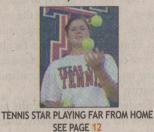


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# STATE

## SMU faculty group rejects Bush think tank

DALLAS (AP) - Southern Methodist University's Faculty Senate on Wednesday rejected holding a faculty-wide vote on whether the campus should host a think tank as part of George W. Bush's presidential library.

The group overwhelmingly defeated a measure calling for a vote or survey on the matter, some professors said after the meeting only open to SMU faculty.

Faculty Senate President Rhonda Blair said it was defeated because the measure would have been too narrow, asking professors if they approved or disapproved of the partisan institute that would report to the Bush Foundation and not to SMU.

## NATION

### **Future Supreme Court** will have more women

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court will eventually have at least as many female justices as it does male, Justice Samuel Alito told a university class Wednesday.

# 5 indicted in Iraq bid-rigging scam

### **By LARA JAKES JORDAN** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) were indicted Wednesday, accused of taking part in a bid-rigging scam luxury cars and jewelry.

An American businessman in

one of the reservists was accused of helping smuggle tens of thousands of dollars into the United States that Three U.S. Army Reserve officers the couple used to pay for a deck and a hot tub at their New Jersey house.

that steered millions of dollars for billion Iraqi rebuilding fund "as their mogul Philip H. Bloom. Iraq reconstruction projects to a own personal ATM machines," Depcontractor in exchange for cash, uty Attorney General Paul McNulty said in announcing the charges.

Romania was charged as the go- bricks of stolen cash ... and smuggled million that was stolen from reconbetween for the military officers them out of Iraq and back to the struction funds managed by the U.S.-

use," McNulty said.

The 25-count indictment, filed in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, marks the latest development in an \$3.6 million from the CPA fund. investigation of \$8.6 million in Iraq

ran construction and services com- sin - were responsible for helping "These defendants actually took has admitted to laundering at least \$2

in Iraq. He awaits sentencing.

McNulty said the five people indicted Wednesday stole or otherwise misused

The three reservists — Col. Curtis Together, the five used the \$26 contracts awarded to construction G. Whiteford of Utah, Lt. Col. Debra M. Harrison of New Jersey and Lt. Bloom, an American citizen who Col. Michael B. Wheeler of Wisconpanies under Global Business Group, supervise the funding and progress of the CPA contracts in al-Hillah, Iraq, southwest of Baghdad.

In return for steering contracts ecutors said.

and the contractor. The husband of United States for their own personal led Coalition Provisional Authority to Bloom between 2003 and 2005, prosecutors said, the military reservists and their accomplices shared an estimated \$1 million in cash, and were showered with Porsche and Nissan sports cars, a Cadillac SUV, real estate, a Breitling watch, business-class plane tickets, computers and other items.

> Harrison's husband, William Driver, was charged with helping smuggle over \$300,000 into the U.S., part of which was used for home improvements, pros-

# The Reserve plans to purchase bus for students **BY MAGGIE KIELY** STAFF WRITER

After receiving word the Student Government Association will close the West Fourth Street bus route, The Reserve apartment complex on Frankford Avenue has decided to purchase a bus for their residents, said Bob Hetherington, a spokesman for the apartment complex.

According to a press release, the new, 25-passenger motor coach will service all residents living at The Reserve. After modification, the bus will be wheelchairaccessible.

Craig Culdwell, president of Allen and O'Hara Education Services, Inc., the company that manages The Reserve, said he believes purchasing the bus is a good decision for everyone involved

"Our decision to initiate shuttle service is good for students, good for

the university and good for the envi-

ronment," Culdwell said in the press

release. "It makes more sense to have one

vehicle capable for carrying hundreds of

students throughout the day than hundreds of individuals vehicles crowding

Tammy Walls, director of commu-

"We are grateful the university has

provided bus service for our residents

over the years and we are pleased to

continue the service and take care of

our students," Walls said in the press

tuned, Hetherington said the new bus

route will run to and from campus, as

well as to neighboring businesses, such

as Wal-Mart; it is scheduled to operate

complex serviced by the West Fourth Street bus route that has made alternative plans to the canceled bus route.

The Reserve is the only apartment

from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Although plans are not yet fine-

nity operations at The Reserve, said she understands this was a difficult decision

the streets."

for Tech.

release.

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Alito, who replaced Justice Sandra Day O'Connor when he was confirmed last year, was answering a student's question on why the court has just one woman — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

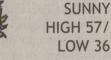
## WORLD

## **Rival Palestinian leaders** meet in Mecca for talks

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Rival Palestinian leaders began crucial talks Wednesday in Islam's holy city, vowing to reach an agreement and avert civil war, a key step toward resuming the peace process with Israel.

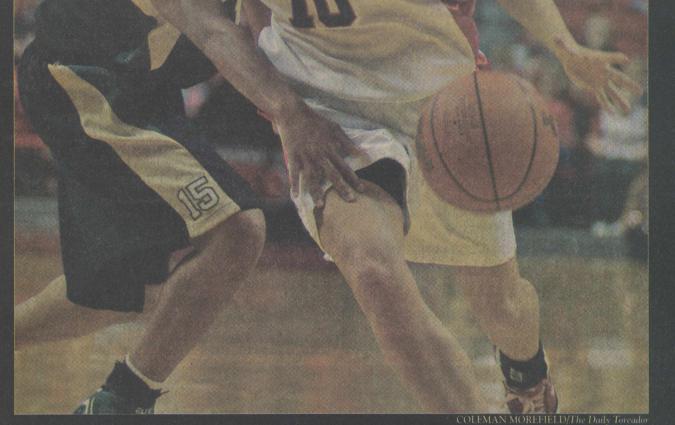
Many Palestinians fear factional fighting will intensify if the Mecca talks fail. Gunbattles have killed more than 30 people in the days before a truce began Sunday, and there were new treats of revenge attacks in Gaza on Wednesday.







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# Student regent starts 2 Lubbock men face criminal charges for separate offenses in last two weeks work with legislature

## **By PAUL ROBERTS**

STAFF WRITER

incidents that resulted in felony charges for both men.

Michael Cunningham was indicted on felony charges of theft and assault of a public servant. Cunningham's bail stands at \$500,000, according to court documents.

Billy Wilson Jr. was indicted on felony charges of three robberies in one night in December, according to court documents.

Cunningham's charges include an incident in which he allegedly dragged a sheriff deputy alongside his vehicle.

Captain Don Carter of the Lubbock Sheriff's Office said on Jan. 25, Dep. Mark Lunsford of the Lubbock Sheriff's Office was attempting to serve Cunningham a warrant during a traffic stop when Cunningham fled in a stolen vehicle. Lunsford was couple blocks away and made the arrest," Carter said. caught on the side of the vehicle and was dragged for a short period of time.

The Sheriff's office said Lunsford was not seriously hurt,

Two Lubbock men faced indictments Tuesday for separate but he is still on leave because of injuries from the incident

> The failed arrest resulted into a 24-hour manhunt until Cunningham was arrested on the afternoon of Jan. 26.

> Carter said a tip from a U.S.Postal Service employee led to the suspect's arrest.

> "We received some decent information giving us a part of town that Cunningham was spotted," Carter said. "We sent several patrol cars there and asked a mail carrier if he had seen anyone matching the suspect's description." Carter said the Postal employee reported seeing the man just minutes earlier walking along the street.

> "Sure enough, two of our investigators spotted him a Cunningham was found a few blocks from his home at

> > **INDICTMENTS** continued on page 2

### **BY BEN MAKI** STAFF WRITER

Although Ebtesam Attaya Islam has not yet been sworn into her official capacity, she is already involved with the Texas State Legislature.

Newly appointed student regent Attaya Islam attended Gov. Rick Perry's State of the State Address Monday with eight other new student regents.

Ben Lock, executive assistant to the chancellor and secretary for the board of regents, said the new regents were present to be welcomed by the governor and to hear his education plans for the upcoming year, which includes more funds from the state directed at higher education.

Ashley Burton, spokeswoman for the Texas secretary of state's office, said her office will send the oath of office form to Attaya Islam today. When the secretary of state's office receives and processes the form, Attaya Islam will officially be sworn in as the new student regent for the Texas Tech system.

The second year medical student at the Health Sciences Center is the second student regent at Tech. ▶ benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

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# **Texas Tech** police blotter

**By PAUL ROBERTS** STAFF WRITER

#### Feb. 5

Texas Tech received a report of a burglary at the Larry Combest Wellness Center located in the 300 a laptop but failed. Police said a 1 and Feb. 6. double-plated glass window was any items.

A Tech student was detained by police for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana in a residence room of of possession of marijuana.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the Petroleum Engineering Building. According to reports, a card reader and locking mechanism alarm in the 11th floor of Chitwood for a door was damaged preventing Residence Hall. Police said a faulty the lock on the door to work.

Tech police received a report of

### a student with possible suicidal ideations in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Feb. 6

A Tech student reported a bicycle was stolen from the north bike racks block of 40th Street. According to `of Wall Residence Hall. Police said reports, unknown suspects entered a blue and silver Trek 4300 bicycle the building and attempted to steal was stolen sometime between Feb.

Tech police investigated a theft broken and a laptop was damaged at the east bike racks of the Mathbut not stolen. According to reports, ematics and Statistics Building. the suspects fled without stealing According to reports, a student's secured yellow and charcoal Trek 4300 bicycle was stolen sometime between Feb. 1 and Feb. 6.

A Tech student was detained by police for possession of marijuana Wall Residence Hall. Police said the and possession of drug parapherarrest was made after an odor of mar- nalia in a residence room of Walls ijuana was reported. The student was Residence Hall. Police said they issued a Lubbock County citation for were called to the residence hall possession of drug paraphernalia and after the smell of burning marijuana released pending the filing of charges in the hallway was reported. The student was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

> Tech police investigated a fire smoke detector was the cause of ▶ paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

Indictments

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the district attorney's office to work together to prevent any lag in the judicial system.

"That's how our judicial system works," Carter said. "Our Police said Wilson walked into job is to enforce the laws and the store and showed the cashier make sure the system works." Carter said the district attorney's stole \$5 worth of quarters and office's job is to make sure the an unknown number of \$1 bills, arrested suspects received the according to reports. appropriate punishment.

departments results in a healthy en at 26th Street and Avenue Q local judicial system.

to be swift," He said. "But we Daul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

also want to be 100 percent accurate.'

Billy Wilson Jr. was indicted Tuesday for allegedly robbing three convenience stores Dec. 28.

According to reports, Wilson was arrested at the 7-Eleven store in the 2300 block of 19th Street. the silver handle of a gun. Wilson

Wilson allegedly robbed two He said the teamwork of both other stores that night: the 7-Elevand a Diamond Shamrock at 15th "We certainly want justice Street and University Avenue.

# President approves proposal for fall break in 2007

#### **By ANNA SCHUMANN** STAFF WRITER

one step closer to having a fall break.

Members of the fall-break approved the committee's pro- weekend. posal.

more sent a memo to the SGA he said. and to Chancellor Kent Hance January 31 stating he had approved the proposal for a fall break. If the chancellor approves posed fall break will not affect the necessary." Health Sciences Center or Tech's own schedules.

scheduled for Oct. 12, will be their goal. introduced as a pilot program,

goals, it should become a permanent of activities, both athletic and acaaddition to the calendar. October demic, that take place at Tech. Texas Tech students are 12 is the Friday before the home University.

Fowler said the research con- Phillips said. committee, including members ducted by the fall-break committee

Matt Fowler, internal vice relation between football game science classes, he said, were a large and Friday and a two-day fall break president of the SGA, said Whit- attendance and school on Friday,"

Fowler said.

the measure, the Board of Regents of students wanted a fall break," will discuss placing a fall break on he said. "My job is to ensure their the 2007-2008 academic calendar needs are discussed, taken into

Ronald Phillips, chief of staff School of Law, which are on their for Whitmore, said he believes the the fall break was to give the stu- excited to hear Whitmore had apcommittee was able to recognize dents a chance to regroup. The fall break, tentatively everyone's concerns and accomplish

the fall break meets the committee's ministration because of the number to go home."

"Students were very interested in football game against Texas A&M it, and the university administration tool. Worley said fall break will be certainly wanted to accommodate,"

of the administration, the faculty showed the highest football game SGA, said he has been working on retention tool it is expected to be, senate and the Student Govern- attendance at Tech was the game getting a fall break since discus- it should be permanent. ment Association received word against Southern Methodist Uni- sions began in 2003. He said it has Tech President Jon Whitmore versity, which was over Labor Day taken time to come to a compromise were sought, such as having a because of the number of people week-long break for thanksgiving, 'We found there was no cor- affected by a fall break. Labs for a two-day fall break on a Thursday factor in terms of accreditation.

