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STATE

Highlights from Thursday session of legislature

AUSTIN (AP) - Privatizing the Texas lottery could bring in more than the \$14 billion he initially estimated — possibly up to \$20 billion, Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday, as he worked to sell his idea of selling the lottery.

Perry also said his plan wouldn't shortchange public education.

He attempted to quell concerns from fellow Republicans about whether his idea is financially sound by laying out more details in a speech to the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation.

NATION

3 illegal immigrants killed in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Gunmen stopped a pickup truck full of illegal immigrants, shot some and took the rest captive Thursday in an attack that left at least three men dead and two people wounded, authorities said.

Authorities were trying to determine who the gunmen were and said some of the immigrants remained missing.

The men shot three people, one fatally, along a known smuggling corridor near Tucson, then forced several other immigrants in the group to leave with them, Pima County sheriff's officials said.

WORLD

UN tries to determine cause of border shootout

MAROUN EL-RASS, Lebanon (AP) — U.N. troops sent tanks and armor Thursday to a tense area along the frontier with Israel to try to determine whether an Israeli bulldozer crossed into Lebanon, sparking the first shootout since last summer's Hezbollah-Israel war.

The brief exchange of fire Wednesday night was the first involving Lebanese troops and the Israelis since the Lebanese army deployed in September to southern Lebanon to work alongside international peacekeepers.

DEATH TOLL



U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Palestinian leaders sign government power-sharing deal

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH ASSOCIATED PRESS

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Rival Palestinian factions signed a power-sharing accord aimed at ending months of bloodshed Thursday, agreeing that the Islamic militant group Hamas would head ments with Israel.

have demanded the new govern- the Palestinian government, and it

recognize Israel and agree to up- process. hold past peace accords. The vague enough.

However, Israel and the U.S. lift a crippling financial blockade of

ment explicitly renounce violence, will be difficult to advance the peace tions in January 2006, the so-called

In Washington, State Department promise to respect past deals — a deputy spokesman Tom Casey said compromise reached after Hamas "we'll see what any final agreement rejected pressure for more binding actually looks like and we'll have to language — did not appear to go far make an evaluation from there" as to whether it meets international U.S. and Israeli acceptance is crudemands. "In terms of what the a new coalition government that cial to the deal's success. Unless they outcome of those discussions look would "respect" past peace agree- are convinced Hamas has sufficiently like and whether they meet the moderated, the West is unlikely to Quartet principles, I think we'll just have to see."

Quartet of Middle East peace me- government to respect and accept diators — the U.S., the U.N., the all three of the international com-European Union and Russia — said future aid to a new Palestinian government led by the militant group "would be reviewed by donors against that government's commitment to renounce violence" and recognize Israel and other agreements.

Israeli government spokeswoman Miri Eisin would not say whether Israel believes the guidelines of the new Shortly after Hamas won elec- government fulfill those demands.

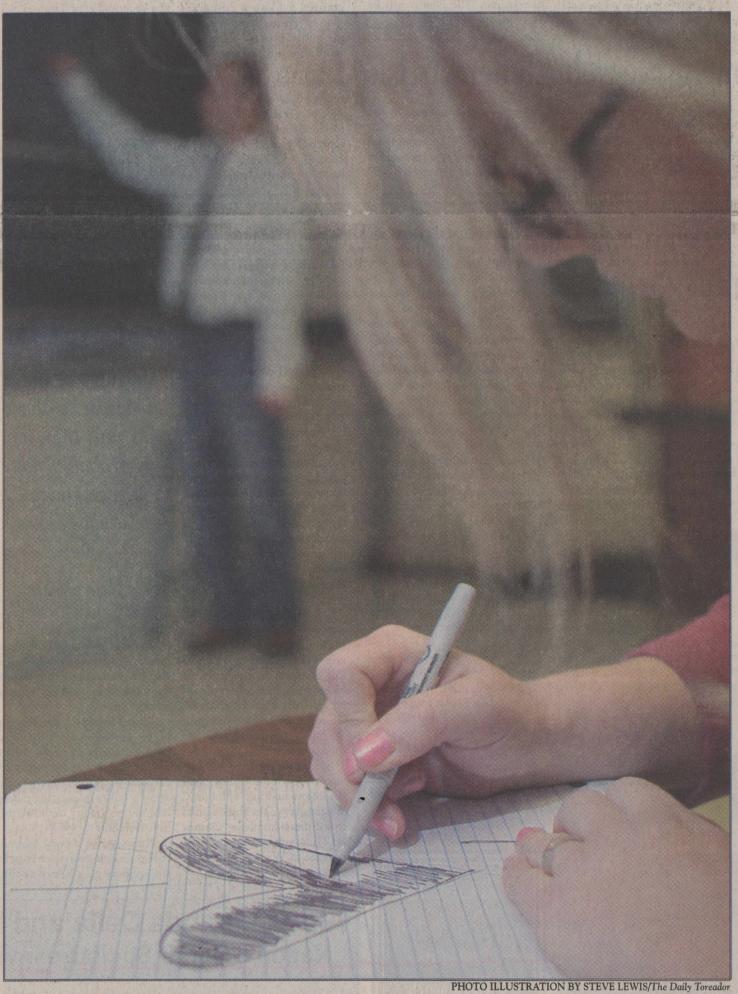
"Israel expects a new Palestinian munity principles," Eisin told The Associated Press after the accord was announced.

