students react to bus route elimination

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

With no way to get to class, some Texas Tech students will be finding a new place to live next fall.

The Student Government Association decided to eliminate the West Fourth Street bus route starting they started posting stuff saying we across the street, like Overton," September 2007.

Katie Satterwhite, a senior fi- said. nance major from Pittsburgh, Texas, said after reading about the SGA's decision, she decided she will not be living anywhere next fall on the West Fourth Street route.

"Everyone I've talked to does a \$200 parking pass," Satterwhite said.

She would rather see the money be put somewhere elsewhere, Satterwhite said. The bus is rarely full, and she said she believes eliminating the route is a good decision.

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ment complexes on that side of town pay more money to attract students," Satterwhite said. "They are going chemistry major from Houston,

to one of the more typical student apartments closer to campus.

need to renew leases," Satterwhite Comish said.

Clarice Cheatham, a junior biology major from Houston, said she is somewhat upset with the SGA's decision because the bus route is her only said. means of transportation to school.

"My house is right by Wal-Mart, not want to live over there and buy and it is very convenient," she said. "I thought they may even be adding more buses (to the route)."

> She said next year she will prob- be unfair to take it away.' ably purchase a parking permit.

Vanessa Harper, a sophomore geophysics and range management major from Booker, said one of the is going on, but no decisions have "Maybe it will make the apart- reasons she decided to live at the Waterford Place apartment complex is because a bus route to school was information," Rubio said. "I

> already," Harper said, "but I was still buses.' planning on using the West Fourth Street bus."

She said she believes permits are nitely lose costumers. too expensive when students already have so many other fees.

Scott Shannon, a senior computer science major from Austin, said She said the SGA called her last he thinks far more people are riding the bus than the SGA may realize. has not yet heard back from them, He said he will probably look for even after calling daily and leavanother place to live now that the ing messages for Chris Huff, SGA bus will not be serving students living external vice president. at The Reserve on Fourth Street and Frankford Avenue.

The Reserve to Tech, I would love for Huff within the past few days. to stay," Shannon said. "It is a great apartment complex."

Shannon said while he is not too one at The Reserve recently. happy with the decision, it is better

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Paul Comish, a senior bio-

said he believes the SGA did not She said she will probably move validate the decision to eliminate the route.

"I don't understand why they "The article came out right before can't eliminate the ones that go

> When he is running late, he said he sometimes parks at University Pointe and walks to campus. "People can walk," Comish

Amy Rubio, leasing manager at The Reserve, said she is concerned about the SGA's decision.

'We will do something to get a bus route," Rubio said. "It would

She said the apartment's management has contacted the corporate offices to let them know what been made.

We are waiting to get more don't think corporate would "I was looking for a new place let the apartment go without

She said without a bus route, the apartment complex will defi-

She has heard about the SGA's decision from students, but not yet from the SGA itself, Rubio said. week and left a message, but she

Jimmie Bradley, SGA office secretary, said she has not heard "If there was some way to get from from Rubio or taken any messages

Huff said he has not received any calls or voice mails from any-

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Texas Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Jan. 25

Texas Tech police responded to a medical emergency in the R-5 parking lot when a female student fell off a motorized scooter. Police said the student hit her head on the sidewalk during the accident. According to reports, the student refused medical treatment.

A male Tech student slipped and fell on ice in front of the English Building. Police said the student injured his ankle but refused medical treatment.

Tech police arrested a student for allegedly attempting to steal a traffic and parking immobilization device on the fourth floor of the Flint Avenue parking garage. Police said the student was released pending the filing of theft charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Tech police investigated the theft of a men's Huffy bicycle and lock at the bike racks of the Human Sciences Building.

Tech police responded to a fire alarm in Weymouth Residence Hall. Police said a trash chute fire caused the alarm to sound. The building

Jan. 26

Tech police were called to the food court of the Student Union Building when police received a report of an said a male suspect walked past the a minor and was released. cashier and refused to pay for food.

opened concerning the delivery of called to Clement Hall following a fled the scene. report of a suspicious odor coming delivery of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a reports, a male student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's

alarm in Sneed Residence Hall. Re- the student was reacting to the an oven door was left open in Sam's said the student was transported to Place. The Lubbock Fire Department the University Medical Center for did not respond.

Two Tech students were detained >> paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

was evacuated, and the Lubbock Fire by police on the east side of Cole-Department responded, according man Residence Hall for possession of alcohol by a minor. Police said one student was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The second student received a Lubbock County unknown suspect stealing food. Police citation for possession of alcohol by

Tech police investigated a hit-and-A Tech police investigation was run traffic accident at the corner of 15th Street and Boston Avenue. Pomarijuana in Clement Residence lice said an unknown suspect backed Hall. Tech police said they were over a stop sign while driving and

Tech police were called to the Z4from a floor in Clement Hall. Police parking lot to investigate criminal said the investigation concerned the mischief. Police said an antenna of a victim's vehicle was bent.

A Tech student reported a blue controlled substance and unlawful and green Ozone 18 speed bicycle carrying of a weapon. According to was stolen at the south bike racks of Gordon Residence Hall.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency in Chitwood Residence Hall when a female student lost Tech police responded to a fire consciousness. According to reports, ports state the alarm sounded because medications she was taking. Police treatment.

Reporter Judith Miller contradicts Libby over leak of CIA operative's identity

porter Judith Miller testified Tuesday ing her name but rather of perjury and that former vice presidential aide I. obstruction of the investigation into back at her again and again over her Lewis "Scooter" Libby identified a how her name leaked. Libby now says memory of the June 23 meeting and CIA operative to her on two occasions his memory failed him when he spoke her memory in general. Their exon dates earlier than he has told inves- with Russert and other reporters. tigators he first heard the information from another reporter.

Miller, the former New York Times reporter who spent 85 days in jail trying to avoid revealing these conversations, said Libby identified the wife of June 23 and July 8, 2003.

Libby, then Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, told the FBI and a grand jury that he thought he was hearing Valerie Plame's CIA job for the first time from NBC's Tim Russert on July 10, 2003.

ing ex-White House press secretary William Jeffress; her eyes darted oc-Ari Fleischer, also have testified that casionally to the jury and she cleared they discussed Plame and her CIA job with Libby before July 10.

Libby took on or about June 12 that that Miller did not mention the June indicated Cheney himself told Libby then that the war critic's wife worked at the CIA.

The discrepancy over when Libby learned about Plame is a major element in the charges on which he is

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Re- being tried. He is not accused of leak-

Miller became a heroine to many press groups when she went to jail rather discuss conversations with a source whose identity she had agreed not reveal. She since left the Times for freelancing amid a controversy over a prominent Iraq war critic as a CIA her reporting techniques. Her appearemployee in face-to-face meetings on ance at the trial filled the courtroom seats for the first time and drew several retired reporters. soow assismusi

Accompanied to court by her defense attorney, Bob Bennett, Miller gaze from him. She seemed less calm of the June 23 meeting. Five government officials, includ- when questioned by defense attorney her nose into a handkerchief.

Anticipating a defense attack on Earlier Tuesday, the jury saw notes her memory, Fitzgerald brought out first grand jury testimony — after she finally decided Libby had freed her from a promise not to discuss their conversations. Miller testified that at Fitzgerald's request she went back and found notes of the June 23 meeting and then described it in a later grand

jury appearance.

Libby attorney Jeffress did come changes occasionally became testy.

In his most telling foray, Jeffress asked how she could testify that Libby was agitated on June 23 when she couldn't even remember the meeting in her first grand jury testimony. He played a tape of a broadcast interview in which she had said "it's really easy to forget details of a story you're not writing." She testified she never intended to write a Plame story herself.

Miller mostly held firm. Acknowledging her memory "is mostly noteanswered Fitzgerald's questions in a driven," she insisted that rereading the calm, clear voice never taking her notes "brought back these memories"

> Miller testified that on June 23, 2003, in Libby's office the topic of war critic Joseph Wilson arose. An ex-ambassador, Wilson had publicly questioned President Bush's justification for the Iraq war.

Wilson said he was sent to Niger 23 meeting in Libby's office during her in 2002 to answer questions from Cheney about reports Iraq was trying to buy uranium for nuclear weapons there. He said he debunked the story and his report should have reached Cheney long before Bush repeated the uranium story in his January 2003 State of the Union address.

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Day Zero

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Nurses took Garcia's body temperature throughout the procedure.

"We monitor his temperature frequently," Williams said. "Because the units are stored in liquid nitrogen, they are very cold. If the blood is infused too quickly, because it's cold, it could lead to hypothermia which could lead to cardiac arrythmias."

of the procedure, Garcia, who wore a eat directly following the procedure. beanie to keep warm, said his stomach was feeling well.