If approved, the final examina-Students overwhelmingly sup- tion schedule will be compressed happen," he said. "This was the only ported the idea of a fall break, into four days, beginning Saturday solution. We came to a compromise and extending to Wednesday. Wor-"It was something like 75 percent ley said examinations may begin as without compromising the standards early as 7 a.m., but the committee of our university and our academic was unwilling to compromise on the integrity." length of passing periods and the at its meeting in March. The pro- account and things are changed if existence of "dead day," which will now be on Friday.

"It's a mechanism to give students a break around mid-terms," see an outcome to it," he said. "Now He said it is difficult to come he said. "For some, it'll mean they it's in the hands of the chancellor Fowler said, and if students, facul- up with a way to accommodate the stay in town and go to the A&M and the Board of Regents." ty and the administration believe needs of students, faculty and ad- game; for others, it'll be a chance mana.schumann@ttu.edu

In his memo to the SGA and Hance, Whitmore said he believes the break will serve as a retention evaluated through student input and input from the SGA, faculty and Ryan Worley, president of the administration. If it serves as the

Worley said other alternatives on a Monday and Tuesday.

"There was just no way to make it that benefits students and faculty

Fowler, who was one of the authors of the 2005 amendment to the SGA senate fall break resolution, Worley said the motivation for said he and other SGA members are proved the committee's proposal.

"It was really kind of rewarding to

NASA to review psychological screening of astronaut

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. in light of an astronaut's arrest Florida. on charges she tried to murder rival for a space shuttle pilot's Dale said. affections.

process "to determine if any in Houston. modifications are advisable.'

with other astronauts. Some issued as early as June.

Nowak returned to Texas and

Before her arrest, she had a woman she believed was her shown no signs of instability, Nowak had been in a Florida facing," Dale said.

agency would evaluate the reporters at a news conference love triangle involving a fellow

The review will look at was met on the tarmac by a police from the other woman and to how astronauts are screened car, and the astronaut, her head for psychological problems and covered by a jacket, was escorted whether Lisa Nowak showed down the stairs and into the wait- after winning a series of Navy any problems in her dealings ing squad car, then driven away.

recommendations could be tired," said John Gruttadaurio, crewmate Stephanie Wilson were next space shuttle mission, a job Fla.

NASA spokeswoman Nicole (AP) — NASA said Wednes- headed to Johnson Space Center Cloutier-Lemasters would not not have a long-term impact on day it would review its psy- for a medical assessment Wednes- say if the medical assessment the space program. chological screening process day, a day after being charged in included a psychological evaluation.

courtroom on charges of attempt-"As you know it's a very ed murder, attempted kidnapping comment when asked if Nowak's Deputy NASA Administra- tight-knit community that cared and three other crimes stemming arrest meant the end of her tor Shana Dale said the space about each other," Dale told from what police described as a NASA career. astronaut. She was released on Cabana, deputy director of the Nowak's commercial flight bail and ordered to stay away Johnson Space Center. wear a monitoring device.

> Nowak became an astronaut service awards, and she flew on "She looked thin, looked Discovery in July, where she and a ground communicator for the a passenger who was aboard known as "the Robochicks" be- in which she would talk to the Nowak's flight from Orlando, cause they operated the shuttle's astronauts from Houston during robotic arm.

Dale said Nowak's arrest would

"This is a tragic event that impacted many lives, but this Less than 24 hours earlier, is a unique situation that we're

NASA officials declined to

"That's speculation," said Bob

Nowak's children were with her husband, Richard, who works for a contractor at the Johnson Space Center, Cabana said.

Nowak was being replaced as their flight.

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# New sense of optimism for N. Korea talks

BEIJING (AP) — International talks on North Korea's nuclear program convene Thursday with a new sense of optimism about the possibility of the first tangible progress on the communist nation's disarmament since negotiations began more than three years ago.

The main U.S. envoy said Wednesday that the first steps on dismantling Pyongyang's nuclear weapons could be agreed upon at this round of meetings in Beijing, though he expected "hard bargaining."

Ahead of the six-nation negotiations, the North has also signaled it's satisfied with changes in the United States' attitude, following an apparent greater willingness by all sides to compromise.

The latest nuclear standoff with the North started in late 2002 after Washington accused Pyongyang of having a secret uranium enrichment program in violation of a 1994 deal between the two countries. North Korea kicked out nuclear inspectors and restarted its main reactor, moves that culminated in the country's first atomic test detonation in October.

Although the U.S. and key North Korean allies China and Russia backed U.N. sanctions after the nuclear test, Washington has since engaged in a series of diplomatic overtures that have drawn praise from Pyongyang.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill went to Germany last month to meet North Korean nuclear envoy Kim Kye Gwan, and the North later said the sides had reached an unspecified agreement. The specifics of what they discussed haven't been made public.

Washington has also held separate talks on financial restrictions it has placed on a Macau-based bank where the North held accounts, accusing it of complicity in the regime's alleged counterfeiting and money laundering. Blacklisting that bank has scared off other financial institutions from dealings with the North for fear of losing access to the U.S. market.

**NEWS** 

### **BY NAOMI KASKELA** STAFF WRITER

has partnered with Associate Judge Judy Parker to offer free legal services one night a month to qualifying individuals seeking a divorce.

The first clinic was held Jan. 18 with four cases, and the Feb. 15 clinic is already booked with 10 cases, volunteer program coordinator at public assistance denials, divorce Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.

'Right now we're trying to limit want to see how it works out."

Individuals wishing to get legal aid at the clinics must first contact Mojica to be screened through Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.

Parker said. "We would like to include helping individuals file other folks in the community," she ting a free ride, but state law does not vice for the community.

# somewhere."

Mojica said those who are inter-The Texas Tech School of Law ested should contact her at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas immediately to start the screening process.

According to the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Web site, "the largest part of Legal Aid's work is providing legal services to to the courts during working hours," individual low income people to said Nancy Mojica, the equal-justice solve individual problems such as courtroom to the people." and child support .... "

Mojica said the night court will ourselves to 10 a month," she said. be able to help those who need "We're wanting to take more, but we assistance but are not a priority or do not qualify for help at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.

The clinics are being held at the courtroom at the Tech School of Law, and 16 law students are judges and other individuals have. 'We are starting with no chil- involved with the program. The

expand it, but you have to start paperwork for a divorce.

individuals who would have difficulty filing for divorce on their own and cannot afford an attorney, Parker said.

"I've known for years that there are some people who can't make it she said. "Basically, we're taking the

The program also helps qualified individuals fill out paperwork, rather than having them attempt it on their own, which often leads to mistakes and more problems, Mojica said.

Parker will be volunteering at the night court, something she said can be considered as part of the ethical obligation or moral duty attorneys,

dren and little-to-no property," responsibilities of the students time, it's just meeting the needs of receive the free services are not get- important — and needed — ser-

said. "I believe lawyers and judges require them to pay the fee. A major reason for the forma- need to take the leadership role in tion of the night court is to target making sure that the citizens' needs are met."

> Basically, we're taking the courtroom to the people. - JUDY PARKER Associate Judge

Parker said she wants to make it "It's not a big sacrifice as far as my clear applicants who are qualified to lieves the night court will be an so that way we will know how it

can file a pauper's affidavit, then by who could not afford an attorney," state law you are not required to pay he said. that filing fee," she said. "It's not like we're making an exception."

Wendy Tolson Ross, associate targeted. professor of law, and Larry Spain, professor of law.

Ross said her former employer, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, had a program similar to contacted Legal Aid of Northwest the one started in Lubbock, and Texas about the night court, the when she told Parker about it, a plan started to form.

"We saw there was a need, we for the students and ... community," she said.

"The court really saw this as an "If your income is such where you opportunity to allow access to people

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While the Tech courtroom will be the location for all of the pro-The idea of the program devel- ceedings of the night court, Tech oped during talks between Parker, students are not being specifically

'We haven't excluded them," Ross said, "but we haven't targeted them either."

Of the individuals who have responses have been positive, Mojica said.

On Tuesday, almost 30 phone wanted to provide an opportunity calls were placed concerning the night court, she said.

"I'm just hoping everyone Spain agreed and said he be- shows up and is sincere about it works," she said.

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Americans dislike Castro, want diplomacy in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) - In nearly equal measure, Americans say they do not like Cuban President Fidel Castro but want the United States to re-establish regular diplomatic relations with the communist island nation after 46 years of estrangement.

Less than half of those polled think Cuba will become a democracy after the 80-year-old revolutionary leader dies or permanently steps aside. However, 89 percent in The Associated Press-Ipsos poll say they think Cubans will be better off or about the same when Castro is gone.

"It's probably not very likely in the short term," Kelly Shanley, 29, of North Haven, Conn., said of prospects for a democratic shift. "I just hope for the citizens of Cuba that it's something that's realized in the next few decades." y i gaiso

Castro has appeared to be in failing health for six months and has temporarily shifted power to his younger brother Raul. Rumors have been rampant about his ailments and how long he





can survive.

The poll suggests the Cold War animosity that has defined U.S.-Cuba relations for nearly a half-century may be fading.

Cuba's government had no immediate reaction to the poll.

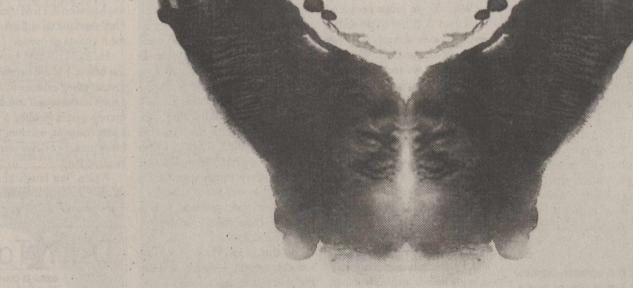
Although U.S. administrations from left to right have called Castro a dictator and a tyrant and have spent millions trying to undermine him, 27 percent of poll respondents said they hadn't heard enough about Castro to form an opinion.

The poll showed 64 percent of respondents had a very or somewhat unfavorable opinion of Castro, the revolutionary leader who has said he will be a Marxist-Leninist until the day he dies.

"He hasn't done much for his country. The country has not progressed," said Shiraz Damji, 61, of Woodland Hills, Calif. "It's still in the '40s or something like that. Leadership must grow the country and he's not done that."

Castro got slightly better reviews from younger people — 60 percent of those under 35 had an unfavorable view of Castro while 66 percent of older people felt that way — and younger people were more likely to reserve judgment about him.





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# OPINIONS

# **Boston officials** will read, close city

want you to pay very close attention to what you're about to read: somebody is trying to kill you. Now, please don't be scared and don't run. You should continue to carry on routinely with your daily activities. And please, for the love of God, buy something. Actually, buy two things. No, you know can't justify a reaction by playing what, you should actually go to the a big game of "what if?" mall, fill out a form for a credit card of our capitalist economy.

much of what was just written. As far as I know (or at least what FOX News tells me), somebody is trying to kill me everyday. I don't know where they are or what methods ever. The point is somebody out me. there is trying to thwart me from my chances of using my debit card, and it just isn't right.

keting firm the Cartoon Network grassroots marketing campaign to promote one of its cartoons, "The Aqua Teen Hunger Force." Boston went slightly short of senseless as little blinking devices picturing a square-like figure (a Mooninite) high-traffic areas.

and grumbles. The police commissioner followed. Trying really hard not to be left out, Assistant columns next semester. Attorney General John Grossman to get attention by causing fear name my alter ego George. and unrest that there was a bomb Web site CNN.com.

the-head monkeys stepped down, do with blindly following your gov-



The point is this is all becomand destroy your future for the sake ing annoying. Every day there are reports of some perceived threat You probably didn't think too of terrorist activity - a box left here, a backpack left there. Traffic is bad enough as it is — no need to add to it by closing roads because somebody can't take a joke.

"Well, if some terrorist comes they're going to use, but I walk and blows you to smithereens, on campus constantly on alert then you wouldn't think it was for anthrax, homemade explosive so annoying" is what the ignorant devices, global warming - what- alter ego in my head is telling

> Correct, I would not be annoyed — I'd be pissed. If my arms and legs

are dismantled from my torso by Homemade hysteria caught us way of terrorist activity, then the off-guard Jan. 31 when two men government loses. All of the tax hired by Interference Inc., a mar- money I don't pay is supposed to fund the police departments and employed, were performing a federal agencies that are in place to prevent that sort of thing from happening. If reports keep getting released about suspicious activity the agencies didn't prevent, then I want a new government.