At stake is roughly \$1 billion a year in frozen aid from foreign donors in addition to approximately \$500 million in withheld tax revenues collected by Israel on behalf of the Palestinians.

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Student, professor relationships not prohibited by administration



By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

students dating professors need not beware.

Texas Tech does not have a policy explicitly forbidding professors from dating students attending the university. What the university does not allow, however, is for a professor to date a student currently enrolled in his or her class.

Tech Operating Policy and Procedure states, "Faculty must avoid academic supervisory, teaching or evaluative relationships with students, staff

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, or other faculty that pose significant conflicts of tionship between adults, the university cannot interest from the standpoint of personal or professional connections. Such connections might include husband/wife or other affectional liaisons, supervisor/employee relationships or parent/child relationships," and "students should not enroll in courses offered by, parents, spouses or partners in affectional liaisons."

> Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall said the relationships are those of adults, and because it is a rela-

prevent it from happening.

"There are a lot of issues related to working with adults, especially the idea of consenting adults," Hall said. "They are of an age to be considered adults, and we can't keep track of them every minute. It's not really something we can police."

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Police pursue suspect on foot near Stadium

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech police arrested a suspect after an alleged foot chase at around 4 p.m. Thursday in the north commuter lot next to Jones AT&T Stadium, according to an eye witness.

Anna Schumann, a junior journalism and political science major from Houston, said she was attempting to leave campus when she witnessed the brief foot chase.

Schumann said she became suspicious when she noticed an abundance of Tech police cruisers in the parking lot.

"I noticed two just walking to my car," she said. "Then I saw another when I reached my car."

She said a Tech police cruiser stopped directly in front of her vehicle, and a police officer began to talk to an individual.

"The guy, whoever he was, had a blue duffel bag in his hand and was talking to the police officer. I thought they were joking," Schumann said. "Then all of a sudden, the police car's lights turn on, and the guy starts running."

The alleged suspect was quickly detained by two Tech officers on the north side of 4th Street across from Jones AT&T Stadium and the chase ended, Schumann said.

The entire duration of the chase occurred while Schumann was waiting at the stop light north of Jones AT&T Stadium, she said.

"I didn't know if I was supposed to go at the light or not," she said.

As of 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department, said he was aware of a foot chase, but was not yet aware of the identity of the alleged suspect or the reason for the arrest.

Hoffman said a complete report will be available Friday after Tech police finish investigating the incident.

The Daily Toreador will continue to update this story when new information is made available.

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Palestinians

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agreement will avert an outright crowned with success." civil war. Clashes between Hamas and Fatah gunmen have killed 130 Palestinians since May, and cease-fires have repeatedly broken down. The latest fragile truce came Sunday, after four days of fighting killed 30 people.

moud Abbas, of Fatah, and Hamas have pledged our allegiance to God leader Khaled Mashaal headed two from this sacred place and we days of intense negotiations in will go back to our country fully new government and refuses to a Mecca palace overlooking the committed to it." Kaaba, Islam's holiest shrine — a venue Saudi Arabia chose to step this is an agreement of the leaderup the pressure on the two sides to ship of the biggest groups and none

Much of the negotiations cen- from others to fire," he said. tered on a single word. Abbas peace accords with Israel signed by the end, he was forced to settle for ment." the promise to "respect" them.

Abbas aide Nabil Amr read the accord and asking Haniyeh of agreed on in the Mecca talks.

Abbas and Mashaal insisted the home. agreement would bring peace between their factions and lavished credibility on the line by hosting praise on the Saudi monarch for his the high-profile summit in the help—even comparing him to the holy city of Mecca—promised \$1 delegation. "The Saudis will be Prophet Muhammad in his ability billion in aid to the Palestinians, part of this effort.'

to bring reconciliation.

The Palestinian president said the deal would "satisfy our people ... and bring us to the shores of Palestinians also hope the peace ... This initiative has been now face the task of selling the

> Mashaal vowed the accord would put an end to violence after a series of truces between ceptance of the deal could come Fatah and Hamas gunmen that on Feb. 19, when Israeli Prime collapsed.