During the procedure, Garcia alwho was in the room, and watching the procedure.

About 20 minutes into the procedure, nurses noticed a rash had developed on Garcia's shoulder.

Williams said this is not unusual. "It could be a reaction to the blood or to the DMSO that caused the nausea earlier," she said.

Garcia's wife, Leslie Garcia, said the rash scared her. "The whole thing is kind of scary,"

she said. "And I don't know what's anna.schumann@ttu.edu

going on with that rash."

She said all she could wish for was for her husband to make it through the procedure safely.

"I think God's got a plan for him,"

·Leslie Garcia said she plans to stay with her husband until he is released from the hospital — a time period that could stretch between four weeks and five weeks from day zero.

Williams said Lionel Garcia will feel the effects of the transplant soon.

She said Lionel Garcia will be able Halfway through the second part to walk around and may be able to However, she said Garcia will feel worse before he feels better.

"In a couple of weeks, when they ternated between looking at his wife, start getting engrafted, he can start feeling better from his original illness," Williams said.

After the procedure was over, Williams said the patient was doing well.

Kolb said he had to leave immediately to fill out the paperwork about the transplants, some of the only work he said he actually did Wednesday.

"Day zero is kind of anticlimactic," he said. "All the work went into it before today. The day of, we just thaw it and use it."

Rushing

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students rushing the court, but only in special circumstances.

game."

Horrell is not the only one in favor of special celebration.

Robert Cavazos, a junior business marketing major from San Antonio, said he rushed the court in both the Kansas game and A&M after tomorrow's game.

"They are not a top ten team, court," he said. like Kansas and A&M were," Cavazos said.

celebrating with other fans at halfcourt of the United Spirit Arena, Cavazos said.

"It's weird," he said. "Your team with total strangers. You know, Tech victory.

you're jumping up and down, the adrenaline is still running and you're pled," he said. sharing this with people you've never seen before."

He said the moment before charg-Horrell said he is not opposed to ing the court is almost as exciting as the act itself.

"It's the anticipation factor," "Monumental wins, like last Cavazos said. "It's knowing what your week's Kansas game, do call for team is about to do, knocking off a top a court rushing," he said. "But, team in the nation. I love the thrill students should not do it every and excitement. Upsets like these are stuff you dream of as a kid."

Students and fans should be praised for continuing the tradition of rushing the court after an upset, Cavazos said, like Wednesday's game against Texas A&M.

"Anytime your team knocks of game, but will remain in the stands a top ten team in the nation, you

Despite all the excitement and There is no other feeling like Cavazos said he realizes the danger Billy Gillispie said he was thrilled upsetting a top ranked team then students face when rushing the to see the amount of passion Tech

"That's the risk you take," Cavazos

During his freshman year, he said just won and you rush the court he recalls falling out of the walk way to exchange high fives and hugs and into a row of seats following a

"So, luckily I did not get tram-

Cavazos is not alone when sharing stories of rushing the court after

Justin Jones, a junior marketing and management major from West shoe during the victory celebration after the Kansas game.

"I was jumping around exchanging high fives and looking for my shoe at the same time. But still, it was a lot of fun." Jones said.

After watching the highlights of the game against A&M on Sportscenter, Jones said he was thrilled to fans here," Cavazos said. "He is see the excitement on a nationally

"Anytime you make Sportscenter should have the right to rush the for rushing the court, that's good publicity," he said

Though his team was defeated by emotion that comes with a big win, Tech last week, Texas A&M coach fans had.

> "I think it's great for college basthing else probably but I think it's happy." great. I think when you go and support paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

your team like they did tonight and you help them win, they need to experience some of the exhilaration that the players and coaches and everyone involved with Texas Tech basketball should be feeling tonight."

Jones and Horrell said Gillispie is Des Moines, Iowa, said he lost his not the only coach who enjoys fans supporting their team.

Jones said though he saw Tech coach Bob Knight asking students to be careful after Wednesday's win, he believes Knight enjoys the abundance of fans at the basketball games this

"I think he absolutely loves the finally seeing the excitement that he saw in Indiana. Once we win our national championship, then we will always have fans on that same level of excitement."

Horrell, United Spirit Arena coordinator, said he also feels Knight loves the added excitement.

"I think he absolutely loves his fans, and he has acknowledged this," he said. "The Kansas game set a record ketball," Gillispie said. "I know I'm for attendance only to be smashed in the minority and I think it's great. in the Texas A&M game. I think And I guess I'm supposed to say somethis makes coach Knight extremely

Report alleges widespread political interference in climate science

Democratic chairman of a House panel examining the government's response is evidence that senior Bush administration officials sought repeatedly "to mislead the public by injecting doubt that shows two in five of the 279 into the science of global warming."

oversight committee, Rep. Tom Davis

policy, but repeatedly been rebuffed. obtain state secrets or documents that change" from a report. could affect our immediate national political staff is inappropriately censor-

ing impartial government scientists." possesses documents that dontain evi- ers, lawmakers were told. potential danger," Waxman said.

scheduled to testify before the House set of hearings on the issue. Oversight and Government Reform change. Present Bush has acknowlapproach would be too costly.

Waxman said his committee had nothing to our inquiry."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The survey of government climate scientists showing that many of them say they have been subjected to political presto climate change said Tuesday there sure aimed at downplaying the threat of global warming.

The groups presented a survey climate scientists who responded to a Rép. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., questionnaire complained that some of said he and the top Republican on his their scientific papers had been edited in a way that changed their meaning. of Virginia, have sought documents Nearly half of the 279 said in response from the administration on climate to another question that at some point they had been told to delete refer-"The committee isn't trying to ence to "global warming" or "climate

The questionnaire was sent by security," said Waxman, opening the the Union of Concerned Scientists, hearing. "We are simply seeking an- a private advocacy group. The report swers to whether the White House's also was based on "firsthand experiences" described in interviews with the Government Accountability Project, "We know that the White House which helps government whistleblow-

dence of an attempt by senior admin- 19d At the same time, Sen. Barbara istration officials to mislead the public Boxer, D-Calif., sought to gauge her by injecting doubt into the science colleague's sentiment on climate of global warming and minimize the change. She opened a meeting where senators were to express their views on Administration officials were not global warming in advance of a broader

Among those scheduled to make Committee. In the past the White comments were two presidential House has said it has only sought to hopefuls - Sens. John McCain, Rinject balance into reports on climate Ariz., and Barack Obama, D-Ill. Both lawmakers favor mandatory reductions edged concerns about global warming, in greenhouse gas emissions, something but strongly opposes mandatory caps of opposed by President Bush, who argues greenhouse gas emissions, arguing that such requirements would threaten economic growth.

The intense interest about climate not received documents it requested change comes as some 500 climate scifrom the White House and other entists gather in Paris this week to put agencies, and that a handful of papers the final touches on a United Nations received on the eve of the hearing "add report on how warming, as a result of a growing concentration of heat-trap-



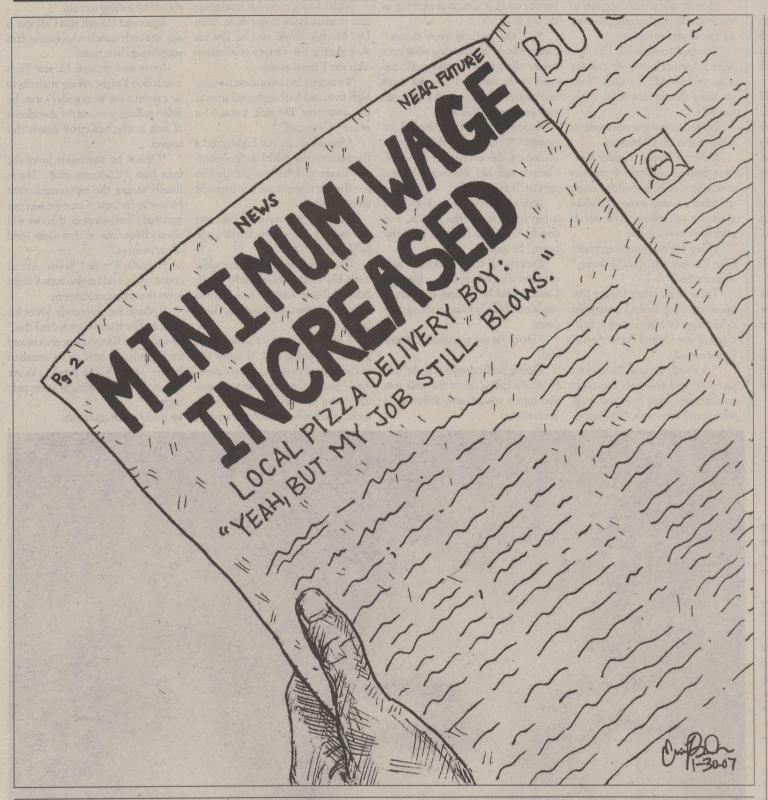


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OPINIONS



Barack Obama has the audacity of hope

ast summer's most anticipated speaker in the Congressional Intern Lecture Series was a senator for less than two years — his inexperience was a blemish in the Wisnewski eyes of the beltway establishment. But to the 1,500 starry-eyed intern in attendance, Barack Obama spoke with a vision and understanding not the true stripes of what Republican heard in the city Hollywood sent Mr. Smith to in 1939.

did not have the book "Dreams from ders are not secure, the federal debt My Father" nestled in his arms, continues to skyrocket, and Bush ready for Obama to sign. Failing to has lost all credibility in Middle get his John Hancock, I decided to buy his second book, "The Audac-

I just finished reading it, again. reach across party lines to bring light at the end of the tunnel. about needed reforms. This did not occur under Republican control.

rumors and innuendo magically ists, fundraisers and absolutism. become truth.



supremacy cost America.