I don't want to know about all showing the "bird" (the middle the perceived bombs and terrorist finger) were placed in various activity that may threaten my daily life. I have enough to worry about Boston's mayor quickly came as is. I have a French test on Monto the podium and pounded his day, and I'm quite worried it may fist and made a series of grunts delay my graduation. This should worry you because if I don't pass French, guess who's writing more

"What you lernin' that wussy said it was evident "the intent was language French fer?" I think I'll

I'm sure there is a lesson to be in the location," according to the learned here, and when I figure out what it is, I'll let you know. After the head and assistant-to- I'm sure it will have something to

was looking over my "Opinion Article Writer" checklist (while polishing my protractor collection) and noticed I had come to the lofty issues of racism and stereotypes. I wanted to express my disappointment that so many people still harbor such ignorant ideas toward their fellow man. So, would be it.

fortable and can proceed with con- around today. fidence. It's understandable people would want to be comfortable and how scared they really are. selves. This, of course, does not with the high-fives they need to ous? We still do that? get through the night. But that's or being friends with an Irishman. Huh, there it is again.



MR. OBAMA GOES

WASHINGTON

So, some of us put people into Why do we judge people? I know people as individuals. Is it all think part of it has to do with a starting to sound like a simple, stupid desire to know as much as we can cycle? Well, that's good. I didn't think about our surroundings. With this you would catch that, being blonde organization, we feel more com- and all. The irony is really sticking

ignore until home.

A honky's philosophy on stereotypes

to their stereotypes. This gives me respective stereotypes and you can fuel for the fire of funny. It's all right, really make fun of them. too, as long as respect is maintained. I Our society's troubles lay in those once brought an Arby's No. 5 combo who laugh too loudly. They get for this one, I recruited my good groups to help us deal with our short- (I hate that word — combo) into my drunk on their anger and somehow friend Fratboy D. Is that irony? comings. Shortcomings such as the friend's house and midway through convince themselves that it makes Hold on, I'll check. Yeah. That lack of desire to overcome a social the sandwich — in the middle of more sense to just say that "all dem laziness that keeps us from getting to conversation — he asked me if there are dat way." And, obviously, since

after carefully covering the toilet of people, or to assume that a person seat with two layers of paper before behaves a certain way because of dismissing what they had tried to nationality or a physical characteristic such as skin or hair color. No. 2: I also know people who live up sometimes people do live up to their

"dat way" is different than their own,

said, via written statement, the purchase. most significant aspect of the sands of dollars."

Really? That was the significant part? How about scaring the begeezus out of everyone by making them think there were multiple bombs placed around the city? No, I'm sure your action was fully justified: "Had we taken any other steps, we would have been endangering the public," Police Commissioner Edward Davis said.

Wrong.

endangered the public. But, you dove@ttu.edu.

Attorney General Martha Coakley ernment and purchase, purchase,

It's just a shame I got on this incident was it cost "Boston and topic too late. I totally had a surrounding communities thou- sweet slogan that would've made millions — "Free the Aqua Teen Two." Start the T-shirt printing instantly.

Oh, and since Cartoon Network needs advertising sans terroristlike activity, I'll pick that up. The Cartoon Network airs the "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" at various times and is releasing a movie sometime this year. That didn't really help, did it?

If there were a real threat, then **Dove is the opinions editor** reacting any' other way would've for The DT. E-mail him at justin.

I asked my buddy Frat D. how people could ever think they were confident, especially considering better than anyone else "just because." He replied, "Rock out with The problem is that many take your cock out, bro." Wow. Drawing the easy road of using others in a upon the deep insights within his negative way to try to help them- response, I inquired as to what these people based their argument on. Was help them. It does provide them it color? Or nationality? Are you seri-

By this point, there should be about as rewarding as doing drugs someone around — always — to slap the sklit out of anyone who claims to be a better human based on such things. If you have to talk yourself up, at least declare your elevated status to be a result of your hard work and personal efforts. No one baby is better than another — even if he or she is Jewish.

> the gap between individuals. This isolates us into groups and deprives us all of a more enriching experience on this earth. That's so ghetto. How are these things still around? Perhaps by the grace of a little spider monkey of an emotion — the sense of humor.

> Though a large part of racism, stereotypes alone are considered by many to be funny at times. I asked Frat D. why this is: "The road goes on forever —." This is where he fell down the stairs. He was crying as he asked me not to tell anyone. When I tried to help him up, he said I smelled good. We meet on Thursdays.

> So the reason stereotypes are funny at times is because they're completely ridiculous. They're also - at least in part - based on some truth. You know, maybe if Paula Poundstone hit the mark a little more often, we wouldn't have to resort to such levels - but we do.

Believe it or not, I have Middle Eastern friends who don't own convenience stores. I have African-American friends who don't rob those convenience stores. I have Italian friends who don't intimidate the Asians who actually own those convenience stores into paying them "dues."

I have Caucasian friends who don't go into those convenience stores and buy Starbucks Frappucinos

was bacon on it. I told him there was. He then stood up and seriously asked it must be wrong. me if I could go outside.

the house. I found myself confused, enjoy our time here. If someone first assuming extreme food allergies. I then found myself standing on my Laugh with your fellow man/woman friend's porch, holding a half-eaten about what is funny, and treat them bacon and swiss, watching him finally break form. I've never seen a Muslim they bring bacon into your house. laugh so hard.

1: it is absurd to label an entire group at alan.brown@ttu.edu.

How about we recognize the fact He said I couldn't have bacon in we are all just trying to kick it and

bothers you, pay them no attention. how you want to be treated — unless

Again, we laugh about these **Brown is a junior journalism** things together, for two reasons: No. major from Gatesville. E-mail him



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Obviously, stereotypes only widen

**NEWS** 

# SGA supervisor balances work, home life

much my child.

- KERRI PIKE

#### **By MAGGIE KIELY** STAFF WRITER

her time between managing the comfortable for me." SGA office and managing her marriage.

Lubbock Christian University, college until she got married.

Pike transferred to Texas Tech for her sophomore year. "Tech intimidated me when I gradu- ents," Pike said.

Student Government Associa- ated high school," Pike said. "At LCU tion supervisor Kerri Pike balances you know everybody and it was very sweet heart

Pike said her experience at LCU While still in prepared her for Tech, and she never school, the Pike grew up in Lubbock and really considered attending a university married couple graduated from Coronado High outside of the Hub City. Pike said she worked two School in 1999. After attending lived at home with her parents during jobs each to

# JUST JAMMIN'



KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador LEE LIMOGES, A sophomore music education major from Elmo, plays his saxophone in the Music building Wednesday afternoon.



"It was great because I had a Grant, whom they spend a lot of husband enjoy attending young- retary, said Pike is dedicated to the

Pike married her high school their own after graduate school. in June 2002. She is pretty

My mom calls her support themselves and to pay for school. Pike said married life was hard in the

SGA Supervisor beginning be-

or working.

"We didn't see a lot of each other," Pike said. "Our parents Molly. helped us when we asked, but we were paying our way through - "She is pretty much my child. My (school) anyway."

Pike said she and her husband

March and hope to have children of camping.

her grand-dog. band both had classrooms. goals in mind and wanted.

cause they were always studying have a little one," Gardner said. little one in her life is her dog job is stressful, she still has fun.

mom calls her her grand-dog."

When they are not working or have a four-year-old nephew in school, Pike said she and her

good relationship with my par- time with; the pair bought a house in married classes at their church and students and is someone they can

Pike graduated with a bachelor's Pam Gardner, degree in personal financial plan-Pike's mother, ning and is currently working on said she was not her master's degree in education, worried about curriculum and instruction; she her daughter's plans to get her teaching certificate. decision to get She said her dream job would be tive liaison, said Pike keeps the married because working for a company that writes office going, and the SGA could Pike and her hus- financial education curriculum for

After graduating in December knew what they 2003, Pike became SGA supervisor in February 2004. She said her duties "I will be real include managing the SGA office, and motivating while Kerri kicks excited when they which accounts for the SGA, the transportation fee and student orga-As for now, Pike said the only nization funding. She said while her

"It is exciting working with "Molly is adorable," Pike said. and watching students grow in themselves and knowledge and experience," Pike said. "They are such the best things to happen to this dynamic people with great ideas." Jimmie Bradley, the SGA sec-

rely on.

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"Kerri is by far one of the most talented women I have met in a long time," Bradley said. "Her door is always opened to help with whatever - she's there for them."

Mason Moses, the SGA legislanot survive without her. He said Bradley serves as the mother of the office and Kerri plays the role of the big sister.

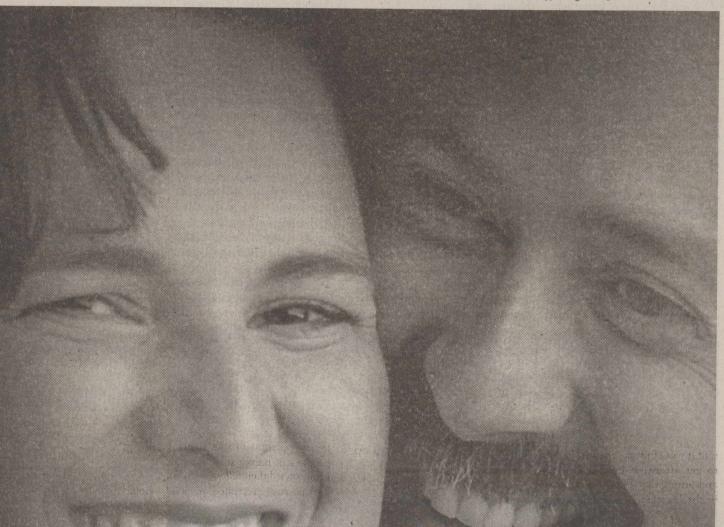
"Ms. Jimmie (Bradley) is nice you and tells you to keep going," Moses said.

Matt Fowler, the SGA internal vice president, said Pike is one of the hardest working people in the SGA office.

"She is, without a doubt, one of

office," Fowler said.

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# Lebanese troops fire on Israeli bulldozer that crossed border, Lebanese officials say

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Leba- sector of the border. nese troops deployed along the Wednesday as Israeli troops searched for Hezbollah bombs, drawing retalsaid.

It was the first time that shooting erupted across the border since anti-tank grenades that targeted an which extends north of the fence shortly after an Aug. 14 cease-fire army armored vehicle and a transport that ended a 34-day war between Israeli forces and the Lebanese Hezbollah militants.

bulldozer after it crossed the so-called Blue Line — the U.N.-demarcated boundary — and entered about 20 yards into Lebanon, Lebanese officials said.

Israeli troops responded with authorized to speak to the media.

which was the scene of heavy fight- the army said. ing in the summer war, in the central

border with Israel opened fire late speaking on condition of anonymity pending the release of a formal statement from the army command, said iatory fire, officials from both sides the Lebanese army fired volleys of machine guns toward the bulldozer.

jeep, the Lebanese officials said. Lebanese troops did not suffer any Lebanon, or UNIFIL, is a 12,000injuries. There was no immediate Lebanese troops opened fire on a word of any Israeli casualties.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli army said shooting erupted on the Israel-Lebanon border during an Israeli operation to search for bombs planted by incident," said Liam McDowell, Hezbollah guerrillas.

The army said troops operating they don't have further informatanks and light weapons, Israeli in Israeli territory along the frontier tion. security officials said on condition came under fire, and that the source of anonymity because they were not of the shooting was apparently Lebanese troops nearby. When the The exchange occurred near the attackers refused to quit firing, the Lebanese village of Maroun el-Rass, Israeli troops opened fire at them,

The Israeli army said the Is- in the 34-day war.

raeli force was clearing land and The Lebanese military officials, 'searching for bombs near the spot where Israeli troops discovered four explosive devices planted by Hezbollah on Monday.

The bulldozers crossed the heavily guarded border fence but Israeli forces responded with five remained inside Israeli territory. in that area, the army said.

> The U.N. Interim Force in strong peacekeeping force deployed to assist the Lebanese army patrol southern Lebanon to enforce the cease-fire.

"We're aware of an ongoing a UNIFIL spokesman, but added

About 15,000 troops deployed to south Lebanon under the U.N. resolution that included the ceasefire which ended the fighting. More than 1,000 people have died in Lebanon and about 150 in Israel

# Dell begins selling TVs from rival Sony Corp. on its Web site

DALLAS (AP) — Dell Inc. to shareholders. began selling flat-panel televisions from rival electronics manufacturer August when Dell pulled the plug Sony Corp. on Wednesday and said on its DJ Ditty digital music player it would soon offer products from a and instead offered a range of music variety of companies as it tweaks its consumer business strategy.

A visit to Dell's Web site showed two Sony Bravia LCD televisions Round Rock, Texas, company.

In a statement, Dell said it would continue to offer Dell-branded televisions from 37 inches and below, but would soon offer "a wide assortment of televisions from leading manufacturers that feature the latest technology and meet Dell's nouncement since Michael Dell company he founded in 1984 would high standards for performance." It returned to replaced Kevin Rollins as push faster product development, was not clear what other TV brands chief executive officer last week. Dell might start selling, or exactly when.