"I tell those who fear that the fate of this agreement will be the Palestinian President Mah- same fate of the old ones, ... we

> "I say to our young people that of you should accept any order over the formation of the gov-

Before the accord was anpressed Hamas to accept the stron- nounced, Hamas and Fatah delger stance of "committing to" past egates said the two sides had reached an agreement in principle. the Fatah-dominated Palestinian But at the ceremony, Abbas aide Liberation Organization. But in Amr called it the "final agree- and Fatah were each reluctant

In Gaza City, celebratory gun-The final agreement was an- fire was heard for more than an nounced at a ceremony aired live hour after the accord was anon Arab television Thursday night, nounced. Residents expressed in which Saudi King Abdullah hope it would mean an end to the sat with Abbas on his right and violence and the financial boycott, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal on imposed by the West after Hamas will get nine Cabinet posts, includcame to power.

"We've been holding our breath. a letter from Abbas proclaiming God willing, this is a permanent agreement, not a temporary truce. Hamas to form the new coalition We hope this will lead to lifting foreign ministry and planning government within five weeks, the siege," said Mahmoud Qassam, divvying up Cabinet posts between a fish seller watching the ceremony the factions according to a formula at his home in Gaza City's Shaati refugee camp, yards from Haniyeh's

Saudi Arabia — which put its

according to Ahmed Youssef, a political adviser to Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas.

The kingdom will likely agreement to its ally, the United

A first test of international ac-Minister Ehud Olmert, Abbas and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice are due to meet in Jerusalem for talks intended to revive peace negotiations.

If the West does not back the lift the economic boycott, it could put a strain on the fragile peace between Hamas and Fatah.

The deal could also fall apart ernment — particularly over the issue of who will fill the vital post of interior minister, which would control the security forces. Under the agreement, the post will go to an independent, because Hamas to see the other faction hold the

Hamas must propose the candidate for approval by Abbas, and it did not appear that the two sides have settled on a name.

Under the agreement, Hamas ing the prime minister position. Fatah gets six, and other factions get four. Besides the interior ministry, independents will get the

"There are many details that still need to be worked out after this agreement, including the interior minister and marketing the agreement to the international community," said Abdel-Rahman Zaydan, a member of the Hamas

Teacher

NEWS

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Matt Smith, a freshman sible legal issues in the future. undeclared major from Plano, other.

"I don't think it is the best so in that instance, it would be conduct of a sexual nature." OK. Any more than that, and it's too much of an age gap."

The university requested the professor is dating. student be removed from the different class.

is acceptable or not.

outside of school it would be relationship." one thing," Goade said, "be-

to advertise that." Hall said the university en-

courages faculty to avoid dating students because it can cause pos-

"We encourage them not to do said he believes relationships it, because a lot of bad things can are acceptable if the ages of happen," Hall said. "If something the professor and student are goes wrong, the faculty member within a close range of each might be in a position being accused of sexual harassment."

Sexual harassment is defined idea," Smith said, "but people by Tech as "unwelcome sexual date other people who are advances, requests for sexual fawithin 10 years of each other, vors and other verbal or physical

Kathryn Quilliam, ombudsman for students, said profes-Hall said there have been sors dating students can cause instances in which a professor a conflict of interest with more has dated his or her student. than just the student whom the

"If there is a faculty member class. She said she is not aware who socializes with students peof a situation in which the riod, and if they date a student, professor did not comply and there is a good chance they will have the student moved to a be socializing with them," Quil-

be like 'Hi, I'm a professor at A.02.html, UT has a policy censure to separation. Tech.' They aren't really going similar to that of Tech, but its ▶ benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

professors are required to report situations when they are dating a student to their immediate supervisor, and the professor has the responsibility of making arrangements to have the student moved to another class or lab.

Baylor University also does not have a policy against students and professors dating, but James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, said Baylor adheres to the same professional standard maintaining professors should avoid any impropriety. What Baylor does have, however, is a policy on sexual misconduct.

According to the Baylor Web site, http://www3.baylor.edu/ BUPP/, the university's policy on sexual misconduct states "Baylor will be guided by the understanding that human sexuality is a gift from the creator God and that the purposes of this gift includes No. 1 the procreation of human liam said. "It's not such a good life and No. 2 the uniting and Kristen Goade, a junior idea because it takes away from strengthening of the marital bond early childhood major from the faculty member's author- in self-giving love. These pur-San Antonio, said she believes ity. There is a good chance that poses are to be achieved through the circumstances of the rela- someone in that circle will have heterosexual relationships within tionship determine whether it a person in their class. It is just marriage. Misuses of God's gift a good idea for students and fac- will be understood to include, but "If you met the professor ulty to remain in a professional not be limited to, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual assault, According to the University incest, adultery, fornication and cause I don't know of anybody of Texas Web site, http://www. homosexual acts." Punishment who would meet somebody and utexas.edu/policies/hoppm/04. for such an offense ranges from

Fertility treatment raises birth defect risk

couples from having children this birth and other complications. way, doctors are reporting.

ng is that the absolute risks are or flawed to be conclusive. still low," at less than 3 percent of University of Ottawa.

defects were startlingly high for director of the March of Dimes. babies born with the help of

time, specialists said. The danger of defects from twin, triplet and than any risk posed by the fertility treatments themselves.