Their policies? catastrophes I was one of a few attendees who dominate the front page. Our bor-Eastern affairs (especially in Iraq).

What many American heart ity of Hope," and read it over the landers and secularists realize is this era of cut-throat partisanship re-America wants a politician to civility and diplomacy. Obama is the

America's politically disillusioned youth have not gravitated The Republicans' success was toward a politico since Bobby Kenpredicated on a basic idea: attack the nedy. Obama's new-aged political messenger not the message. Criticize approach seeks to reclaim this conthe war — a swift boat group will stituency that has become uncaring and America's next president to be appear. Speak out to the media as the result of the poisons of lobby-

It worked great for the Republi- cover art. The colors are neutral cans. Twelve straight years of nation- and inviting. Obama's eyes stare at al dominance were proudly shown you from a face that has not been science of a Conservative." in their display case. Regrettably, sullied by Washington's style of the latter end of aforementioned excess. His posture, leaning confi- bring people together. It can instill

message he wants to share with you Bush on TV — the man who made change America's needs.

understanding that pull us together." Notice how similar this sounds to bipartisanship.

Obama recognizes the importance of a differing point of view in sional District 19 (27 West Texas political dialogue, whereas today's politician sees this as a divider: "Our democracy might work a bit better if we recognize that all of us possess values that are worth of respect."

Most importantly, he differentiquires a politician who demonstrates ates between principles (values) and dogma (ideology): "Values are faithfully applied to the facts before us, while ideology overrides whatever facts call theory into question."

> Democrat National Conventional begins, I expect the party's nominee Barack Hussein Obama.

To appreciate this man's bril-The tone of a book is set by the liance, pick up his book and dissect it like a generation before us did with Barry Goldwater's "The Con-

When done properly, politics can saying — the message — showed dently forward, conveys a personal pride in us. Then you see George W.

a belief in your ability to be the Americans feel ashamed of their national government. America's The book starts not by what best and worst in the same city.

separates us, but by what Americans Successful politicians must reach have in common: "We need a new out to all their bases. As one rekind of politics; one that can exca-spected Republican staffer used vate and build upon those shared to tell me, "Politics is the art of

> Our nation is diverse in its people and interests. Agriculture is very important to U.S. Congrescounties including Lubbock); 30 percent of America's cotton is produced here.

> Social issues are extremely important to evangelical Christians. Global warming is extremely important to your eco-friendly voter. Businesses care about taxes, and elderly residents are concerned over Social Security and Medicare.

America's executive-branch Come Aug. 25, 2008, when the officials have failed to display the fortitude needed to compromise, and our country is hurting as a result.

> I know where my vote's going come March 4, 2008, (Texas' Democratic Presidential Primary). After you read this book, you'll think the same.

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My brother's truck and other reasons why the world is ending

Tope, no biblical revela-tions here folks, just a few comments from a casual observer — I hope you're not too disappointed. I planned on writing something different this week, but the other night my brother's truck received the screwed end of a hit and run, and I had a change of heart.

And believe me, we're not talking just a couple scratches and a bro- to be highly important. ken tail light here. My roommates time to see the sad excuse of a hu-

If you've ever been victimized your finally stable life.

Standing in the street among is the helper of the helpless." the broken pieces of grill and tail light, all I could do was wonder flee? (To hearken back to last a higher power for daily support. week, undoubtedly a drunken the right thing.

own actions, I don't believe in and dependent. innate knowledge. Being able to taught. A major problem with the right thing. that rather obvious fact is one that noise; it's just the rush of hate responsible truck). mail streaming in to my inbox. rest of the article vet.)

There is a misconception the helps those who help themselves" (I looked it up — it isn't so). However, it is a fantastic message that Christians? I don't think so. Not ttu.edu.



consistently. And as I've previously made clear, I find consistency in leaders

I looked this question up on the heard the impact and ran outside in Web site gotquestions.org. Yes, I am aware the Internet is not the most man being put the truck in drive (a reliable of sources to find answers to white, newer model, extended-cab subjective questions. However, if I Dodge or Chevrolet with a newly were personally considering accepting crumpled front end — e-mail me Christianity and wanted to check out if you know this person) and rattle a few questions, the Internet would be away down the street trailing trans- a likely first bet for me, as it would be

According to the Web site, God - victim, what an ugly word to will not help you if you sit back and have to pin on yourself, no? — you wait for him to do everything for you. are probably familiar with the over- Good so far. Then the site contained whelming frustration of not being in the following text: "In terms of salvacontrol of an aspect of your own life. tion, we are all utterly helpless. We are You tire yourself out working to stay all infected by sin, (Romans 3:23) and on top of your responsibilities just condemned as a result of that sin. (Roto have some jerk come speeding mans 6:23) Nothing we can do on our around the corner and crash into own can remedy this situation. (Isaiah 64:6) We are helpless! Thankfully, God

My main issue here is we've been hearing this all our lives. We have been what kind of person could cause taught — and are teaching — man is such devastation and then just unavoidably weak and needs to rely on

What we should be teaching is GenNexter.) I again was disgusted that we must be able to depend on with how rarely we are able to ourselves. Not in a negative way, like count on our fellow man to do the world is a big scary place where nothing matters because only death Even though I think we all waits looming in your future. That's just have to be accountable for our as wrong as saying it's OK to be weak

When we start learning to be selfrecognize and act on the right reliant and stop waiting for help to rain decision (versus the wrong one) from above, we will have a society of is something we must initially be people who can be counted on to do

Look, it's not like the hit and of the main places people gain run happened on someone's way to this fundamental knowledge is church (I'm clearly just linking the in church — and churches are two thoughts in order to place an APB teaching it wrong. (Don't mind — All Points Bulletin — out for the

But seriously, in this stronger Geez, they haven't even read the society, my brother would have been greeted by an honest confession and a promise to pay. Instead, he got a Bible contains the adage, "God twisted truck bed and a hefty bill — all because some jerk was too weak to know how to handle a mistake.

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Blaming MySpace won't solve sex-offender issues

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(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, much of it negative. MySpace MySpace. Iowa — The dangers of the is being sued by several families was allegedly lured away by two. a Web site to so strictly police ev- place. Granted, there is the men she met through MySpace. erything that occurs on the site. relative anonymity and categothe incident raises familiar and change of information by people? service MySpace is attempting to parental concern. serious issues we face in our It's easy to blame a site such as provide. MySpace is more threatnetworked society. Much of the MySpace because it shifts atten- ening to parents because of the blame, and thus much of the attion away from more difficult gap that has grown between the tention, is focused on the Web problems, such as handling sex tech-savvy children of today and site that sexual predators use to offenders or increasing parental their parents. approach their victims. However, awareness and responsibility. A a more reasonable place to start more disconcerting aspect of the needs to provide better protection addressing this issue would be case in Iowa was that both men for children not mature enough with parenting or the ways in were convicted sex offenders and to make responsible decisions which sex offenders are dealt living with three other offenders. when using the site. At the same Iowa's ineffectual residency re- time, however, parents are often Of the social networking. Web strictions for sex offenders likely allowing their children to use

The argument is that MySpace

sites out there, such as Face- resulted in this cluster. Effective these sites unsupervised. Being a book, Xanga, and LiveJournal, answers are needed in this situa- parent isn't easy, but there must MySpace is getting all the press, tion, not irrational reactions to be expectations made of them, as well. Knowing that Web sites MySpace is not unique to any such as MySpace exist, parents Internet have again arisen, and as a result of assaults allegedly other common area in which must not simply require improvethis time they've taken the form stemming from use of the site. people may gather — a predator ments be made on the site's end of a 14-year-old Iowa girl who It's an unrealistic imposition for could easily operate in a public but assess their own situations and monitor their children's online activities. Once the novelty com and assaulted. The popular There's a cost in time and money, rization capabilities that makes wears off, MySpace will likely networking Web site has received as well as a logistical cost. How disseminating personal informa- go the way of cell phones, cars, the brunt of the criticism, and exactly do you regulate the ex- tion easier online, but that is the and the mall in terms of need for

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-sions of grief over the death of Imam Hussein.