Dell said the decision was part of an ongoing effort to focus investments in its consumer business where it could provide the highest return

It echoes an announcement in players from Creative Technology

Ltd., iRiver, SanDisk Corp. and

Analyst Rob Enderle of the - a 40- and a 46-inch model - on Enderle Group said Dell's lack of tel Corp. of Santa Clara, Calif. Dell sale alongside TVs made by the a nationwide retail presence goes has refused comment on the lawsuit, against the tendency of shoppers filed last week in Austin. who prefer to see TVs in person before making a purchase online. Enderle said the move to offer Sony products at least drives traffic to reduce managers to help cut costs Dell's Web site.

strategy," Enderle said. "I think we're revenue growth. going to see a lot more changes out of the company now that Michael Dell is back."

Dell has been mired in a string cents in early after-hours trading.

of disappointing earnings, an unresolved federal accounting probe and has slipped behind rival Hewlett-Packard Co. in worldwide computer shipments.

Dell also faces a class-action lawsuit claiming the company inflated profits with secret payments of about \$1 billion a year from chip maker In-

In an e-mail distributed to employees on Friday, Michael Dell said he would quash bonuses for 2006 and and steer the company back toward It's the first product-related an- dominance. He also wrote that the improve customer service and ex-"It's the emergence of a new pand into new businesses to drive

> Dell shares closed up 17 cents, or less than 1 percent, to \$23.83 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Shares fell 2

# John F. Kennedy Jr.'s final flight conversations released

Jr.'s last conversation with air traffic at the Essex County Airport. control was released Wednesday but which he was killed in July 1999.

were exchanged between Kennedy number. and an air traffic controller as he requested and received permission as Kennedy took off in his singleto taxi to a runway for takeoff from a engine airplane at 8:38 p.m. Friday, small airport in New Jersey headed to July 16, 1999. The night was dark and Martha's Vineyard.

visual flight rules, was not in contact making the same trip to Martha's with anyone.on the ground when. Vineyard from the same airport. his Piper Saratoga plunged into the Atlantic about seven miles from Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister-Martha's Vineyard, which is southeast of Boston.

two five three November, ready to taxi a family wedding the next day. with mike at airbound right turnout

WASHINGTON (AP) - A long- the runway from the control tower in lers discussing "a lady" who called awaited transcript of John F. Kennedy Caldwell, N.J., which handled traffic looking for a "possible overdue

The controller directed him to revealed little about the flight in runway 22. "Five three November to two two, thanks," Kennedy said, Records show a mere 34 words repeating the last few digits of his tail

That was the end of radio contact hazy enough that another, more expe-Kennedy, who was flying under rienced pilot changed his mind about pilot," one Boston air traffic con-

Flying with Kennedy were his wife, in-law, Lauren Bessette. He planned to drop Bessette off at Martha's Vineyard "Caldwell Ground, Saratoga niner and then fly on to Hyannis, Mass., for

northeastbound," Kennedy said. He flight service specialist in Bridgeport, the police, and have them go out was requesting permission to taxi to Conn., and Boston air traffic control- and look for the plane."

aircraft.'

As they checked around for information about the missing airplane, they seemed completely unaware that the son of President John F. Kennedy was at the controls, that the call came from the Kennedy family circle, or that a massive recovery effort would soon be under way.

"I guess the guy's a pretty new troller said to the supervisor at the Federal Aviation Administration's Automated Flight Service Station in Bridgeport. "So if he didn't file a flight plan, we're pretty much out of luck then, huh?"

With the supervisor's agreement, the controller said he'd just Additional transcripts reveal a tell her "just have her call the, uh,

# Despite bust, Internet experts say child porn rings can remain difficult to track

international child pornography bust before they were discovered. The Aus-Wednesday were themselves disturbing: trian Internet service employee blocked Nearly 2,400 suspects from 77 countries allegedly paid to view videos depicting computer addresses of people who tried sexual abuse online. But the nature of Internet traffic makes it sadly unsurprising details to authorities. that people would figure they could hide so much hideous material.

Finding and stamping out such content "is needle-in-a-haystack work," said Carole Theriault, a security consultant according to Gremel. with Sophos PLC in London.

of a Vienna-based Internet file-hosting believe the videos were shot in Eastern service approached his national Interior Ministry last July with word that he had noticed the pornographic material during a routine scan.

The videos showed "the worst kind of child sexual abuse," said Austrian Interior the Russian site charged \$89 for access for capture what lurks out there, but generally Minister Guenther Platter, citing the rape a "members only" section, Gremel said. they are in search of text. One cloaking and sexual abuse of girls and boys younger

access to the videos while recording the to download the material, and gave the site advertises itself with spam e-mails or

Within 24 hours, investigators recorded more than 8,000 hits from 2,361 computer addresses in 77 countries around the world, including the United States,

In another sign of the ring's interna-Austrian authorities said an employee tional tentacles, Gremel said investigators Europe and uploaded to the Web from machines and the owner wouldn't even Britain. A link to the videos was posted know it," Theriault said. "It can get ugly on a Russian Website, which is no longer in operation, and hosted on a server in Austria. Some of the material was free, but programs regularly "crawl" the Web to

(AP) — The numbers behind an the videos were online for at most a day in transit. Whether it's a mundane e-mail or videos as insidious as this, all traffic gets splintered into packets of data that don't identify what they contain.

> Consequently, unless a nefarious Web shuttles an inordinate amount of traffic, several factors can conspire to keep it in the shadows.

> For example, Theriault noted that the perpetrators could send footage over peer-to-peer networks or computers that had been surreptitiously co-opted by Internet worms

> "You could have this stuff on innocent and complicated, absolutely."

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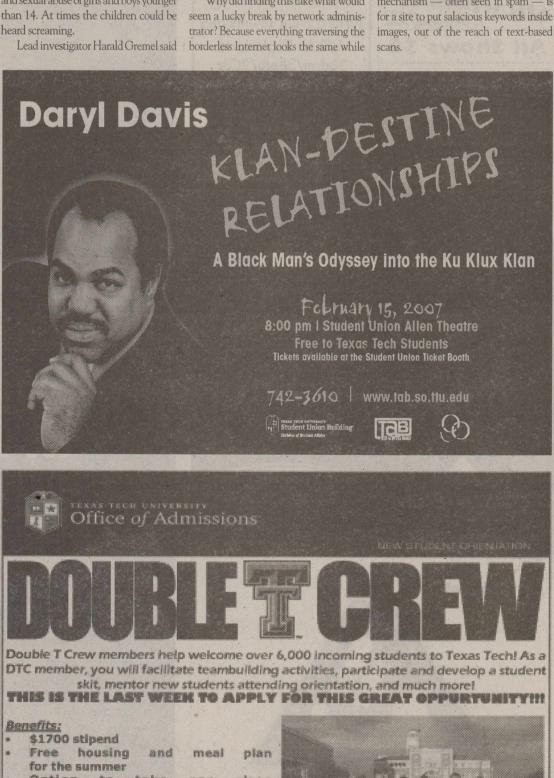
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# Wal-Mart and unions unite to unveil universal health care goal

large U.S. employers on Wednesday joined union leaders in calling for Minn. "quality, affordable" health care for every American by 2012.

goal, or commit to spending any provide health coverage to more business and union leaders' coaliworkers.

Joining Wal-Mart Stores Inc. ployees International Union leader to recruit others from the private conference were top executives from profits. Intel Corp., AT&T Inc. and Kelly agency. Yet some critics of Wal-Mart's health care policy remained unsatisfied.

"2012 is a still long way away. What about now?" said Dana

WASHINGTON (AP) - Execu- Rezaie, a widow with three children tives from Wal-Mart and three other who works nights stocking shelves provide a detailed plan. In response at a Wal-Mart store in Fridley,

union leaders laid out four main making any immediate promises to Workers union, was critical of other However, they did not propose goals, including universal healthany specific policies to achieve this care coverage for all Americans and boosting the value of every U.S. extra money in the near-term to dollar spent on health care. The Together," pledged to convene a coverage, unlike plans in some for-CEO Lee Scott and Service Em- national summit by the end of May eign nations.

by 2012."

But Scott and others did not to a reporter's question, Scott said Wal-Mart is not committed to workers.

The business executives did say U.S. must be flexible enough to remedy its mistreatment of workers,"

"Government alone won't and month said Wal-Mart's health plans their families. Services Inc., a temporary staffing can't solve this crisis," Scott said. were a raw deal for employees. Stern "By following this campaign's com- said he expects to be criticized for mon sense principles, we believe teaming up with Wal-Mart, but that fordable and accessible health care workers who lack coverage, and their families.

Stern said he and Scott first met eligibility periods. face-to-face to discuss the partnership "around the holidays."

Joseph T. Hansen, president of The partnership of business and spending more on health care or the United Food and Commercial provide health coverage to more union leaders for teaming up with Wal-Mart.

"It's not appropriate to take the that any universal coverage in the stage with a company that refuses to The union he represents funds the WakeUpWalMart campaign, campaign, which as recently as last all of its uninsured employees and

The Bentonville, Ark.-based company, which employs more than 1.3 million U.S. workers, has America can have high quality, af- he felt it was in the best interest of made several changes to its health

Yet Scott said Wednesday he would not withhold financial support from lawmakers and candidates studies health policy, was more who oppose universal health care. WakeUpWalMart spokesman Chris Kofinis called that stance "hypocritical," pointing out that Scott blamed politics as the main reason the nation lacked universal health care.

"Anybody can say they support tion, dubbed "Better Health Care give consumers choices about their Hansen said in a prepared statement. something. They need to show they ness and union leaders already plan really do," said Rezaie, a six-year to meet with officials at the White Wal-Mart employee who says she House, on Capitol Hill and with Stern said the SEIU would con- which challenged the company to cannot afford the company's existing state governors to transform its Andrew Stern at a Washington press sector, labor, government and non- tinue to fund its Wal-Mart Watch immediately provide health care to health plan and instead relies on state-funded care. WakeUpWalMart supplied Rezaie's name to The Associated Press.

> date Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, On the Nasdaq Stock Market, shares a longtime universal health care of Intel gained 20 cents to finish at care policy since 2005, including advocate, said the coalition's an- \$21.51, while those of Kelly Services lowering premiums and shortening nouncement was further evidence of rose 24 cents to \$31.24.

broad agreement on the issue.

Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which sanguine. "This is a historic collection of strange bedfellows that have united behind a set of principles, not a concrete plan," Altman said.

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John Podesta, president of the Center for American Progress, a member of the coalition, said busiprinciples into action.

Shares of Wal-Mart closed unchanged at \$48.58, while AT&T slid 35 cents to end at \$37.16, both Democratic presidential candi- on the New York Stock Exchange.

# U.S. helicopter crashes in flames northwest of Baghdad, killing all 7 on board

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A crashed in flames Wednesday in a sign that it involved hostile fire. field northwest of Baghdad, killing all aviation in Iraq.

A U.S. military statement gave no reason for the crash of the CH-46 Sea Knight, which went down near Fallujah in Anbar province, about 20 miles from Baghdad. However, at insurgent-infested region. the Pentagon, three Marine Corps control as the aircraft descended.

They said witnesses in nearby Ma- went down." U.S. Marine transport helicopter rine aircraft saw the flames but saw no

seven people aboard, the U.S. mili- said the helicopter was downed by mud homes. A dense plume of black tary said. It was the fifth U.S. aircraft an anti-aircraft missile. He spoke smoke rose over the remains. The lost in less than three weeks and the on condition of anonymity because Marine officials suspected the fire latest sign of growing problems with he was not authorized to release was caused by a mechanical problem, that the Marines should replace the information.

> half mile from the crash site said he heard a missile fired moments before the crash, which took place in an released, but military officials said

"The helicopter was flying and from the Navy. officials said the troop-transport he- passed over us, then we heard the fire. It flew in a circle twice and then which it described as a Chinook \_ an

Associated Press Television video Sea Knight. showed the flaming wreckage ly-An Iraqi air force officer, however, ing in a field in front of a cluster of An Iraqi farmer who lives about a condition of anonymity because the /limitations. investigation was ongoing.

In a statement posted on an exlicopter was in flames when it went firing of a missile," the farmer, Mo- tremist Web site, an al-Qaida-linked down, with the pilot appearing to hammed al-Janabi, said. "The he- group, the Islamic State in Iraq, attempt a hasty landing but losing licopter then turned into a ball of claimed it shot down the helicopter,

Army helicopter which resembles a - two from the Army and one on helicopters in Iraq, not only for

Critics have long urged the military to replace the CH-46, which was 20. A total of 27 people — 23 U.S. introduced in 1964 at the start of the service members and four American Vietnam War. In 2001, retired Col. Frank Jensen wrote in Defense News

Regardless of the cause, the latest Names of the victims were not crash adds urgency to a U.S. military review of flight operations in Iraq, they included five Marines and two including whether insurgents have changing. perfected skills in attacking U.S. planes.

> The latest crash occurred five days after a U.S. Army Apache helicopter went down in a hail of gunfire north of Baghdad. Three other helicopters

operated by an American security supporting ground forces in combat firm — also have crashed since Jan. but also to move troops and equipcivilian contractors — were killed in the five crashes.