Results of the study were to be reported Friday at a meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in San Francisco.

More than 1 million babies worldwide have been born through assisted reproductive technology, or ART. This includes induced ovulation, artificial insemination, IVF or in vitro (lab dish) fertilization, and more advanced methods like injecting a single sperm into an egg to create an embryo.

But studies have been divided The news comes from a study over whether they increase the for the others. of more than 61,000 births in likelihood of birth defects. A re-Canada, the largest ever done on cent scientific review concluded common," said lead researcher there is some added risk, but that Darine El-Chaar of the University "What's important and reassurmost studies have been too small of Ottawa.

The Canadian work is imporall births, said one of the study's tant because it's a large study and leaders, Dr. Mark Walker of the quantifies the risk of specific birth defects, "a first as far as I know," Even so, the risks of certain said Dr. Nancy Green, medical

births in Ontario during 2005, Couples who want to lower including 1,394 that resulted from the risk should have only one fertility treatments. They looked women should worry about it," or two embryos implanted at a at rates of birth defects and ad- said Dr. Nancy Chescheir, obstetjusted estimates of risk to reflect rics chief at Vanderbilt Medical differences in the mothers' ages, other multiple births is far greater whether they smoked, the gender study. of the babies, birth complications and other factors.

2 percent for babies conceived naturally. That translated to a 58 healthier in general, she said. percent greater risk. The chances of a defect rose as the complexity of reproductive help did — they were highest for IVF and lowest more eggs.

seen in the rate of gastrointestinal birth defects.

As many as 1 to 2 percent of problems, such as defects in the Babies conceived through fertility births in the United States and abdominal wall or organs not in treatments have higher rates of Canada are due to such tech- the right place. Babies conceived birth defects, but the overall risk niques. They already are known to through reproductive technology is so small that it should not keep raise the raise the risk of premature were nearly nine times more likely to have such problems - one in 200 births versus six per 10,000

However, "it's still pretty un-

The chance of cardiovascular defects was more than twice as high - 90 per 10,000 babies conceived through ART versus 40 among those conceived naturally. Defects like malformed limbs also were slightly more common, but Researchers studied 61,208 not facial defects like cleft palate or problems like spina bifida.

> The bottom line: "I don't think Center, who had no role in the

The higher rates seen in this study are no worse than the 3 Nearly 3 percent of ART babies percent to 4 percent rates usually had a birth defect versus just under seen in the general population; the Canadians may have been

> Green said the risks are "not overpowering, but they're not insignificant."

The researchers note that peofor simply giving medications to ple who have trouble conceiving spur a woman's ovaries to make also may have underlying genetic or health factors that could partly The biggest difference was account for the higher rates of

> 'We think this should become part of counseling couples that are infertile," especially that the degree of manipulating egg and sperm may affect the risk of des fects, El-Chaar said.

Judge grants Marine's request to withdraw plea of guilty to murder in killing of Iraq civilian The request to withdraw the then it is probably not a good

CAMP PENDLETON, Carequest Thursday to withdraw tencing hearing. his guilty plea to charges of

pleaded guilty as part of a the man. pretrial agreement to several Ibrahim Awad in Hamdania bombed." last year. But Thomas said Thursday that he no longer believes he's guilty and was following a lawful order.

"Sir, when my country gives me an order, I follow it," Thomas told the judge, Lt. Col. Tracy A. Daly, adding that the order came from his squad leader, Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins III, and higher up the chain of command.

"I believe I had justification," Thomas said.

The judge warned Thomas that he could face the death penalty because he is no longer bound by the pretrial agreement. But the death penalty is a long shot because Lt. Gen. James Mattis, who is overseeing the case, has said he does not want Thomas or any of the other troops accused in the case to face execution.

Thomas, of Madison, Ill., was one of a squad of seven Marines and a sailor accused last year of hatching a plot to kill an Iraqi in the town of Hamdania. Four others pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Thomas, the squad's second in prison.

Outside court, Thomas' attorney, Victor Kelley, said his client had an "epiphany" Wednesday night and decided to withdraw his pleas. "Corporal Thomas has always wanted to fight it," Kelley said of the charges.

lif. (AP) — A military judge pleas came at the beginning of move," said Hutson, now presigranted a Marine corporal's the second day of Thomas' sen- dent and dean of the Franklin

murdering an unarmed Iraqi about his role in the killing, civilian, but warned the ser- saying he and three other troops viceman that he could be sen- grabbed Awad after scrapping tenced to death if convicted. plans to go after a suspected Cpl. Trent Thomas, 25, insurgent living next door to played an instrumental role in

When asked why, he said, charges Jan. 18, including kid- "We would get someone else to napping and murder, in the make a statement that Marines,

> It would be a good move if there is a substantial change in the evidence. If there is not, then it is probably not a good move. It's high-stakes poker.