More than 1.5 million pilgrims, mostly Iraqis but from as far away as India and Pakistan, jammed the southern city of Karbala for the Ashoura commemorations, according to provincial Gov. Akeel al-Khazaali. Hundreds of thousands more joined

— and pilgrims had to submit to body-searches at dozens of checkpoints before reaching the two golden-domed shrines of Imam Hussein and his half brother Imam Abbas. U.S. unmanned surveillance aircraft flew over the city to look for signs of trouble, al-Khazaali said.

"Even if the terrorists tear us to pieces, we will not stop coming to visit Imam Hussein," said Abbas Karim, 27, a laborer from Nasiriyah.

Security has been tight at Ashoura commemorations since a string of bombings and suicide attacks killed at least 181 people at Shiite shrines in Baghdad and Karbala in 2004. Last vear's Ashoura commemorations were killed 55 Shiites in 2005.

This year, fears of sectarian attacks

tightened after U.S.-backed Iraqi 40th day after his death. forces fought a fierce, all-day battle planning to slaughter pilgrims and 60 percent of the country's 27 million tions in Najaf.

In Najaf, deputy Gov. Abdulrituals in Najaf, Baghdad and other Hussein Abtan said that more than 300 militants were killed and 650 In Karbala, all private transport captured in the battle, which ended was banned — including bicycles Monday. He said 11 Iraqi troops were killed and 30 wounded. Two U.S. Muslims, who frown on Shiite rituals soldiers died when their helicopter of self-flagellation and public grief. crashed during the fighting.

place in Diyala province, where leader of al-Qaida in Iraq. The terror Sunni-Shiite violence is raging.

In Khanaqin, Abed Jassim Hassan said he was participating in the rituals leg was broken and bleeding.

Nawal Hassan said she pleaded of Salahuddin. with her husband not to go to the ceremonies but went with him when

"I had a feeling that something largely peaceful, but suicide bombers might happen because terrorists are said in remarks published Tuesday always targeting Shiites," she said.

Sunni-Shiite violence, which surged ligious events would be held in the after last February's bombing of a ma-city until further notice to avoid more jor Shiite shrine in the mostly Sunni bloodshed. He was referring to the anniversary Friday of Imam Hussein's Security measures were further burial and ceremonies marking the

Under Saddam Hussein, pilgrims last weekend with hundreds of mes- from Iran were banned and even sianic Shiites who officials said were Iraq's Shiites, who comprise about clerics during Ashoura commemora- people, were restricted from performing the Ashoura rituals. After Shiites gained political power following his ouster, Shiite political parties have encouraged large turnouts as an affirmation of Shiite clout.

That has embittered many Sunni

Also Tuesday, the government Both of Tuesday's bombings took announced the arrest of a provincial group's late leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi encouraged attacks on Shiite civilians, considering them heretics with his 11-year-old son when "all of a and collaborators with the Amerisudden the bloodshed struck." Hassan cans. Government spokesman Ali spoke as he held the boy, whose right al-Dabbagh said the arrest took place in Beiji in Saddam's home province

He said 59 others, including a Libyan, were arrested in a series of he refused to stay home. Her husband raids in Beiji, 155 miles north of

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that he hopes sectarian militias will Khanagin's mayor, Mohammed be dissolved and the Sunni insurwere running high because of ongoing Mulla Hassan, said no outdoor regency ended within six months.

Local school districts target bus safety as top priority

By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

With an abundance of school bus accidents across the nation in January, their busses are safe.

Despite all the attention these recent accidents have received, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web riding a bus to school than they are riding to school with their parents.

supervisor for Durham Transportation Services for the Lubbock Independent School District, said Durham is safety-minded, and safety is the top priority of the company. It starts with making sure the employees are safe and fit to handle driving buses filled with students, she said.

"We perform extensive background checks and training of our employees," Haines said. "We train them for two to three weeks before they even get to start driving. We then have a safety meeting every month to be more proactive about

She said Durham does not hire anyone who has received a DWI citation or has been convicted with a felony or any crimes that involve abuse, violence or area school districts are making sure anything to do with a child. The company will not hire anyone who has more than two moving violations in the previablominal damage in a frontal crash. ous three years or any "big crimes" like evading police or drag racing, she said. Potential employees are given a safety site, students are eight times safer survey Haines deemed a "psychological test" on their ideas of driving.

Training includes a defensive-driv-Jolie Haines, safety and training ing course and a 20-hour certification

> "By the time we're done training them," Haines said, "they will be backing up, and parallel parking and backing through serpentine.'

Haines said backing through serpentine is a drill in which the driver has to back up around five cones that are placed 40 feet apart. The company does not believe seat

belts are the answer to keep students safe while on the bus, she said. "Durham believes the safest seating

is compartmentalized seating," Haines said, "which means students are sitting

in their seats properly, using absorbent seat-backs and the seat are placed closely together. We don't use seat belts, because if there is a fire, we don't have to cut the seat belts to get the students out."

In a 2002 report, the NHTSA found lap belts could cause severe neck and

Fave Barbian, spokesperson for Abilene Independent School District, said the school district runs its own bus service. She said the school district has had about five accidents during the current school year.

"It's a random thing and we've only had a couple drivers who were at fault," Barbian said.

She said the school district uses a common system, as do the other school districts in the state.

"We work on the same point system as everybody in the state where if you have over 10 points, you can't drive a bus," Barbian said. "If it's your fault, you get three points and then you get two points just for being involved. So, if you were at fault you would get five points, and if it wasn't your fault you automatically get two."

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Senate Republican challenges Bush on war powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Sen- traditional Republican allies. ate Republican on Tuesday directly challenged President Bush's declaration that "I am the decision-maker" on issues of war.

"I would suggest respectfully to the president that he is not the sole decider," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said during a hearing on Congress' war powers amid an increasingly harsh debate over Iraq war policy. "The decider is a shared and joint responsibility,"

power over the government's purse deployment of troops to Iraq. strings to force an end to the war in president's political allies as well.

No one challenges the notion that back up its objections to Bush's plan ince is "not in the national interest." to put 21,500 more troops in Iraq by The Senate could take up that meazeroing out the war budget.

Underlying Cheney's gambit is the consensus understanding that such a drastic move is doubtful because it would be fraught with political peril.

But there are other legislative options to force the war's end, say majority Democrats and some of Bush's



ping the number of troops permitted forwarding tougher bills. in Iraq to cutting off funding for troop deployments beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war.

"The Constitution makes Congress a coequal branch of government. It's time we start acting like it," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who train Iraqi security forces. presided over a hearing Tuesday on

His proposal, like many others Iraq, and under what conditions, is designed to force an end to U.S. among the issues faced by the newly involvement in the bloody conflict, empowered Democratic majority is far from having enough support Cambodia, Somalia and Bosnia. in Congress, and even some of the even to come up for a vote on the Senate floor.

its funding. In fact, Vice President Bush's proposal to send 21,500 more forces. Dick Cheney challenged Congress to troops to Baghdad and Anbar provsure early next month.

But some senators, complaining The alternatives range from cap- that the resolution is symbolic, are

> Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, for example, is a sponsor of a bill that would call for troops to come home in 180 days and allow for a minimum number of forces to be left behind to hunt down terrorists and

"Read the Constitution," Boxer Congress' war powers. He also is told her colleagues last week. "The pushing legislation to end the war by Congress has the power to declare war. The question of whether to use its eventually prohibiting funding for the And on multiple occasions, we used our power to end conflicts." Congress used its war powers to

> cut off or put conditions on funding for the Vietnam war and conflicts in Under the Constitution, lawmakers have the ability to declare war

Closer to that threshold is a non- and fund military operations, while Congress can stop a war by canceling binding resolution declaring that the president has control of military

But presidents also can veto legislation and Bush likely has enough support in Congress on Iraq to withstand any veto override attempts.

Explosion levels W.Va. gas station, killing 4 people; at least 5 others hurt

GHENT, W.Va. (AP) — Fumes manager of the Ski Shop. from a leaking propane tank exploded inside a convenience store near a ski least four people, authorities said.