The first four helicopters were all the officials said. They spoke on CH-46 but cannot because of budget believed to have been shot down, night-vision equipment to hunt for the military has said, raising new insurgents and militiamen planting questions about whether Iraqi extremists are using more sophisticated positions. weapons or whether U.S. tactics need

> Any fresh threat to aviation would present serious problems for U.S. commanders as they launch the new security crackdown in Baghdad.

ment by air to avoid roadside bombs and insurgent ambushes.

At night, U.S. attack helicopters prowl the darkened skies over Baghdad and other cities, using roadside bombs or setting up firing

Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has acknowledged that insurgent ground fire in Iraq has been increasingly effective.

"I do not know whether or not it is the law of averages that caught up with us or if there's been a change in The U.S. military relies heavily tactics, techniques and procedures

# **Explosions rock industrial area of Kansas City; no immediate injuries reported**

a chemical plant in flames district spokeswoman said. Wednesday in an industrial secthe skyline.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) a high school to keep them as far there have been no injuries. - Several explosions engulfed from the explosions as possible, a

The fire began after sevbroad evacuation as a towering chemicals exploded, touching off solvents. cloud of black smoke rose over more explosions and fires, includ-

Everyone was evacuated safely," Brennan said in a telephone interview. He said Chemcentral tion of Kansas City, forcing a eral 55-gallon drums containing distributes various chemicals and

> Emergency responders from ing blasts from three 30,000-gal- the Environmental Protection

> > the city's East Bottoms sec-

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reports of injuries at the Chem- Peoples said. central Corp. plant, but the cloud appeared to be dropping Bedford Park, Ill.-based Chema sticky substance as it moved central, said it was not immesouthwest across the metropoli- diately clear what caused the tan area.

Fire Chief Richard Dyer said has 15 to 20 workers. officials were evacuating a onesquare-mile area around the plant and were going door-todoor through several blocks to get people out.

The Kansas City school district sent students from six elementary schools in the area to

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There were no immediate lon tankers, Fire Marshal Floyd Agency were at the scene, in

Dan Brennan, an attorney for tion. explosions at the plant, which

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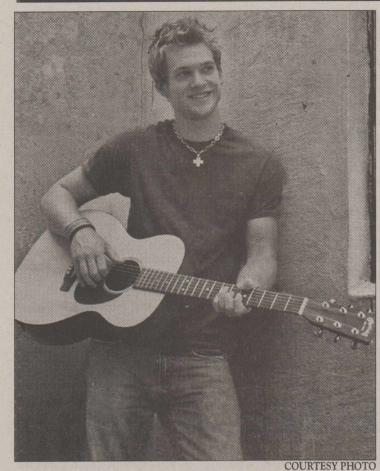
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JONATHAN CLAY POSES with his guitar. He will be performing at noon today at the Student Union Building.

# Houston acoustic artist to perform at the SUB today

VIDA

#### **By JESSICA ALEXANDER** CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new voice will be added to writer Jonathan Clay will perform titles from his unsigned EP "Whole New Me" as well as new songs that ing and happy, and anyone inter- Stokes, the former Daytime Prowill come out on his first full-length ested in new music should see him album in late February.

In a telephone interview, Clay, 21, said he prefers playing at coffeehouses and campuses to clubs and bars because he feels the audience is actually listening.

"It's a more intimate setting," Clay said. "It's quiet, like a living room."

of John Mayer and Jason Mraz, cit- guitar." ing Amos Lee as a huge influence.

acoustic and pop," Clay said.

chology major from Carrollton, the way he sings."

said she found Clay's music on liked it.

really talented."

Trieu said Clay's sound is relaxperform.

Kasey Dowden, a junior biochemistry major from Magnolia, fall. He said TAB chooses artists said she was best friends with Clay's younger sister and always enjoyed want. listening to him playing guitar in his room.

that listens to the lyrics," Dowden represent the student body," Stokes at the SUB. TAB is also trying to Clay compares his style to that said. "I just love the sound of his said. "We're always open to sug- book singer Josh Kelley for a per-

She said Clay once won a high "My style is a mix between school talent show.

"I like [his music] because I Diana Trieu, a freshman psy- know him," Dowden said. "I like

Music from Clay's EP and up- students entertained. the Web site MySpace.com and coming album can be found on MySpace and iTunes, as well as his "I was just looking for new mu- Web site, www.jonathanclay.com. the bustling lunchtime noises at sic," Trieu said. "I thought it was Some of Clay's lyrics, such as those noon today in the Student Union interesting because he's not one of found in the song "A Little Time" Building. Houston singer/song- those really famous people, but he's deal with heartache and moving on after a breakup.

Texas Tech graduate Brandon grams coordinator for the Tech Activities Board, booked Clay through OnCampus Booking last based on what students would

"I'm not the type of person so we feel like we can accurately and handing out prints to students gestions."

Kelly Berger, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, will be for sale during his show for took over Stoke's role in TAB after \$7 each. He will be performing at he graduated and still works closely 10 p.m. tonight at Bash Riprock's. with him to find talent to keep *b jessica.alexander@ttu.edu* 

"I like having music in the SUB because it adds to everyone's day," Berger said. "The response we've had from students and faculty has been good so far."

Berger said TAB tries to book performers who will fit Daytime Program's budget. She said the budget does not allow them to book big names like the band OAR, but past performers such as singer Ryan Holley and the group Joe & Lefty Spray Can Art have been well-received.

TAB has the spray-painting duo "We feel like we have a wide scheduled to return April 19. They variety of students in the group, will be performing their art live formance, Berger said.

Copies of Clay's seven-track EP

# WEEKLY

# Authentic Mexican food at a low price

Taqueria Jalisco's was fairly empty when I arrived there on a weeknight, but the lack of people allowed me to take in the scene: colors of orange and green give the dining room a cheerful aspect, and Mexican landscapes painted on the walls offer customers something to look at while they dine.

at the floor and cringed – apparently tion of Mexican dishes, and the most they had not gotten a chance to sweep expensive item I saw was around \$7. yet that day.

did not seem quite as eager when she of chicken quesadillas and also ordered approached my table without a smile horchata, a Mexican drink made from rants, so it was a refreshing change to or a greeting to take my order, but rice and milk. I bore no ill will later when I tasted the food.



Walking to my table, I looked down Taqueria Jalisco's offers a wide selec-After some deliberation, I decided to I sat down and eagerly looked at try the No. 12 enchilada plate. While the menu. My waitress, I must note, I was waiting, I asked for an appetizer

Unfortunately, I had never tasted horchata before, so I don't know if Looking at the menu, I found Jalisco's necessarily served me a good something I have eaten often, so I

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one or a bad one. All I can say is it was a new experience, and it tasted good.

The chicken quesadilla appetizer was good enough to be my meal all by itself — in fact, I think it was the best part of the dinner. Served with fresh guacamole, pico de gallo and sour cream, these quesadillas might just be some of the best I've ever had. Students who are sick of cold quesadillas might want to find \$5 and taste these.

I also enjoyed the enchilada plate - it was fresh, hot and good. I have never been overly impressed with the enchiladas I find at Tex-Mex restautaste these.

Last, I picked out a dessert - I wanted to test Taqueria Jalisco's on



TAQUIERA JALISCO'S, LOCATED at 23rd Street and Avenue Q, serves authentic Tex-Mex cuisine.

chose the sopapillas. They were hot, ask for it. chewy and covered in cinnamon and sugar. I hear sopapillas are, by defini- Mexican food at a cheaper price than the excellent taste of this affordable tion, under-cooked if they are chewy, most other Mexican restaurants should Mexican food earns Taqueria Jalisco's but to be honest, I enjoyed these look no further than Taqueria Jalisco's, a thumbs up. - chewy or not.

end of the meal; I realized after leav- were each \$5.50, and the sopapillas ative writing major from Killeen.

located on 2211 Avenue Q. The quesa-There was a little mix-up at the dilla appetizer and the enchilada plate **Shepherd is a freshman cre-**

the service, but there was nothing Students looking for authentic really wrong with it either. In the end,



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#### **BY KELI GOODSON** THE CRIMSON WHITE (U. ALABAMA)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Two months have passed since the release of the Nintendo Wii and Sony's PlayStation 3, and have been doing around the globe is in order.

5.3 percent drop in profits Tuesday, widely blamed on the PS3's price points.

make at the moment that Sony is losing money every time it sells

for a while longer until the system said they had PS3s in stock, but available for sale, but on the next majoring in media production, said components become cheaper to no Wiis. make.

according to The Associated Press, but the PS3s have been sticking had a 40 percent increase in sales around for a few days before they a look back on how both consoles during the same time, likely due head out the door, and some have to the still highly in-demand Nintendo DS handheld system, as well First up is Sony. Despite its as the new Nintendo Wii. Unlike he said, "but we can't sell them used system being superior to the Wii Sony, it only costs Nintendo about because of the hard drives, so we and arguably to Microsoft's Xbox \$150 dollars to make a single Wii, have to send them back to corpo-360, Sony reported an estimated so every console sold is money in rate, and they'll hopefully get sent utes," he said. Nintendo's hands.

Rumors have been running wild The system is so expensive to Wiis and so many PS3s left un- process to be resold. wanted on shelves.

one, and that trend will continue GameStop in Tuscaloosa, Ala., shelves Tuesday, a few PS3s were

The Wiis have been selling as On the other hand, Nintendo, soon as they're in the store, he said, even come back.

> "A couple have been traded in," back as refurbished.

online, pointing to stores with no drives have to go through the same from more than one shipment of

Brian Rhodes, the manager of as GameStop. When I checked the Peyton said.

aisle, the Wii cabinet sat devoid of consoles.

De'Marcus Peyton, a Target employee, said they'd been selling the the Wii due to the kinds of games Wiis as soon as they came in.

He said the shipments they'd been getting were small and infrequent so far, with the last shipment being only about six consoles, which was delivered two weeks ago.

"I sold four of them in 15 min-

PS3 sales were lacking, he said, He said Xbox 360s with hard as the eight in the cabinet were PS3s. People have also been re-Target was in the same situation turning a few of the PS3s as well,

Rebecca Westrope, a sophomore she's played both systems so far, but doesn't have either.

She said she prefers the PS3 to she prefers to play.

"I prefer shooting zombies and stuff like that," she said. "The Wii is too kiddy for me.'

Westrope said she thinks the excess PS3s around Tuscaloosa are the result of more people being interested in the Wii due to its cheapness and all-around playability.

Because the Wii has been marketed toward more than the hardcore gamer audience, more people want to get their hands on one, she said.

"People are drawn to those controllers," Westrope said.

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Marc Melendez, a sophomore majoring in English, said he can't find enough reasons right now to plunk down \$600 for the PS3 and said he will be getting a Wii first.

"I've decided to get a Wii first because it's cheaper and more fun," he said. "The Wii has 'Zelda,' which is inherently a killer app."

He said he wouldn't even be investing in the Wii until "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is out, and he's waiting to purchase a PS3 until "Metal Gear Solid 4," or "Final Fantasy XIII" comes out.

"I don't really want to say there's going to be a top dog this console generation, yet," Melendez said.

# Iransgendered man shares stories

**By TYLER HARBERT** UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, into the world as Daphne Scholinski.

Alderson Auditorium on the periences. University of Kansas campus hospital after being diagnosed at 15 as an "inappropriate female."

Memoir," spoke about playing up baseball instead of with dolls, shared slides of the artwork he was inspired to create after belady-like.

more passionate society," Scho- speak with his dad. linski said. "No two people are alike and we spend an enormous your son in the women's bathamount of energy to fit into two room," he said. categories; There's a much wider spectrum."

he said the same trials he faced forced to use the men's room. this country.

Kan. — Dylan Scholinski came entire high school life locked in a hospital and how he felt ashamed when people around him would However, he came to a packed talk about their high school ex- violence towards transgendered

> "I made up a story to hide was going to die."

Scholinski said he was re-Last Time I Wore a Dress: A at 18 because his insurance dried mental hospital to drawings he

Now 40 years old, he recalled read excerpts from his book and the instance growing up when he left his dad in a grocery store to use the restroom. As he ating harassed about not being tempted to enter the women's room, a clerk reprimanded him "My goal in life is to create a and told Scholinski to let him

"The clerk said, 'We found university.

women's restroom in eight or He said he was lucky to be nine years, since one in Memspeaking about his life because phis was closed and he was 2007 February Sisters Forum.

occur to thousands of people in He said most people don't realize how privileged they are He talked about spending his to not have to consider those kinds of simple details in their daily lives.

He also spoke out against people.

"I've never been found out in Monday to talk about his expe- what happened to me during that a bathroom," he said. "There's riences growing up in a mental time," Scholinski said. "I need to a good chance I'd get the shit find a way to express myself or I kicked out of me or raped but ... so far so good.'