> > TRENT THOMAS MARINE CORPORAL

Thomas also said he helped bind Awad's hands and feet, and that he fired several rounds into with murder, gents." the man after another Marine killed him.

John Hutson, a former top in command, could face life Navy lawyer who practiced lawyer has said he did not think military law for 28 years, said he Hutchins did anything wrong. could not recall a single military case in which a defendant with- said outside court Wednesday drew a guilty plea after giving that her husband is a Christian lengthy testimony detailing his and a good father to their 2-yearinvolvement.

"It would be a good move if there is a substantial change in or the Marine Corps for prosthe evidence. If there is not, ecuting him.

Pierce Law Center in Concord, Thomas testified last month N.H. "It's high-stakes poker."

On Wednesday, the sailor charged, who said he was one of Thomas' closest friends, testified that the Marine corporal carrying out the kidnapping and

Seaman Recruit Melson J Bacos testified that Thomas, slaying of 52-year-old Hashim we were sick and tired of getting along with Cpl. Marshall Magincalda, entered Awad's home on April 26 while Bacos and Lance Cpl. Robert Pennington waited outside. Thomas and another Marine returned with Awad, Bacos said, and then the troops started walking him away from

the house. For much of that march, Thomas held onto Awad, "grabbing him, pushing him forward," Bacos said.

The squad forced Awad into a hole and shot him, Bacos said, then tried to cover it up by placing an AK-47 and shovel by his body to make it look like he was an insurgent planting a bomb.

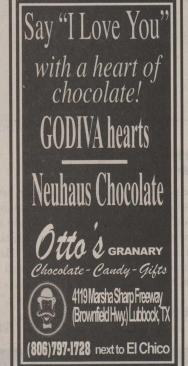
Prosecutors — as well as other squad members who made plea deals - have said the troops wanted to kill an Iraqi insurgent they suspected of planting bombs. They couldn't find the man, and instead kidnapped Awad, according to

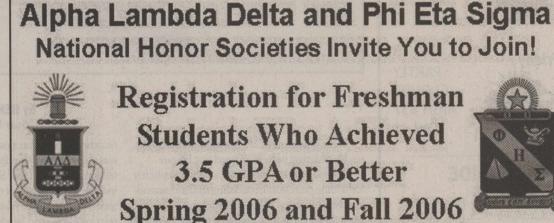
court testimony. Bacos told prosecutors that after Awad was dead, squad leader Hutchins said, "Congratulations, we just got away

Hutchins is awaiting trial on murder and other charges. He has not entered a plea, but his

Thomas' wife, Erica Thomas, old daughter, and that he bears no anger toward his colleagues







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'Black History Spectacle' offers mix Tech Mortar Board to of jazz and gospel music tonight celebrate 50th annivers

By JESSICA ALEXANDER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

tonight at the Allen Theatre.

Brad Leali; director of jazz studies, has brought together Texas a "Black History Spectacle."

Davis, John Coltrane and a few vision.' originals by Leali and former Texas Tech graduate Arlington Jones.

Black History Month?"

tions with people through music. like segregation. He said this concert is an opporthe name of God.

thanks," Leali said. "I think that's holy ghost," said Fowler. a big part of Afro-American history - not just now, but for all Spectacle is a chance to showcase time."

Jones and fellow Tech graduate Quamon Fowler will perform as guest artists, soloing on the what we'll be doing every week piano and saxophone, respectively. at their church services," Fowler based on both their talent and the expose what goes on in the Africamessage they try to express.

"They're the type of musicians community." that are able to convey a feeling to an audience," Leali said, "...and mixed-race group is coming to- cators Association Convention.

Leali said he is happy to have The thigh-thumping, toe-tap- the choir and the band. He said he didn't know was there," Fowler ping rhythms of jazz will come to- tries to convey the fact that Black gether with the hand-raising "hal- History Month is not only about just playing with feeling." lelujahs" of southern gospel 8 p.m. the accomplishments of black

"We can't separate," Leali said. Tech's Jazz Ensemble I and a gospel "We have to acknowledge the acchoir comprised of area singers for complishments of people coming lude." In this song, Luckey, to the together because everything that soft tune of a lone piano, belts out In observance of Black History was achieved throughout our his- the lyrics "Will you understand me Month, Leali has prepared a contory we could never do alone. It while I take this interlude/guided cert including the tunes of Miles was a mixture of races having one by my thoughts while striving for

assistant with the School of Mu-"Jazz came from Afro-American sic, said he thinks gospel music may seem." spiritual music," Leali said. "What is at the heart of what Africanbetter way to bring it back than for American culture is about. He said African Americans coming out of Leali said he is a proponent of slavery would embrace church as look like this on the outside but spirituality in music and making a place to come together and gain feel like this on the inside. Things spiritual and emotional connec- strength to overcome obstacles aren't really as they seem."

tunity for the performers to praise were just powerful, powerful worship services: singing, people being cess. They are energetic, eager to "The message of the lyrics and slain in the spirit, people getting learn and very respectful, he said. most of the tunes are just giving healed and people catching the

> He said the Black History something the majority of Lub- fessor here, and he's willing to bock does not see often.