At least five other people were seriously hurt at the Flat Top Little General Store, where scarcely anything remained except twisted of gasoline.

The blast was felt at least a mile away at a store selling skiing gear.

"I thought we got struck by lightning. The whole building shook. The power went off," said Ben Monast,

Authorities said the explosion happened just as a fire truck was pulling into resort Tuesday, shattering the build- the station in response to a reported gas in your home and when you walked up ing into a pile of debris and killing at leak. The fatalities included a paramedic to your home, the only thing you have and a retired firefighter who was also a left is toothpicks," Lewis said. building inspector.

holding 500 pounds of propane was bemetal and a sign showing the price ing worked on at the time of the blast. business and exploded.

> "It is our initial thought that the fumes entered into the building and had to have an ignition point," Lewis said.

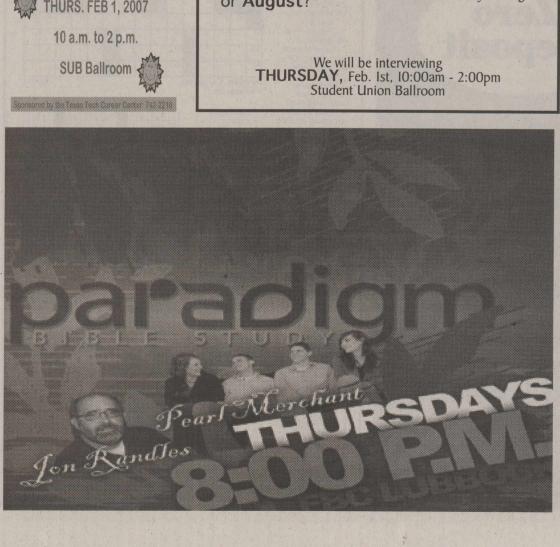
underground gasoline tanks did not explode, he said.

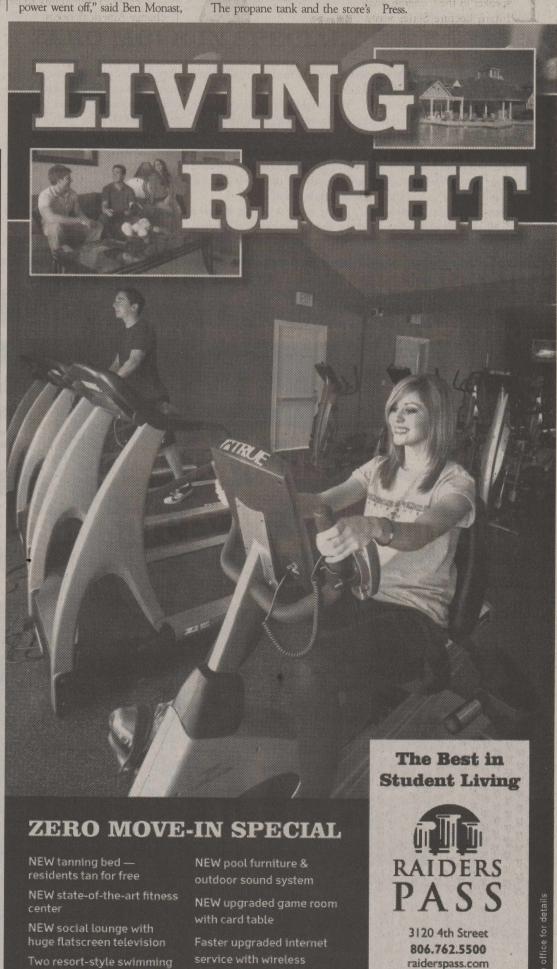
"Imagine putting off an explosion

William Manning, a bartender at State Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis the nearby Bear's Den, said he heard said an above-ground tank capable of the explosion at his home four miles away. Manning drove to the store because his next-door neighbor works The gas apparently drifted into the there. He helped carry the woman to an ambulance.

> "I barely recognized her. I couldn't believe it was her," said Manning, who cried as he talked to The Associated







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F.I.T. Tech: Unique way to get healthy

By ALLISON LOWE STAFF WRITER

Some Texas Tech students, faculty and staff members may need a little extra motivation from one another to get in shape this semester. Luckily, there is a that purpose.

partnering with Tech's first lady work within their social groups. Jennifer Whitmore, in putting program.

F.I.T. Tech is an eight-week program in which organized teams are formed; each team walks 830 miles, the distance across Texas. The program, which will take place between Feb. 5 and April 2, was created to offer an opportunity for team members to work together to increase physical activity and eat more fruits and vegetables.

Whitmore said she has never been a self-motivated exerciser and is frightened by the statistics she sees across the country.

'There was never any hesitation in supporting it (the program) better health?" Whitmore said. whole team.

"Across the country, if we can attack the obesity problem, one of the places to do it is in a large institution that can reach a lot of people.'

Each team involved in the program will consist of six members working together to reach a desprogram designed specifically for ignated goal, Reed said. Students, faculty and staff can participate Debra Reed, Helen Devitt with one another on teams; they Jones chair of nutrition in the can create a mixed team or choose College of Human Sciences, is to create an unmixed team and

Reed said 62 percent of Texans on the third annual F.I.T. Tech are overweight, and the purpose of the program is to improve physical fitness and eating habits across the Tech campus.

> "This is Tech's response to obesity in the news," Reed said.

The physical activity required of the program is not confined to a gym setting, she said. It can include activities such as walking, swimming, yoga classes or any other means of recreational activity students can think of.

Each team will have a captain, because how can you not support onto an Excel spreadsheet for the get healthy.

exas Grapefrum

PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLI BIEDIGEF

RIGHT: FIRST LADY JENNIFER Whitmore with other FIT Tech walkers at one of the Fall 2006 weekly celebrity walks. Walkers were treated to free Texas Grapefruit.

and each member will report his or together or workout on their own. bles eaten, it is not a requirement. for their own health because of her individual daily-workout min- An advantage of the program is Reed said extra seminars on variutes to the captain, Reed said. The friends can workout together and ous nutrition topics, healthier food heart disease and other illnesses. captain will enter weekly minutes use one another as motivation to choices and ways to increase physi- She said if faculty and staff can for exercise, then you may have to

Team members can workout keeping track of fruits and vegeta- members should join the program tion forms are due by 2 p.m. Feb. cal activity will be held weekly. prevent these disorders by taking have time for illness," Reed said. While the program encourages Participants in the program can care of their bodies, they will be

and receive extra minutes.

Chris Gibson, a senior exercise Brownwood, said exercise has a he strongly encourages student involvement in the program.

run-of-the-mill fitness seminar," Gibson said.

Laura Hager, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Snyder, said she thinks most Tech students are in too big of a hurry to eat correctly, and she said she believes the program will give them the right information and will put them on a team that will motivate them. She said students will both do better in school and sleep better if they eat correctly

exercise and have fun together,"

the increasing rates of cancer,

choose to attend these seminars healthier employees and parents - and have a healthier future.

She also said healthier students and sport sciences major from make healthier future employers and healthier parents, and huge impact on stress. He said Tech students should keep this in mind.

"The reason why we want stu-"It is not going to be the same dents to do this is because healthy habits are one of the top 10 things employers want students to learn in college," Reed said.

The past two F.I.T. Tech programs had a combined total of 1,400 participants who have walked a total of 140,000 miles. The focus of this year's program is to get students involved.

Registration forms for the program are available online at www. ttu.edu/fittech. They also can be found in the Student Union Building, the President's Office, "The program is an easy way the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation for students, staff and faculty to Center and the Human Sciences Building. The registration cost is \$8 for students and \$10 for faculty Reed said faculty and staff and staff members, and all registra-2 in Room 112 in the Human Sciences building.

"If you don't want to find time

Overweight pets present heavy problem for owners

By HALEY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students whose pets have extra junk in their trunks may be hurting their animals without even knowing it.

sees at his office are overweight.

"Probably about 50 percent to Cunningham said. 60 percent of pets that come in here are overweight," he said. "It's and would like to keep them that pretty common."

students who are unsure whether food. or not their furry friends are overto check pets for extra fat.

owners should be able to feel their their metabolism." pets' backbones and ribs. If owners pressing, there is too much fat.