Slides of his artwork ranged The artist and author of "The leased from the mental hospital from pictures from inside the made of crime scenes while in college, all of which he considers a self-portrait.

> Catherine Cowan of Topeka, Kan., was joined by her girlfriend Ana Maldonado at the lecture. The couple said they drove to the lecture after hearing about it from a friend who attends the

"I've read about things like this but it was interesting to He said he hasn't used a hear it from a person firsthand," Cowan said.

The lecture was part of the

# MTV reality show engages viewers **BY GLENN FORBES**

THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — It is easy to forget that MTV pioneered reality televi-

TV, however, still employ a few fresh ideas.

"Engaged and Underage" has a title that is self-explanaent engaged couple every week, chronicling wedding plans to Lauren and fiance David on the premiere episode should have been promoted by now.

David is also still attached to uproariously. an umbilical cord.

Without the hilarious interof the relationship between Da- closed. vid and his mom. Adding to the

back of his parents' house after night, just to make sure everythey marry. This is certainly the thing is perfect. This results in product of logical foresight and the best line of the show, courtesy shrewd planning.

York to Florida to live in David's sister's room, so she could be with him and his parents. The wonderful foreshadowing of MTV programming gives the audience an indication a train wreck will ensue when David said, "I can that. Lauren does not laugh. Bontory. The show follows a differ- tell my Mom pretty much anything." He does not disappoint.

Bonnie expresses jealousy life after the ceremony. Who- and resentment because Lauren ever made the decision to put is taking her spot next to David in pictures. She misses when bachelor party. He is in women's David's arm was around her, underwear while buying condoms and not Lauren. In a brilliant Lauren and David are about transition to their cottage life, to enter marriage with more Lauren explains, "It will be difbaggage and issues than Liza ferent after we're married, when Minnelli and David Gest. Lau- we move to our own house," to moments between husband and ren and David are 21-year-old which every audience member mom. The couple still lives in devout Christians and virgins. should have cringed or laughed Bonnie's backyard, three months

an indication of what married actions between David, Lauren life will be like when he calls and David's mother, Bonnie, his mother from the cottage and the show is almost nothing. insists they wave to each other. The jaw-dropping commentary Lauren can only mutter that they in the premiere is a direct result will have to keep their blinds for a successful formula. Watch-

debacle, David and Lauren will to visit the bed and breakfast changes in their future will live in a small cottage in the they reserved for their magical always have appeal.

of David's mother: "Would it be Poor Lauren moved from New weird if I saw pictures of where you guys would spend your wedding night?" Classic.

Later, Bonnie jokes that she has to crawl into bed with David tonight, because she only has a few nights left that she can do nie insists they are just a close family, and there is nothing weird about that.

The remainder of the show features horrid clips from David's. from a gas station.

Sadly, on the big day, their first kiss as husband and wife is less intimate than most of the after the wedding, and are called David quickly gives Lauren over for dinner and more quality time together.

'Engaged and Underage" promises to deliver moments inspiring laughter, pity and disbelief. These elements combine ing naive people getting blind-The engaged couple also wants sided and predicting unrealistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The half of patients in trials experienced anyone taking blood thinning medi-

cines or being treated for diabetes The new drug would contain half or thyroid disease should consult a physician before using orlistat, the agency said.

# sion with "The Real World." The innovators of reality

government on Wednesday approved over-the-counter sales of the fat-blocking diet pill orlistat, allow- the dose of Xenical prescription capversion of a diet drug that had been to \$25 a week, GlaxoSmithKline has available only by prescription.

nonprescription dose under the name "alli."

The drug is intended for people exercise.

blocks the absorption of about one- side effect. quarter of any fat consumed. That fat

gastrointestinal side effects.

FDA approves first nonprescription sale of diet pill

ing direct sales for the first time of a sules and would cost consumers \$12. said. The company estimated 5 mil- which will market the pill, said it Currently available as Xenical, lion to 6 million Americans a year chose the name alli to indicate a the capsules will be sold in a lower, would buy the drug over the counter. partnership with consumers in their Those numbers could mean at least \$1.5 billion a year in retail sales.

18 and older to use along with a tion said the most common side including an increase in the risk of reduced-calorie, low-fat diet and effect of the product is a change in heart disease and type 2 diabetes," bowel habits. Eating a low fat diet said Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, When taken with meals, orlistat will reduce the likelihood of this deputy director for the FDA's Center

Also, FDA said people who have - about 150 to 200 calories worth had organ transplants should not and exercise, may aid overweight - is passed out of the body in stools, take OTC orlistat because of pos- adults who seek to lose excess weight which can be loose as a result. About sible drug interactions. In addition, to improve their health," he said.

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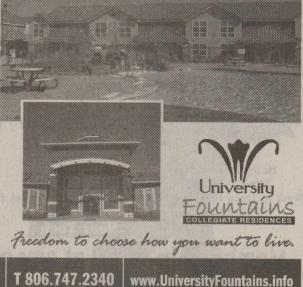
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Hollywood news: what's coming soon (and not so soon) to a theater near you

Tt's been a little more than a month since I've given a brief L update on movies not coming soon to a theater near you. There has been a lot of deals signed recently, so just to catch you up, here's what you might have missed.

Due to the critical and financial success of "The Departed," Warner ies with the film "You Don't Mess with two sequels.

lieutenant. who manages all the The Hollywood Reporter. snitches and rats in the Boston Web site.

his streak of stupid, childish mov- to play a lead character in the tele- casting choice.



Brothers Pictures is moving forward with the Zohan." In the picture, he stars as a Mossad agent who fakes Mark Wahlberg is slated to his death to move to New York and Man" will be happy to know pro- the most unusual casting decisions the one to actually do something Alexandre Aja, Sutherland will star return as the foul-mouthed police become a hair stylist, according to

"Lost" fans wondering what hap-Police Department. Robert De pens to Michael as a he sails off into Niro is in talks to star in one of the the sunset with his child might find sequels as a senator or congressman, the answer to their query a little according to the Empire Online disappointing. Actor Harold Perrineau, who plays the single-father and-out actor Robert Downey Jr. to acters from the books, but the boys Across the street from the World's **ttu.edu**. Adam Sandler will continue Michael on the show, has signed on take the lead. I personally love this have become men, although they're Fait in Chicago in 1893, Holmes

vision drama "Demons." He will not The Hollywood Reporter.

Harrison Ford will be one year older by the time the next "Indiana the villain. Expect the movie to site http://www.comingsoon.net. Jones" installment hits theaters. hit screens during summer 2008, Plans are moving ahead, and the according to Marvel Entertainrelease date is scheduled to be May ment Inc. 22, 2008, according to the Web site http://www.comingsoon.net.

young actor with barely any screen experience to play Iron Man, Mar-

pairings in Hollywood, but this a couple of different studios, it during his break from the televi-Fans of the comic book "Iron next bit of news might be one of appears Paramount Pictures will be sion show. In the film, directed by duction of the film is in full-swing. I've heard of in recent years. Tom The producers have hired an un- Cruise and Ben Stiller are in talks usual cast to fill the roles from the to star opposite one another in the studio, plans have been set in department store mirrors, according comic book. Instead of getting a the big-screen adaptation of "The Hardy Boys."

In the film, the actors will take vel Studios signed one-time down- on the roles of the two main char- first serial killer, H.H. Holmes. E-mail him at jeremy.n.reynolds@ still out and about solving myster- operated a hotel where he built **Podcast available online** 

the screen to fill those shoes, and coattails of "Night at the Museum" Terrance Howard has been cast as star Stiller, according to the Web of the night.

with the material.

motion to bring the book to the to Variety. big screen.

The novel focuses on America's **Reynolds is The DT movie critic.** 

In the role of "the woman," ies. I guess Cruise is pretty desperate secret passageways and rooms be returning to "Lost," according to Gwyneth Paltrow will return to for a hit and wants to hang on the where he kidnapped and tortured guests of the hotel in the middle

Plans for the film version of "24" The book "The Devil in the have been put on hold because the White City" is easily one of my script is not perfect yet; this has favorite non-fiction books of all- freed actor Kiefer Sutherland to star There's been a lot of unusual time, and after being optioned by in the suspense-thriller "Mirrors" as a mall security guard who discov-According to a press release by ers an evil presence living inside the

# Attention all students: Talent show coming to Tech

#### **By JEREMY REYNOLDS** STAFF WRITER

Talents are sometimes hard to come by. Lori L. Romero of the talents who might want to display those skills.

Talent and Fashion Show.

"Last year we had two shows, and and Japan. there were packed houses for both of them," Romero said.

Romero said there were a lot of people countries. last year who performed traditional countries

'We had a lot of international International Affairs Office at Texas students, but a lot of students from Tech, however, said she hopes there Tech as well," she said. "There was are people at Tech with hidden one girl from Tech who performed a belly dance."

The fashion portion of the show The International Affairs Office features students who own traditional once again has began the search for dresses from foreign countries. Romero talent for the upcoming International said last year there were students who wanted to get students involved in wore garments from Vietnam, China different things."

A talent can be almost anything. incorporate modern dress from those

"Last year, there were a lot of dances and songs from their native dresses that were brought from home." she said. "The dresses were all histori-

> This year is the second year Tech will hold this show. Romero said the school used to have a show like this, but when a new crew took over at the International Affairs Office, the show died away for eight years.

"I brought it back," she said. "I

Romero said she wanted to hold the event because it presents a chance scholarship.

# **BY ERIN MCGNN**

THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

has been omnipresent throughout the

When the original Nintendo sys-

tem (NES) first came out, it came with

of sophistication.

- From the beginning, virtual realhand movements. ity has always been seen as the final frontier for video games. The desire to make players really feel like their on-screen actions are controlled not just by pushing a button, but by actually performing the motion involved

plans for the current-era Wii-mote could be seen in Nintendo's Power Glove,

The ideas behind the original Nintendo accessories carried through into the following generation of interactive gaming accessories which accompanied new consoles. Sega's popular "House of the Dead" franchise emerged in the mid-90s in both arcades and home consoles history of video games. And as video (Sega's Saturn and Dreamcast), which games have evolved, they have come used a light gun evolved from Nintendo's closer and closer to reaching that level original model. The Dreamcast gun receives light through a photodiode located within the barrel to detect light reflecting off of the screen and translates the player's shooting to carnage on screen.

Power Pad. Even back in 1989, the initial virtual renditions even affect the player's final score.

Recently popular are the "Guitar (U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. which had limited capabilities of sensing Hero" games for the Playstation 2. Much like "DDR," the players follow the notes as they appear on the screen and "play" their guitar by simultaneously pressing the corresponding notes and strumming the main key in rhythm. The game features popular songs by such artists as Cheap Trick, KISS, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and Rage Against the Machine.

> On a similar note, would-be virtual drummers can enjoy playing with the Donkey Kong Bongos while playing the "Donkey Konga" titles on Nintendo's Game Cube or through the "Taiko: Drum Master" system on the PS2. With both systems, players use an electric bongo



cally traditional."

This year, however, Romero said she wanted to broaden that field to to raise money for an international

Console evolution flirts with virtual reality

# SPORTS

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# **Edwards scores 33 in loss to Baylor**

#### **By STEPHEN MONAHAN** SPORTS EDITOR

Edwards, there was one "Player" Jan. 31. who stood among the rest.

scored a career-high 22 points to Player said, "and when (Mulkey) Bears to an 80-67 victory over the body,' I feel like I have that green Lady Raiders Wednesday night at light." the United Spirit Arena.

with a lot of confidence, you the opening half, Player helped feel like you can score every Baylor (20-4, 7-3 Big 12) cap off coach Kim Mulkey said. "Ihas- a 38-30 halftime lead. min takes it off the dribble as right now."

The sophomore guard's 22 points to two points at 51-49. was her second career-high in her Despite a career-high 33 last three games - her first was half points, was held to just two violation with Tech still in reach, when we get to that point tonight points from Texas Tech's Patrice a 21-point effort against Missouri points for the first 9:11 of the Baylor's Angela Tisdale took the that we didn't have as much

"The coaches do a great job Baylor guard Jhasmin Player with helping my confidence," help lead the 15th-ranked Lady tells me, 'Jhas, blow by some-

good as anybody I've coached. as much as 12 in the second half helping to keep the game close and an "aggressive" nature. Af- Mulkey said. "I thought our kids She's playing very confident at 51-39, less than four minutes and her team within one point ter the loss to Baylor, Curry's dug pretty deep tonight when in. Thanks to four points from at 64-63. Player went 9-of-15 shooting both forward Alesha Robertson

second half.

of the season, Edwards said her 71-63 with 2:30 to play. point total was nothing more than a great outing.