"African Americans experience Leali said he picked the performers said. "This is the opportunity to American church to the Lubbock fund the group's Feb. 15 trip to San

this is what I'm trying to teach my gether well in the hopes of creat- >> jessica.alexxander@ttu.edu

ing that experience.

"Brad's really trying to pull a mix of races performing in both something out of them that they said. "That's the whole thing about

Darius Luckey, Lubbock resi-Americans or black people but of dent and Leali's fellow-church member, will perform vocal solos throughout the concert, including the Leali-original "Soul Intermy dreams/will you understand my Fowler, who is also a teaching need to take this interlude/Lord you know, things aren't as they

> "I feel that it's speaking of one's inner being - what we do on a dayto-day basis," Luckey said. "You

Luckey said he enjoys working "They would have services that with the students at Tech to make the Black History Spectacle a suc-As for Leali and his influence at Tech and in Lubbock, Luckey only

> "Brad is an exceptional progo all out to include everyone," Luckey said. "He really wants to incorporate music into the lives of this city."

Admission to the performance will be \$7. All proceeds will help Antonio to be the featured jazz Fowler said he feels like the ensemble at the Texas Music Edu-

celebrate 50th anniversary

By ALLISON LOWE STAFF WRITER

Many Texas Tech students may not be familiar with the Tech Mortar Board, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at 7 p.m. tonight at the Merket Alumni Center. Current members and alumni will gather to discuss the past, present and future of the organization on the Tech campus.

Dominick Casadonte, senior adviser for Mortar Board, said each year the board selects apstudent population, or 50 members who excel in leadership, scholarship and service to be a part of the board.

Mortar Board, which was brought to Tech in 1957, was originally comprised of only women. It became a co-ed honor society at Tech in 1973 after the passage of Title IX, Casadonte said.

"This is an organization where the students do a lot on campus throughout the year, and it's not like an organization where you're just recognized for your GPA," Casadonte said.

Rachel Frederick, president of the Tech Mortar Board, said being a part of the organization has allowed her to make a lot of friends.

"This is the first time that I have met a lot of students outside of biology," the senior biology major from Shattuck, Okla., said. "Being in arts and sciences, I haven't got to know anybody from other colleges and other disciplines."

Scott Legler, 50th anniversary chair and a member of Mortar Board, said he also has enjoyed



proximately 0.025 percent of the MEMBERS OF TEXAS Tech's Mortar Board file around Memorial Circle. Mortar Board is celebrating its 50th anniversary tonight.

meeting a lot of people outside of the other position in other organizations Borger, said being in Mortar Board and outside of the university. has helped him gain recognition to graduate schools.

campus, including apple polishing. Apple polishing takes place in the spring semester of each year. As part of this event, each Mortar Board member talks about a professor who held in honor of the 50 years Tech has impacted his or her time while has been a part of the Mortar Board.

"President For a Day," a drawing alumni. in which students can donate to the board's scholarship fund by purchasing tickets and taking part drawing trades places with President can look forward to." Jon Whitmore for a day. Whitmore is like to do Whitmore's job in the in 1957, Legler said. Administration Building.

is different from others because it Applications can be found and brings leaders together. Students submitted at the Web site www.ttu. involved in the organization are all edu/mortarboard. leaders and have had some sort of alltson.lowe@ttu.edu

engineering buildings. The senior on campus. She said all members electric engineering major from have done community service inside

"Mortar Board is different because when submitting his applications this is bringing leaders together," Frederick said. "Running this orga-Legler said the organization is nization is completely different than involved in a variety of activities on running some other organization because its about leading leaders - people who already know how to run an organization."

Tonight, a dinner banquet will be Legler said it is a time for current In addition, the board hosts members to interact and talk with

"It is a really great time to learn about how Mortar Board has affected [the alumni]," Legler said, "what they in a drawing. The winner of the were able to take from it and what we

The evening will consist of prewill attend the student's classes, and sentations and speeches, and it will the winning student will see what it be interesting to hear how Tech was

Mortar Board is seeking ap-Frederick said the organization plications now through Feb. 16.