Still, pet owners shouldn't health should be a concern. blame their pets for their overpets' owners are to blame when causes different breathing problems ffer, a sophomore microbiology their animals are packing extra in chihuahuas and pugs because the major from Castroville, said she

"Around here, we call it 'killing chest. Diabetes is also a problem." Eric Cunningham, a veterinar- them with kindness' because own-

If pet owners have healthy pets be a risk factor.

weight; the American Society eat whatever is in your hand," he his dog Buddy on a strict diet. for the Prevention of Cruelty to said. "Give them baby carrots and Animals Web site lists a few ways frozen green beans, and feed them twice a day instead of leaving a big According to the Web site, pet bowl out all the time. It will boost

cannot feel their pet's ribs without about their pets physical appear- exercise. ance, Cunningham said their pet's

"Arthritis is the main issue, es- get him out every day." indulgence; Cunningham said the pecially larger breeds," he said. "It

According to the ASPCA Web ian at Acres North Veterinary Hosers don't think that they are doing site, an overweight pet can have ows, so my mom thinks that's him pital, said the majority of pets he anything wrong when they feed many added stresses on its body. being hungry," she said. "My mom them table scraps or extra treats," Along with diabetes and joint feeds him all the time." problems, liver problems also can

way, Cunningham suggested some have unhealthy pets. Matthew pets with their waistlines. There are resources available to alternatives to feeding pets "people Starr, a junior mechanical engi-"Limit table scraps; dogs like to owns a weimaraner, said he keeps increase weight reduction."

dog food."

"We take him to the park as haley.davis@ttu.edu

often as we can," he said. "I try to

On the other hand, Anne Pfeiextra weight puts pressure on the will not take the blame for her fat cat. Ramses.

"He sits in the window and me-

If students find their pets are still overweight, Cunningham said However, not all pet owners he has a few suggestions to help

"Cut food back," he said. "Reneering major from Houston who duce calorie intake, and it will

According to the ASPCA Web "We feed him all-natural dog site, once a pet is obese, it still may food," Starr said. "We're against remain obese even after excessive feeding him anything other than caloric intake stops. According to the Web site, the majority of pet-Along with diet, Starr said he obesity cases can simply be attrib-If pet owners aren't worried likes to keep Buddy healthy with uted to a lack of exercise coupled with overfeeding.

Nutritional tips for overweight pets

• A pet should have a waist that starts at the end of its rib cage and ends at the hips. When looking at a pet from the side, there should be an indention in the stomach. A healthy pet should have an indentation from the abdomen to the inside of the thigh. Pets without these attributes may be overweight.

• Preventing cats from hunting by keeping them inside can be a good way to prevent any unwanted weight gain.

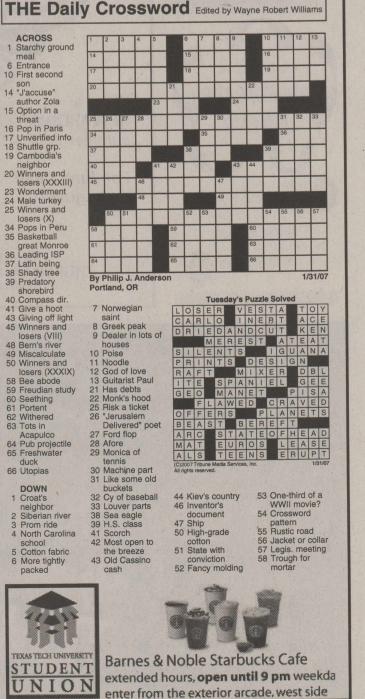
• Work with a veterinarian to assess a proper diet for a pet. There should be certain ingredients in the pet's diet to make sure it is getting the proper nutrients.

• The simple increase of a pet's physical activity can have many advantages. Exercise not only burns calories, increases metabolism and reduces appetite, but it also helps the pet maintain a healthy weight.

• Always remove a pet from a room when a person is eating a meal; that way, there is no temptation to give a pet "people food" or anything other than cat food or dog food.

Source: www.aspca.org





SPORTS

Kelly Matherly/The Daily Tore Tech foward Ion Plefka dunks against Texas A&M in the game Jan. 24 at the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech men's basketball searching for consistency

By JAY LANGLEY NEWS EDITOR

ing which team will show up.

team that won back-to-back home are a game-time decision. games against Top-10 teams Kanconference games.

Fortunately for Tech (15-6, should have." 4-2), Wednesday's game is at the

"Every team should win at and 13 points, respectively. home," Tech forward Martin Zeno and win as many on our court as faster and quicker on the offensive

Saturday against Missouri, Tech went scoreless for the first boasts one of the youngest teams in With the Texas Longhorns ten minutes of the second half en the Big 12, starting four freshmen coming to town Wednesday, fol- route to a 13-point loss. Charlie and a sophomore. Kevin Durant is said of Barnes. "I like the way he lowers of the Texas Tech men's Burgess and Jon Plefka were out not only the top freshman in the goes about things. I like the job he basketball team might be wonder- with an ankle injury and a knee conference, but the 6-foot-9 for- does with his team. He was really, First, there was the Raiders both players is up in the air as both player in the Big 12, leading the we first came here. I didn't know

"It set us back a little bit besas and Texas A&M. Then there cause we knew how big that game at Baylor Jan. 13 and at Missouri said of the Missouri loss. "I think Saturday. Between them, Baylor we're still in pretty good position

United Spirit Arena, where the and is third in the Big 12 with 19.7 high 6.9 assists per game. Raiders boast a 10-1 record this points per game. But in his last two

"They've been playing really said. "On the road you gotta congood defense on me, and I know and obviously we have to contain hard you've got to play and that centrate more because the crowd is they're going to be keying in on Durant," he said. "Really, he (Duagainst you and I don't think we've me," Jackson said. "I just have to ˌrant) can do it all. He can take you been doing that. But we have to exaggerate everything. I just have in the post and then he can take Wednesday at the United Spirit take advantage of the home games to cut a lot better and move a lot you outside.'

Texas (15-5, 5-1 in Big 12) ppg.) and rebounding (11.0 rpg.).

"He's 6-9 and he can do everyname it, he can do it."

In any other season, Durant's the game." and Missouri have won just three though. We just didn't come in and teammate D.J. Augustin would be the year. The point guard averages of the season. Jackson leads Tech in scoring 13.4 points per game and a league-

> games, Jackson has scored just 15 Texas could prove to be Tech's things that we shouldn't be breaktoughest to date.

Tech coach Bob Knight said >> jaymie.langley@ttu.edu

he looks forward to going headto-head with Texas coach Rick Barnes.

"I just really like him," Knight injury, respectively. The status for ward is arguably the best all-around really nice to Pat (Knight) when conference in both scoring (24.4 him that well before we came here but people that I did know really liked him. We kind of hit it off was the Raiders team that lost was," senior guard Jarrius Jackson thing," Zeno said of Durant. "You right away. I enjoy his company and how he goes about coaching

> Barnes said he thinks his young execute the game plan as well as we a lock for conference freshman of team has matured over the course

> > "We have definitely gotten better," Barnes said. "We still Jackson said the match-up with have some break downs with some ing down with. I think the biggest "They have very good guards thing they've learned is just how you can't take any time off."

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Sosa looking to earn spot with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) - Sammy Sosa has a contract with the Texas Rangers and a chance to get back to the major leagues. Now the former slugger has to go to spring training and earn a spot on the roster.

Sosa and the Rangers finalized a minor league contract Tuesday. If added to the major league roster, he would get a \$500,000, one-year deal with the chance to earn \$2.1 million more in performance bonuses.

"I am not going to let you guys down," Sosa said during a conference call that included team executives. "So trust me. I've got to go to spring training ready. I know I have to make the team. (I've heard) that about 20

"I wanted to come back in 2006, but I was beaten mentally," he added. "I'm fresh. I'm relaxed. I've got my game face again, and I feel great. My body's in shape. I'm ready to go."

Sosa said his chance of failing to be added to the big league roster was "one in a million."

"Believe me, I'm going to make that team," he said.

The 38-year-old Sosa, who began his career with the Rangers, hasn't played in the major leagues since 2005 with the Baltimore Orioles.

"For me this is about giving an opportunity to a guy who has done a lot for the game over the last 10, 15 years," said Rangers general manager Jon Daniels. "What really came across to us was that Sammy wanted an opportunity, in the true sense of the word, to prove himself. He still thinks he has something left to give and wants to prove it to the industry, to the Rangers, to himself."

Sosa is fifth on the career list with 588 home runs. Like Mark McGwire, Sosa is suspected by some of having used steroids before they were banned by baseball after the 2002 season.

Lady Raiders looking to shoot down Jayhawks

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SPORTS EDITOR

Nearing the halfway point of Big 12 conference play, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders have yet to flatline.

With eight losses on the season and a conference record just above .500, the plug on the rest of the season. But for Tech coach Kristy Curry and her team, throwing in the towel is not an option.