"I think when you're playing with more than 11 minutes in much because we didn't win the have enough of a lead." game.'

time you touch the ball," Baylor a 28-11 run with 10 points to take Edwards seemingly got back Saturday, both on the road, to her first half output, scor- Curry has said her team's been Tech (14-10, 5-5) fell behind ing nine points in a 3:30 span, struggling with a "lack of will" ing for just one more win,"

But Tech allowed Baylor to changed. from the floor, but none of those and freshman Jordan Murphree, go up 68-63 after buckets from

did make you breathe, like 'wow,

shots came from beyond the arc. the Lady Raiders cut the deficit Jessica Morrow and Rachel Al- playing women," Curry said. "I'm lison. After Edwards picked up just disappointed that when we Edwards, who had 18 first- her fourth foul and a 3-second cut it to three - it seems like breath out of the Lady Raiders heart. Obviously, I did not like With her team's 10th loss with a 3-pointer to put Baylor up anything about our aggressive nature, but I think you need to "You never really rest, but it give Baylor a lot of credit."

Mulkey and the Lady Bears "It is bittersweet," Edwards we needed this," Mulkey said of reached the 20-win plateau for said. "I'm glad I had a great Tisdale's shot. "The coach in me the seventh-consecutive year, With Texas Tech up 19-10 game, but I can't celebrate too thinks 'Oh my gosh, we don't but Mulkey said reaching that milestone Wednesday night was After a near loss to Kansas not a simple task, especially when With 8:41 left in regulation, Jan. 31 and a loss to Colorado it comes to an NCAA Tournament bid.

> "We're all fighting and clawmentality seemingly had not they had opportunities to lose their composure."

"It looked a little bit like girls 🕨 stephen.monahan@ttu.edu

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**TEXAS TECH RAQUEL Christian lines** up a shot Wednesday night at the USA

Offensive line recruits stand out on signing

#### **By ADAM COLEMAN** STAFF WRITER

ers on offense, defense and special teams, the Texas Tech football recruiting class is looking like it can replace talent with potential.

Wednesday, signing day took place all over the country as some of the best players in the nation committed to the colleges they will continue their careers at over the next few years. There are 22 players who signed letters of intent to become Red Raiders. The hometowns of these players range from rating a player can get. as far away as Hawaii and as close as College Station. The recruits are comprised of potential freshmen in college and three junior-college transfers.

The most notable position recruited is the offensive line, which relations, strength is accompanied is under the process of rebuilding as by strength as Edwards' bench press Glenn January, Gabe Hall, Manny maximum is 405 pounds and his in the group which is great; you padam.coleman@ttu.edu

among the key linemen lost.

At Wednesday's press confer-After losing more than ten start- ence, coach Mike Leach said this Edwards. class of offensive linemen has potential to replace some of the key players who were lost.

"I think this is the best offensive line class that we've ever room; I think you'd have to go a was pursued by seven other Big had here, so contrary to what the long ways to find too many guys 12 schools. The two are joined people who issued the stars think," Leach said.

The Web sites Rivals.com and Scout.com rate the players from one to five stars, one being the the class include 6-foot-6, 305- defensive end. Taylor Charbonnet, lowest, and five being the highest

The offensive-line class is headlined by four-star recruit Lonnie Edwards. The Tech-bound linemen from Brownsboro is 6-foot-5 and weighs in at 305 pounds. According to a press release by Tech media

just size that attracted him to anybody under 6-foot-5."

"The biggest thing that im- group include Jacob Amie from presses me about Lonnie Edwards is Tyler and Detron Lewis from his work ethic," Leach said. "He is College Station. Amie, who runs incredibly dedicated in the weight the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds, that work harder in the weight by Jacoby Franks and gray shirt room than Lonnie Edwards, I don't freshman Lyle Leong. Other posiknow if there is any."

pound Mickey Okafor from Hous- who at 164 pounds benches 265 ton and Dominique Delpeche a pounds, is the only recruit classified 6-foot-7, 338-pound lineman from as an athlete in this year's class. Fort Worth.

New offensive line coach Jack ing for all of these people to come Bicknell said he looks forward to here," Leach said. "We wanted to coaching his first offensive line get offensive linemen, defensive class. "I'm very excited about them," this class does this. We like this Bicknell said. "There's a lot of size class.'

Ramirez and Brandon Jones were squat maximum is 600 pounds. - want some length and some size Leach said it was more than to the guys, I'm not sure if there is

> Notables in the wide receiver tions that were recruited include Other linemen who headline defensive back, defensive line and "I think it's going to be excit-

linemen, receivers, and I think

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# Tech women's golf finishes sixth in Baja tournament

### By JESSICA HENDERSHOT STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech women's golf team finished. started off its spring season with a sixthplace finish in the Baja Invitational this weekend in Bajamar, Mexico.

Team members Gloriana Soto and Ulrika Van Niekerk tied for 15th place overall with a two-round score of 154 a piece. Van Ulrika's top-20 finish marks the first of her career with the Red Raiders. Other notable finishers were freshman Rosalyn Kim, who tied for 25th place with a score of 155, and red-shirt freshman Melissa Fahey, who tied for 41st place with a score of 161. Sophomore Megan Dowdy finished with a score of 171 and a tie for 77th place.

fought hard despite inclement weather two-round total of 609 and help from

"The ocean was really rough," Totman said. "The girls played with some tough weather conditions, and during the second round they just couldn't get adjusted to the course. They made some poor decisions that cost us a lot of shots, but they played under not so great conditions."

The Red Raiders sixth-place, 309-315-624, 48-over-par finish came behind Oregon, who placed first. Lousiville placed second, while Birmingham Southern and Colorado tied for third. Oral Roberts placed fifth in the competition. Oregon was

Coach Stacy Totman said her team able to win the tournament with a tor in its mediocre finish. but was disappointed with the way it team member and first-place-finisher just been so long since we played last," Kimberly McCready, who shot a tworound score of 145.

Totman said she also felt the team's the next few weeks." long off-season might have been a fac-

"We got off to a shaky start; it has Totman said. "But now we know our

weaknesses and we can work on those

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### **By ADAM COLEMAN** STAFF WRITER

Coming from another country to West Texas to play collegiate tennis certainly can have its challenges.

Texas Tech freshman Kerryn Potgieter is one of the three freshmen on the women's tennis team this season. After playing numerous times in the fall, Potgieter earned her way to various spots in both singles and doubles competition.

Through her first five matches to start the season, Potgieter has seen action in each spot and has lost just one singles match since the season began.

Overall, she has compiled a 3-1 record in singles competition and a 3-2 record in doubles competition. Potgieter has also had the attention on her. In Tech's last match against New Mexico, Potgieter's match up against junior Lucy Scott, she was one of the headliners. Potgieter was down 5-2 in a set that would give Scott the win, but Potgieter fought all the way back, winning the match to add to her record.

Potgieter said she has had a smooth transition into the Tech tennis program.

"I think I've adjusted pretty well, and things are going good this semester," Potgieter said. "The first three matches, I didn't know what different in many ways than playing to expect in the beginning, but now that I've played a couple, I know how to adapt and what to expect."

ments the freshman can account wise; because we're in school, we for; Potgieter was a 2005 graduate of Epworth High School in holidays. We only had two or three South Africa and captain of her academies, and you would play in court, but her assistant coach said high school tennis team. She was the afternoon, and it wouldn't even she is able to adapt to the team in a school champion on that team be every afternoon." from 2003-05. Potgieter was also named to the South African team Potgieter is making the transition third-year coach said. "She can be in the South African Games, and that most freshmen make to get to she was a member of various tennis the next level. clubs. Still, one of the most notable things about Potgieter has nothing Groce said. "She wants to do well to do with tennis. She was a part on the tennis court, and I think that to her future at Tech. of the Adopt-a-Spot program in she is starting to turn the corner South Africa, which helped the as a freshman. It was evident this next four years, and I want to go environment by cleaning polluted weekend (against New Mexico) to (physical therapy) school once areas in the city. Potgieter is also when she competed hard and fought staying close to the sports field hard, and it's good to see that we've as she is majoring in exercise and got great kind of characters that sports sciences with an emphasis in are willing to fight back no matter physical therapy.



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Kerryn Potgieter is 3-1 in singles matches and 3-2 in doubles matches this year.

in South Africa.

the level of intensity isn't as high as There are other accomplish- it is here," she said. "Competitionwould only play tournaments in the

Tech coach Cari Groce said

"She is very hard-working," how far they are down because that

Potgieter said playing at Tech is speaks well for the future."

Assistant coach Irina Tereschenko said even as a freshman, "It was really different from here; Potgieter is becoming a leader.

> "She has been successful in helping new freshmen that have come in and helped them get adjusted to the situation," Tereschenko said.

> Potgieter may be great on the different ways.

"I think she is pretty funny," the serious, she can fill the moment and cheer on her team when she needs to."

Potgieter said she looks forward

"I want to obviously play for the I finish my undergrad," the native from Pietermaritzburg said. "I'm hoping to stay in America once I'm done, and I'll carry on playing tennis."

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# Potgieter's career is worlds apart Florida exits signing day with top recruits

nating fashion as the national championship.

month's national title win over Ohio State and down years from Finch and Major Wright. Sunshine State rivals Florida Wednesday.

everywhere. In the past 10 years, 41-14 in the BCS title game. this has to rank right at the top in absolutely loaded."

com and National Blue Chips, beating out Southern California, and Texas.

The Trojans closed strong, player; the nation's No. 1 receiver, can take part in spring practice. Ronald Johnson from Michigan; Galippo from Anaheim, Calif.

place that a lot of skill-position titles for Notre Dame. players look to first," said analyst Bobby Burton of Rivals.com. "That doesn't mean the guys they get on defense aren't special. It just means they have the pick of the litter when it comes to offensive skill players."

all, signing eight of the top 16 players in talent-rich Florida and the Indiana, Maryland and New England, according to Rivals.com.

and another down year for Florida State played a key part in the Gators' success.

of ball on offense and defense and to Florida. a lot of kids want be in that situa-

cruiting crown in nearly as domi- in John Brantley, the nation's top guard in James Wilson, top weakside defensive end in Carlos Dunlap, sec-The Gators capitalized on last ond-best defensive tackle in Torrey Davis, and top two safeties in Jerimy

State and Miami to bring in the on some of those freshmen to step in top recruiting class in the country right away on defense, after the Gators lost defensive ends Jarvis Moss "No one is even that close to and Ryan Smith, linebacker Brandon them," said recruiting analyst Tom Siler and safety Reggie Nelson early Lemming of CSTV. "They got help to the NFL after beating Ohio State

Florida's haul was part of a banner recruiting classes. Every position is recruiting year for the SEC, where Tennessee, LSU, South Carolina, The Gators also were picked as Auburn, Georgia and Alabama all rethe top class by SuperPrep, Rivals. ceived at least one top-10 ranking.

"The SEC is loaded," Burton said. "They are year in and year out the SEC rivals Tennessee and LSU, most talented conference. But even this is unusual."

adding top running backs loe player by Rivals and CSTV, headlines McKnight from Louisiana and a top-10 class at Notre Dame and Broderick Green from Arkansas on could be ready to step in next season Wednesday to a class that already as Brady Quinn's replacement at included another top back in quarterback. Clausen is one of many Marc Tyler; defensive end Everson players who already have started col-Griffen, SuperPrep's No. 1 overall lege, giving him a leg up because he

Clausen made a high-profile and blue chip linebacker Chris commitment to the Irish last April, arriving at his news conference in "USC continues to be the a limo and predicting four national

"He heaped pressure on himself with the way he announced he was going to Notre Dame," Wallace said. "He's demonstrated that the added pressure has not affected him at all. If you play quarterback, especially at Notre Dame, you have to be able to But the Gators' class was best of handle that pressure. He could be perfectly suited for the situation."

Notre Dame's overall ranking No. 1 players from South Carolina, was hurt by some late defections. Athlete Greg Little switched at the last minute to North Carolina and A coaching change at Miami offensive lineman Chris Little decommitted and signed with Georgia. The Irish earlier lost a commitment from defensive end Justin Trattou "They play an exciting brand from New Jersey, who decided to go

The biggest surprise was at South

(AP) - Florida won the re- third-best pro-style quarterback they didn't have the depth of the teams ahead of them," Lemming said. "South Carolina could show marked improvement because of this class. They not only had quality, they had quantity.'

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Other schools that did surpris-Coach Urban Meyer will count ingly well included North Carolina, Rutgers, Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech, Oregon and Illinois.

New Tar Heels coach Butch Davis got a commitment Wednesday from CSTV's defensive player of the year Marvin Austin, a defensive lineman from Washington, D.C.

Illinois coach Ron Zook, who recruited many of the players that led Florida to the national title, signed one of the nation's best receivers, Arrelious Benn out of Washington, D.C., and beat out Notre Dame for one of the top defensive linemen, Martez Wilson of Chicago.

He put together a class that rivals Jimmy Clausen, the top-ranked Ohio State and Michigan for the best in the Big Ten, despite winning only two conference games the past two seasons.