Lala.com provides venue for legal music sharing

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(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, within the week. Fla. — With the advent of Napfree downloading programs has they receive begun to wane.

com, a new way to share music Amazon.com. legally for a relatively low cost.

from other members, as well as Sung, a Lala.com affiliate. a list of what they own them-

By JORDAN ROGERS In not they want to ship it out. If campus are often not allowed freshman. the owner decides to part with to download and share music the CD, he or she ships it out while connected to the network involved," Wolff said. "I just in a prepaid stamped envelope of their residence halls. Most avoided it altogether by down-

ster and the eventual progression for individuals who are sharing means of sharing, but many feel a friend's house." to other programs like Kazaa and their music. People who are purit's not the same as being able Limewire, music downloading chasing CDs pay \$1 for the CD to get any song they want at of Palo Alto, Ca. Members has never been more popular and a standard 75-cent fee for any time. than it is today. However, with shipping. Participants are never the contested legality of down- required to pay for shipping a had to find a different means that allows new releases of loading mp3s (audio files), the CD that they own, however. to download songs that wasn't music at a discounted price. availability of songs on these Members only pay for the CDs blocked, but it didn't have as Non-members can sign up on

Legal sharing is making its accrued by Lala.com go to the versity senior who was a Dorman are not obligated to buy anyway into the mainstream with artists, not the labels. This is Hall resident during her fresh- thing. Termination of the several options out there on the what the company feels sets it man year. "It was really hard to membership is available at market. One in particular is Lala. apart from other Web sites like get songs."

Individuals throughout the cians by giving 20 percent of all risks involved to get tangled country who participate in Lala trade revenue back to the artists in downloading music from her put their names on a members — something that eBay, Ama- residence hall when she was a list. They also put up a list of zon and used record stores have CDs that they would like to get never done before," said Justin

The idea of sharing music legally is much more attractive When someone selects an alto many law-abiding individuals, bum she or he wants, the person especially those that may live who owns it decides whether or on campus. Students living on

students, in turn, use network- loading when I went home for Lala covers shipping fees ing methods like iTunes or other the holidays or when I was at

much music on it," said Laura the Web site, www.lala.com. Twenty percent of the profits DeMaria, an Florida State Uni- Sign-up is free and members

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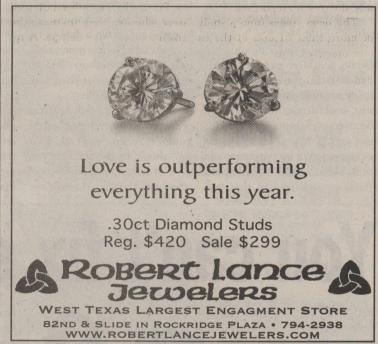
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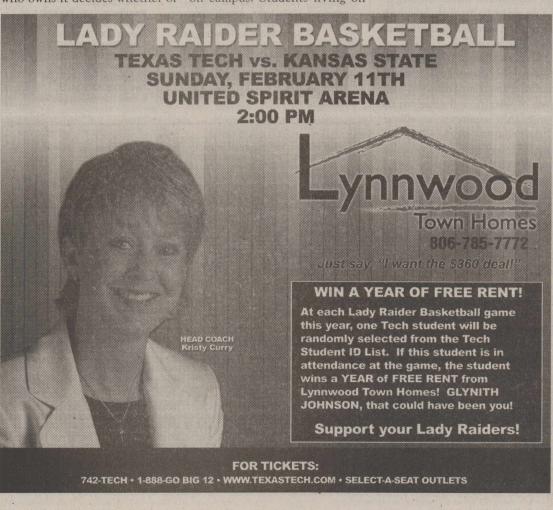
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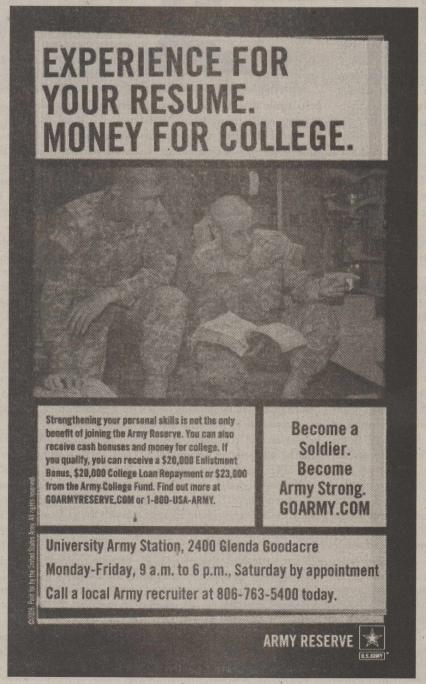
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"I was too afraid of the risks

Lala.com was started out are also eligible to purchase "It was pretty frustrating — I albums from the online store







What are they fighting for?

f there's one thing the war in Iraq has done, it has put the spotlight I on our rights and how often we take them for granted. Whether or not you agree with the war, you have to recognize everyone should be allowed to have his or her own opinion — even soldiers.

Army 1st Lt. Ehren Watada is currently facing up to four years in little too far in the suppression of prison for refusing to deploy with his free speech. Not only does it stifle unit and conduct unbecoming an vocal speech, but also the freeofficer for publicly denouncing Presi- dom of expression. The Clinton dent George W. Bush's actions.

military is a completely different homosexual service members climate than civilian life, there are from ever disclosing their sexual international standards of conscien- orientation. This directive goes tious objection. This standard is especially important when a majority commanding officers or peers even of people feel this nation was duped suspect that soldiers are gay, they into war.