"You try to check their heartbeat, see if they've got a pulse, and these kids have a pulse right now and I like that about them," Curry said. "I think the a bunch of kids that maybe aren't affected by winning or losing,"

Against Texas, the Lady Raiders shot Longhorns, senior forward Alesha Robertson said, adding after the game, when she hit her game-winning shot with:06.1 left, she prematurely celebrated — realthe floor for a final shot.

The Longhorns missed their final two shots of the game, allowing Tech to squeak by for the 49-48 victory Saturday. But Robertson said she feels with each game, the team needs to calm its nerves of its Big 12 opponents.

"We just kind of needed to relax and

was a big factor."

With three down-to-the-wire finishes in a row, including the win over then-No. Tech women's team could easily pull the 24 Texas, Robertson said today's road game against Kansas is something that cannot be overlooked just because the team is without a conference win.

> "They don't have the best record right now," she said, "but that's not a reason for us to go in there and overlook them 'cause that's gotten us into trouble down there and screw that game up."

Senior point guard Brooke Baugha season-low 26.3 percent from the floor. man said assistant coach Bill Brock told That figure could have been the result of the team Monday beating Kansas could the team's overzealous nature to face the be the game that makes or breaks the

"Coach Brock put it today 'this is going to be the game that puts you in the playoffs," Baughman said. "I think izing Texas still had enough time to drive that's a good way to look at it, because if we win against Kansas, maybe that's the win that puts us over."

In five of its seven Big 12 games this season, Tech (13-8, 4-3) has either won or lost by a total of six points or less, and with tournament time around the corner, in hopes to close the casket on the rest Curry said focusing on the current game is all that should matter.

"I don't think that there is any play our own game," she said. "I think question that when you start looking that had a lot to do with our shots. We at NCAA Tournament time there are were just too excited. That's hard to do good losses, there are bad losses, there

on the court, when you're all pumped are good wins, there are average wins," up for a game — you just gotta not have Curry said. "If you are going to sit around funerals or not have parties. I think that and beat a dead horse, you're not going to was just one of those games where we get anything done, so good or bad, happy couldn't hit anything and I think that or sad, we are going to have to respond this week."

Kansas (6-14, 0-7), who averages 59.2 points per game and allows 64 points per game, will suffocate Tech's shots around the perimeter, much like Texas and A&M, so the Lady Raiders must treat this match-up like any other game, Curry said.

'We're at a point where you just can't have a let down against anybody in this league, whether it's Kansas or anyone worst thing you can have as a coach are in the past. The worst thing we can do is else," Curry said. "Our mentality this go down there and overlook them and go week has to be wake up everyday and be the best we can be and execute and take care of business. We've got to."

Tip-off for today's game is slated for 7 p.m. at Allen Fieldhouse. > stephen.monahan@ttu.edu



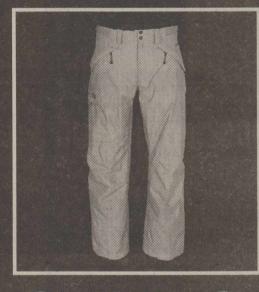
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Jordan Murphree goes up for a shot against Ashley Lindsey Saturday afternoon at the United Spirit Arena





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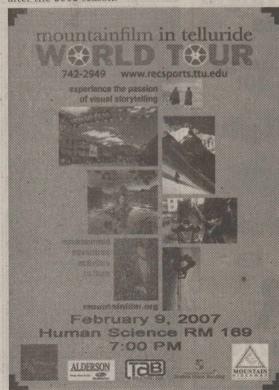


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Bonds signs new deal with Giants Lakers' Bryant

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry of Famer Willie Mays.

After nearly two months of negotiations, Bonds finally has his new deal or at least try to," Bonds said. — to stay put right where he believes he belongs.

Bonds and San Francisco completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monat the ballpark being examined by team

took significant time to finish after the sides agreed on financial terms Dec.

Now, the 42-year-old Bonds can mark in 2007.

"I think I'll be around until I'm 100,

Before the contract was completed, Bonds had to pass a physical and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding his behavior and day night after the slugger spent hours what would happen if he were to be laughing. "It didn't take any time. It's from his offseason home in Southern

A federal grand jury is investigating The club announced the deal, which whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution 7 on the last day of baseball's winter case that he hadn't knowingly taken any own lockers next to Bonds' space. performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds never wanted to leave the Giants. focus on the upcoming season. He has is where I always wanted to play and me, just outside the ballpark." They have been his team for more than 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank always loved to play," Bonds said. "The a decade. They were the team of his Aaron's career record, and he plans to city of San Francisco is what I love. The on the Giants' payroll and they won't be late father and also his godfather, Hall play beyond this year if he fails to set the people of San Francisco are who I love. There's no better place for me to be. This is my history. The people in San Francisco deserve it all.'

> On a conference call late Monday night, Bonds was asked why it took so long for his contract to be completed. "I was on a skiing vacation," he said,

> normal procedure." As part of the deal, Bonds' trainers

> — Harvey Shields and Greg Oliver -will no longer be allowed in the club-

"I have no problems with it," Bonds in the passenger seat.

"I knew things would work out. This said. "(Oliver) and Harvey will be with

Shields and Oliver will no longer be permitted in restricted areas in any big league ballpark. If they were to make road trips, it would be on Bonds' dime or their own, two baseball officials said. speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of such details in the contract.

Bonds, who traveled to the Bay Area California, underwent X-rays and many other tests from multiple team doctors

The seven-time NL MVP waved and house, where they previously had their smiled as he left the stadium and then quickly drove away, with agent Jeff Borris

suspended after striking Ginobili

denied.

Bryant was penalized for in a while. striking San Antonio's Manu on Sunday.

ed an "immediate hearing" with the "appropriate league official." the league office to appeal. But because it would have deviated no sense. from standard procedure.

the Lakers were in New York, we could have heard an appeal. Stu Jackson, the league's chief pens." disciplinarian for on-court acto an appeal at a later date. If he were to win that appeal, he would get his money back."

mate Lamar Odom said. "Of this as an inadvertent action." course he's a great player, but for us to win, to win regularly, play. we need everybody."

has called his favorite place

"I've been waiting to play here. It's always been a fun place for me to play here, and

NEW YORK (AP) - Kobe I'm surprised. Shocked, by it, Bryant was suspended one game actually," Bryant said after the without pay by the NBA on morning shootaround. "I uninten-Tuesday and missed the Lak- tionally caught Manu Ginobili. ers' loss to the Knicks after his What do you say? It's a basketball long-shot bid for a hearing was game. You unintentionally catch people with elbows every once

Players association spokesman Ginobili in the face late in Dan Wasserman said a letter was the Lakers' loss to the Spurs sent on Bryant's behalf to the league office requesting the hear-With Los Angeles already in ing, and that Bryant volunteered New York when the suspension to review the videotape and talk was announced, Bryant request- to commissioner David Stern or

"I'm blown away by it. I really his request was turned down am," Bryant said. "It just makes

The play occurred with 2.7 "This is not the process that seconds remaining in the fourth we use at the NBA. Certainly, quarter of the Lakers' 96-94 in theory, given the fact that overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

"It's just unintentional," Bry-But again, we never have, as it's ant added. "I felt horrible about not part of our process," said it. It's just basketball, it hap-

Jackson disagreed, and offered tions. "He does have the right the NBA's explanation on a conference call.

"Some of the determining factors were the fact that there was Bryant's absence left the contact made with Ginobili above Lakers without their leading the shoulders and the fact that scorer when they opened an this particular action by Kobe eight-game road trip with a was an unnatural basketball motion. Following a shot, he drove "If you follow this team, we a stiff arm in a backward motion had to play in the beginning of and struck Ginobili in the head," the year without Kobe," team- Jackson said. "We did not view

No foul was called on the

"This blow was so swift in real Bryant was prevented from time that it's understandable why. coming to the game at Madi- in fact, an official would have son Square Garden, which he missed the contact," Jackson said. "In our view, this was not an attempt to draw a foul."

Bryant is averaging 28.4 points, 5.5 assists and 5.4 rebounds no more

Bryant scored 40 points in his only visit last season to Madison Square Garden. Sasha Vujacic started in his place to the disappointment of a sellout crowd that booed when it was announced during pregame introductions that Bryant was not with the team because of the suspension.

"We have one appearance in Madison Square Garden," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said earlier Tuesday. "People obviously look forward to this game because Kobe last year was being chanted 'MVP!' on this court during the course of a game in which he had a great game. The crowd obviously likes him here and likes to watch him play. To miss this game cheats the fans."