> "That just shows the cachet of having someone perceived as a great head coach in the minds of these recruits," Wallace said. "The head coach is more important than ever before, not just in guiding the program but in the ability to attract the best players."

# Homeowner, city settle land dispute

ARLINGTON (AP) - The city of Arlington and a homeowner's attorneys settled what could have been the first Dallas Cowboys stadium eminent domain case to go to trial.

The city agreed to pay Johnny Johnson \$100,000 for his home, said Denise Wilkerson, an Arlington assistant city attorney. The settlement still needs the City

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the home was worth \$106,000,

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tion," said Allen Wallace, the na- Carolina, where Steve Spurrier tional recruiting editor for Scout. brought in a top-10 class to a school com and publisher of SuperPrep that normally struggles to attract blue magazine. "There's no question chip players. Receiver Chris Culliver they've moved into the catbird seat in Florida. They have taken that also includes quarterback Steadvantage of tough times for both phen Garcia of Tampa, Fla. the Hurricanes and Seminoles."

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hired.

Johnson lived in the house for 16 years before the city took possession in late 2005 along with other property needed for the new Cowboys stadium, scheduled to be finished in 2009.

Several landowners whose property has been acquired for the stadium rebuffed the city's offer and went to court. The city withdrew 10 eminent domain cases, and five lawsuits have been settled since the fall. One is pending in state district court, and 75 are pending in Tarrant County Court.

Johnson, who has not spoken publicly about his case, already had access to the \$75,000 the city had offered him. But it is not clear whether Johnson had drawn any of that money before the settlement, reached after a Monday pretrial hearing in which the judge denied the city's request to stop Johnson's appraiser from testifying.

Construction started last year for the 75,000-seat, retractableroof stadium, two years after Arlington voters approved paying for half of the original \$650 million

# Aggies win fifth-straight

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - Takia Starks scored 21 points and 16th-ranked Texas A&M weathered a Missouri rally for its fifth straight win, a 69-63 victory over the Tigers on Wednesday night.

Starks scored 16 points in the first half to help the Aggies (18-4, 8-2 Big 12) build a lead that reached 24 points. Reserve Danielle Gant added 18 points and A'Quonesia Franklin had 16.

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# Texas Tech softball ... and twins

### **By JEREMY REYNOLDS** STAFF WRITER

among siblings.

Ashley and Heather Parker, twins who play for the Texas Tech softball . outdoors." team, have fought about board games, batting averages and parking spaces. neither could control — the race to divorce from one another. get married.

Ashley Parker's to the punch by fewer said. "We had to split everything." than 24 hours.

Heather Parker about her sister not being proposed to first. "She was trybut she wasn't happy."

her head at the memory, agreeing with her sister.

Ashlev Parker didn't have to wait long for her ring though, which her boyfriend purchased on the same day Heather Parker's boyfriend bought her ring.

"I was totally surprised when I opened my door the next morning a smile. "He proposed at 7 a.m. that morning.'

year, which was something their same time, "I do."

parents were pushing for since the young women were children.

Competitiveness can be fierce do that at all," Ashley Parker said. "But then we found this great place sister. with a double staircase, and it was

Heather Parker said the day was about more than just the two get-But last year, the two were in a race ting married, it was about getting a little league softball up through high

"We'd lived together in the same Heather Parker's boyfriend beat room for 21 years," Heather Parker

Ashley Parker said the split did thought it would.

Both young women knew the anything. ing to act like she was happy for me, other would be receiving a ring from her boyfriend, but they had to keep Heather Parker said. Ashley Parker laughed and shook their mouths shut. Heather Parker said her father received a call from her boyfriend and Ashley Parker's boyfriend on the same day to schedule a time to come by and speak with him.

> the sisters said they are competitive at almost everything else.

and (her boyfriend) was there on everyday," Ashley Parker said laughthe porch," Ashley Parker said with ing. "We have one parking space and 34 and finished third in the nation we race to get it."

When asked who typically wins The two had a dual wedding last these races, the two replied at the with a .309 on-base percentage.

Competitiveness leaks into whatever the two women do. When "At first, we weren't going to posing for a picture, Heather Parker stands on her tiptoes, looking at her

> "Don't you be taller than me," she said

Being the best has always been what pushed the twins through school, and then again while playing for the Tech team.

"It's like blood if we don't win," Ashley Parker said.

The competitive nature, they "She was all depressed," said not involve as much fighting as she said, came from their father, who would never let the two win at

"If he could win, he would,"

The two are entering their final season as teammates. Heather Parker is the starting shortstop while Ashley Parker starts in centerfield.

Ashley Parker said she is excited about the season because she will be In addition to racing to the alter, able to get back on the field and continue her record-breaking career.

Last season, she was named to the "We race to our parking space All-Big 12 team, set Tech's singleseason record for stolen bases with in stolen bases.

She had a team leading 51 hits

Heather Parker finished last year team will be a solid competitor. She happy."



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TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL senior centerfielder Ashley Parker (left) and her twin sister, senior shortstop Heather Parker (right), are two weapons the team will try to utilize this season.

two home runs in the 8-3 win against offseason is finally done. Missouri.

with a .259 batting average, hitting said she is just happy the long fall

"I have mixed feelings about Ashley Parker does not have any (the final season)," Ashley Parker concerns about whether or not her said. "I don't want it to end, but I'm said.

Heather Parker said the feeling of starting her last season is an exciting one.

"We're going to be good," she

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# **Cowboys interview Caldwell**

Super Bowl, assistant head coach Jim Caldwell has gone from rainy Miami to frigid Indianapolis for a victory celebration and now to sunny Dallas to interview for the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy.

Caldwell on Wednesday became the 10th and likely last candidate to interview with Dallas owner and coordinators Wade Phillips of San for something that's God-given, general manager Jerry Jones in the search to replace Bill Parcells, who retired Jan. 22.

"It's been a whirlwind. The last ously culminating with a great win as offensive coordinator, but is still and then all the travel in between," Caldwell said after spending about job. Three of Parcells' assistants also the legwork." six hours at Valley Ranch. "But it's talked to Jones. certainly been well worth it."

will name a new coach, Caldwell said he expected the decision to come "in short order. It won't be long."

The search appeared to be winding down last week until Jones, after

Disneyland. Since the Colts won the seventh coach — the sixth since they learned quite a bit about me tempting a short field goal that would Jones bought the team in 1989.

> San Francisco assistant coach Norv Turner, a two-time head coach been quarterbacks coach at Inand the Cowboys' offensive coordinator for two Super Bowl titles in the directly with Pro Bowl and now Su-1990s, is still viewed by many as the per Bowl MVP quarterback Peyton him closely but the organization has front-runner for the job.

Jones also interviewed defensive Diego and Gary Gibbs of New Orleans, and Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary, a 49ers assistant.

72 hours have been interesting, obvi- unspecified role on the staff, likely considered a candidate for the top for one another, but he did most of direction that's needed."

While Jones hasn't said when he Bowl assistant coach interviewed. development of Tony Romo, who coach. His visit came a day after Chicago took over as starting quarterback Bears defensive coordinator Ron Ri- midway through the season and vera talked to Jones and other Cow- made the Pro Bowl. boys officials for about six hours.

formally interviewing eight candi- view was very thorough," Caldwell five, including 21-20 to Seattle in for granted," Caldwell said. "I think dates, said he would wait until after said. "We spent a lot of time together the NFC wild-card game. As the it will happen in due time. I'm not the Super Bowl. Then he added two and I certainly learned a lot about holder, Romo bobbled a snap that certain when that time is."

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Forget more in the mix to be the Cowboys' the organization and I assume that kept Martin Gramatica from at as well."

The 52-year-old Caldwell has remaining. Manning.

particularly with Peyton," Caldwell said. "He's a very talented guy and certainly he has a great sort of a Jason Garrett was hired for an foundation from his dad playing the game, and he's a studious individual. I can say this, we certainly were good

Caldwell was the second Super will have a big role in the continued

Romo won five of his first six

have put Dallas ahead with a minute

"He's a guy who has talent, cerdianapolis for five seasons, working tainly has ability," Caldwell said. "I haven't had an opportunity to study and they feel good about him and "It's tough for me to take credit we would be in position to help him progress.

> "My experience over the last few years with a dynamic quarterback in Peyton Manning and also working with Brad Johnson down in Tampa would help me relate to him and give me a decent foundation and a

Before the Colts, Caldwell spent The Cowboys' next head coach one year with Tampa Bay after eight seasons as Wake Forest's head

> Caldwell interviewed for head coaching jobs in Arizona this year and Buffalo last year.

"I'm certainly appreciative of this "We had a great time. The inter- starts before losing four of the last opportunity. I don't take anything

# Romo holds confidence in Jones' decision on coach

watch until the end this year: Tony Romo will be holding for the NFC's kicks.

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback gets his first chance Saturday to play affield goal late in the Cowboys' loss at Seattle. From that moment, Romo underachieved a little.' couldn't wait to get back on the field - and he's been all smiles at practice this week, soaking up the sunshine and his new teammates.

"It's always good to get that taste out of your mouth," he said. "You've got to move on. Eventually you've got to get on and get ready for the next season, and that's what I'm doing."

And while the Cowboys anxiously wait to hear who will replace coach Bill Parcells, their Pro Bowl players feel confident with whomever owner Jerry Jones hires.

Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Iim Caldwell became the 10th and likely last candidate to interview for the job vacated when Parcells an-Rivera was interviewed by Jones on Tuesday.

San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Norv Turner, who called plays for Dallas' Super Bowl teams in 1992 and 1993, is considered the coach in Cowboys history.

"I'm not sure who it's going to be. I'll be ready with whoever," Romo said. "Jerry will pick a good guy."

Romo said he doesn't favor one coach over another. He wouldn't even saying, "I'm good either way."

Cowboys selected to Saturday's Pro Avenue. Bowl after the last-minute addition of the person hired will do a good job with all the talent on the team.

"We've just about got all the pieces," McBriar said. "We made the playoffs, but we didn't do anything

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — and that was disappointing, so I know Though the Pro Bowl is usually short all the guys are hungry. It's a big decision on drama, there's a good reason to whoever they choose, but they'll make a good run."

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McBriar said many players were "sort of shocked" that Parcells decided to retire.

"I really thought he'd come back and ter his infamous playoff flub on a short help us along, because we really have quite a team," he said. "We just sort of

> The Cowboys were 8-4 with a twogame lead in the NFC East before losing four of their last five, including the final three, culminating with a playoff loss in Seattle when Romo couldn't place the snap. Romo was devastated, sitting near the goal line of Qwest Field, chin buried in his chest and his hands covering his facemask.

But Romo is making his first Pro Bowl appearance after taking over for Drew Bledsoe in late October and passing for 2,903 yards, 19 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

"It's just fun. It's good to meet the guys, hang out and have your peers tell you that you're a pretty decent player," he said.

McBriar, who led the NFL in punting nounced his retirement last month with a 48.2-yard average, is also making after 19 years in the NFL. Chicago his Pro Bowl debut-and a homecoming Bears defensive coordinator Ron of sorts. The former University of Hawaii standout is probably the only punter in Pro Bowl history to be interviewed by a pack of reporters.

He said he feels "blessed," with how his career has turned out considering he never played football until he got to front-runner to become the seventh Hawaii. The only exposure to football he had as a child in Australia was when his parents brought a football home from the United States.

"I'm just so blessed," he said. "I don't know what I've done right. It's so cool."

McBriar said he plans to golf, bodysay if he preferred Turner over Rivera, board, see friends and hit the old college hangouts he used to frequent, such as Punter Mat McBriar, one of seven a musty pizza joint along University

He also has tour guide duty this week center Andre Gurode, said he's certain for his teammates, including Romo, offensive tackle Flozell Adams, tight end Jason Witten, linebacker DeMarcus Ware and safety Roy Williams.

"Bring it on. I'll definitely take the guys and show them around," he said.

USC kicker was drunk at time of dea and died, the county coroner said Park in San Pedro on Jan. 6, just He wasn't heard from again.

### **By ZAIN SHAUK** DAILY TROJAN (USC)

-USC kicker Mario Danelo had a an accident or a suicide and is — almost three times the legal report said. California driving limit — when

in a report released Monday. (U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES ously been considered either victory over Michigan.

he fell off a San Pedro, Calif., cliff bottom of a cliff below Point Fermin and car keys, the report said.

five days after the kicker had made

He had been out partying with blood-alcohol level of 0.23 percent now stated as undetermined, the friends on the night of Jan. 5 and left his home at about 2 a.m. that Danelo, 21, was found at the night without his wallet, cell phone

"It is our opinion that there are Danelo's death had previ- two field goals in USC's Rose Bowl unanswered questions as to why (Danelo) was out walking the cliffs in the early hours of the morning in the dark," Jeffrey Gutstadt, deputy medical examiner of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, wrote in the report.





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