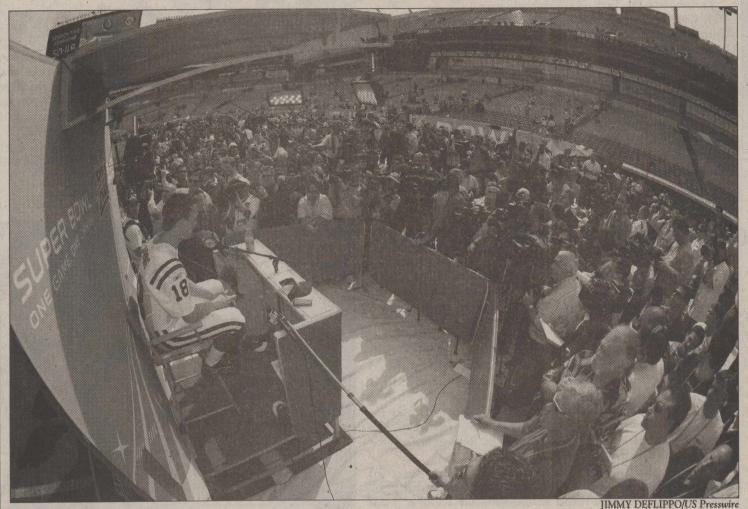
Last season, Bryant was suspended for two games without pay for elbowing Mike Miller of the Memphis Grizzlies in the throat - but Stu Jackson said that incident was not a factor in Tuesday's penalty.

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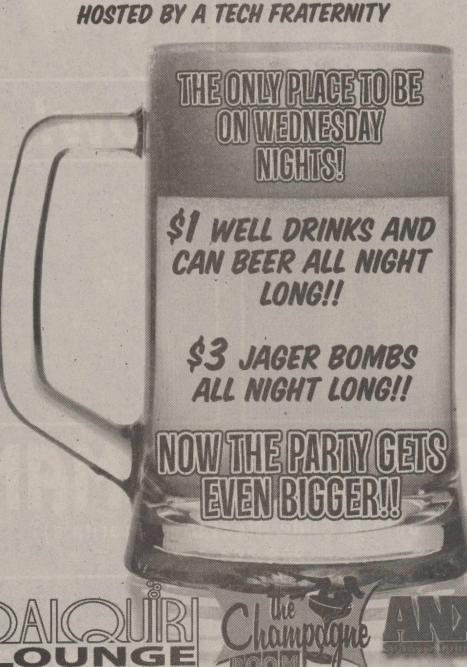


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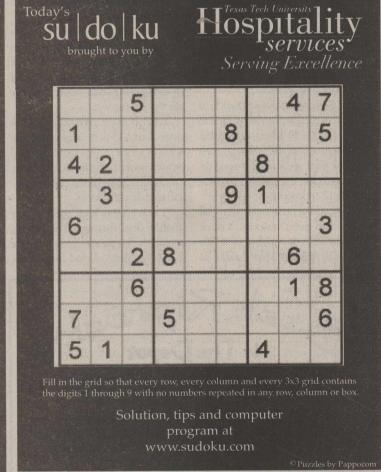
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Cross Czech: Pruneau returns from Prague to join Tech hockey team

By JEREMY REYNOLDS STAFF WRITER

Jean-Philippe Pruneau's bedroom wall in Prague, Czech Republic, was unendingly covered with black marks by the time he moved out.

Texas Tech ice hockey team, could not play the game he loved while by firing snap shots from his living room floor, down the hall and into his bedroom.

"My roommates thought it was funny," he said of his seven live-in companions. "But sometimes, when I was drunk, I'd shoot the puck late has had two goals, six assists and eight at night while they were trying to sleep.'

After a semester of studying in Prague for his international busicity just days before Christmas. His venture back to the United States included a 13-hour train ride to Switzerland followed by a 12-hour plane ride to Dallas. There he saw his family and then boarded a plane to Las Veteam after having only stepped on the him a mixed reaction, he said. ice for 30 minutes during his entire semester in Prague.

Vegas and played two games with is doing.' them there," he said. "It's like a partial passion. Reality kicks in and you're kind of problems when he decided to

back to doing what you love."

While Pruneau is rejoining the team, Tech has a few newcomers to complement the seasoned veterans.

Dustin Honing, a freshman business major from Calgary, Canada, change for him. has been playing in the British Co-Pruneau, a former captain of the lumbia Hockey League for the past

He said he came to Tech because studying abroad, so he kept in shape his financial money to go to the University of Massachusetts, a Division-

III hockey school, fell through. 'Our manager (for his British said. Columbia team) had a contact in

Lubbock," Honing said. Since joining the squad, Honing points in three games. Pruneau said he had 16 points in four games.

For Honing, leaving behind his home to pursue his dream of playing ness degree, Pruneau left the foreign hockey was not that big of a deal, considering he had done it before. He left his home when he was 16 years old to play in the BCHL. When he told his parents he'd be leaving Canada and traveling to the Hub City — a city a higher level after graduating from that is not especially known for it's college. gas, where he joined the Tech hockey hockey heroes — his parents gave

"My father was a bit skeptical at said. first," he said. "They now follow the "I caught up with my team in games online to see how the team

Pruneau didn't have the same

come to Tech. He played high school hockey in Plano, so he was fully aware of the vast emptiness of West Texas before he joined the Tech squad.

Honing said the scenery was a big "Lubbock is a lot plainer than

British Columbia," he said. "But I haven't seen too much of the city

Honing said Tech presented another new experience for him.

"It's totally different here," he

With the additions of Pruneau and Honing, who are roommates for the year, the team has a deeper roster for the games, Pruneau said.

"I think we had a strong squad to begin with, but now we have a couple of more guys in the locker room people could look up to," he said. "Both of us have played in major games, and Dustin has played hockey at a level higher than anyone else on

Pruneau said he hopes to play at

play pro hockey over there," he

The Tech team (24-5) is struggling to make the regional match in Utah. The team entered its set of games with No. 13 Arizona State as lead the Western Conference in the the 14th-ranked team. After winning American Collegiate Hockey League, ing before the game, starting at 5:30



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DUSTIN HONING (LEFT), A freshman finance major from Fairview, Alberta, Canada; and J.P. Pruneau (right), a senior international business major from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, pose for a portrait after practice Tuesday evening at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Photo by Steve Lewis.

"I might go over to Europe and two games against Arizona State, but in the rankings, Tech is nowhere p.m. For any students with a student 7 spot and Tech was downgraded to sit with 44, 37 and 39 points. No. 17, Pruneau said.

"It's totally unfair," he said.

The Tech team has 48 points to Texas.

Arizona was bumped up to the No. to be found. The No. 1, 2 and 3 teams

Pruneau said there will be tailgat-

ID who are 21 years old or older, there will be free drinks available. The Tech team will enter its final compliments of the hockey team. weekend of play this week against Pruneau said. The game will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the City Bank Auditorium.

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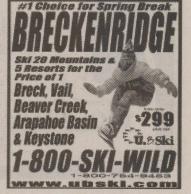
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Need motivation to continue exercising through February? Enter the Iron Man Triathlon Challenge! Participants have two weeks (3 weekends) to complete-swim 2.4 miles. Cyle 112 miles and walk/run 26.2 miles. Enter in the Fit/ Well by Feb. 2nd!

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Are you looking for an easy way to earn some extra cash? Become a softball official! Interested? Attend the softball officials meeting on Feb. 15 at 5 pm in Room 201.

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Wellness Blood Screenings, Thursday, February B

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Women in Sports Play Day set for February 10th! Texas Tech's Departments of Athletics, Recreational Sports and Health/Exercise Sports Science are once again hosting a playday for elementary (K-6) grade girls and their moms on Saturday, February 10, 2007 in recognition of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Girls and moms will actively participate in sports and game activities from 8:45-11:30 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center on the Tech Campus. A light lunch will be served, everyone receives a t-shirt and two tickets to the Lady Raider game on Sunday afternoon against the Kansas State Wildcats. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY CALLING 742.3828. Spots are limited. The following information is needed: girl's name, mom's (or other female adult mentor) name, girl's grade and phone number.

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Racquetball at the Rec.

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The Intramural Racquetball League is coming!! The 2rd annual spring Racquetball League will be held on

Fridays with dates of February 2nd, 9th, 16th. Playoffs will be held Feb. 23rd & March 2nd (if needed). Entries will be taken through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1st at the Intramural Sports Office. Room 203 of the Rec Center. You come and sign-up for your own time slot (play times are from 6 pm - 9 pm every Friday). There is no entry fee for VOU to play so everyone can afford it and we have LEAGUES for everyone from A-divisions (very good) to C-divisions (just starting). So if you are just learning how to play or a seasoned veteran, sign up and come have an enjoyable evening of

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Feb. 9th & 10th

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