Our soldiers are this nation's finest assets, and until we can guarantee Clinton fans that ever graced the same constitutional rights that this planet, "don't ask, don't tell" civilians are entitled to, the work is one of the largest mistakes they do effectively means nothing. in history. This act, designed Of course they are fighting for this to combat the previous ban of nation and many are giving their homosexuals in the military, is a lives, but they are currently not reap- complete and total failure due to ing the benefits for their sacrifices.

The military is pretty damn good about suppressing free speech. Even McVeigh (Not to be confused if it is technically legal for soldiers with the one who blew up the to make statements against a certain building. What an unfortunate policy, they face backlash from com- name!) was expelled from the manding officers and peers. Military military because of something his officials have the authority to censor instant-messaging profile stated. blogs written by servicemen and servicewomen. And, a common ad- charged for having notes from age used by drill sergeants, "We're classes on human sexuality, HIV here to defend democracy — not to pamphlets and, most interesting, a practice it" echoes the sentiment of pair of men's platform shoes. the majority of ranking personnel.

Even the most conservative people ineffectiveness of "don't ask, will argue that freedom of speech is don't tell." It is scary to note one of the most important freedoms there could be thousands of other in the Bill of Rights. It is completely soldiers facing harassment and military without causing a melt- ent." The policy also opens the down in infrastructure. In Schenck doors for accusation because of v. United States, the judiciary set vendetta. as precedent the "clear and present danger" clause, most commonly the group most poignantly aftheatre" clause.

opinion, either through a refusal to baiting," or malicious charges of but also identity. deploy or through making a com- an alternative sexuality. ment, would detract from the overall effectiveness of the mission. It seems greater difficulty recruiting and re- assets, but the hierarchy and culture more logical that a soldier who was taining members, "don't ask, don't created by the military have a long McCarthy is a freshman po-



meant murder.

I think the military goes just a 'Administration's implementation While I definitely agree the of "don't ask, don't tell" prevents even further in the sense that if face expulsion.

While I am one of the biggest implementation.

One service member, Tim

Other soldiers have been dis-

These unfair and unwarranted This should disgust Americans. expulsions only highlight the



but it also discourages homosexuals from enlisting. With our president's illegalized. imperialist nature, our armed forces Women, of course, comprise need all the people they can get.

I am not naïve enough to think known as the "fire in a crowded fected by these accusations. If a homosexuals will have an easy go

Pathetic. As our military faces Armed Forces are America's greatest hell are they fighting for? a task, especially when that task who have to suffer through the that people should want to join. thy@ttu.edu.

possible for dissent to occur in the being ostracized for being "differ- oppressive climate of the military, Not only are freedom of expression and speech figuratively suppressed, they are

Opposing the court martial of Ehren Watada and "don't ask, don't tell" is the most "American" thing to do. As Americans, we should be fighting woman turns down a date or re- of it in the military, but I cannot for freedom of speech and expression It is completely ridiculous to fuses sexual advances from a male support government-sanctioned for all, and not just the groups that our assume a soldier expressing his peer, she is subject to "lesbian suppression of not only personality, religious beliefs approve of. This is, after all, the land of the free, and until The people who serve in the U.S. we give the brave their due, what the

not convicted in his purpose would tell" should be the first policy to way to go before they can ever be litical science major from Paris, not be able to effectively complete go. Not only does it affect those seen as either equal or something Texas. E-mail her at amy mccar-

Letter to Editor

I hate to burst Taryn Chesshire's Liberals like Taryn are always bubble, but her view of gay marriage claiming that not allowing two as "a legitimate institution worthy of men to marry is discrimination." respect" has almost no support from Duh. Wouldn't we have to change people in this region for a reason. the definition of marriage for this And, it's not, as she implies, that to be discrimination? Maybe gays the rest of us are ignorant or bigoted should come up with their own word toward gays.

The reason is simple — those sanctity of marriage in very high times. regard. And, we take offense when someone wants to trivialize, belittle Brian Cloud or try to change the institution of

'marriage" is already taken.

Maybe John Edwards was right, of us with a dab of common sense there are two Americas: those of us know the family is the key ingre- who think traditional family is the dient in a great society. And, the key element to a successful society, top of the family structure is the and those like Taryn who think marriage. So, most of us hold the the family should change with the

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You can't fix stupid

t's one thing for lawmakers to want to protect us from violent, dangerous or reckless the power to protect us from our Martinez own recklessness or, dare I say it, stupidity?

That's what one legislator from Brooklyn, N.Y., is attempting to do. Sen. Carl Kruger, Dem-N.Y., has taken it upon himself to protect big-city pedestrians from what is being called "iPod oblivion." Essentially, his electronic device like an iPod or as an inconvenience at all. cell phone. It's not surprising the New Yorkers are not happy with

Sen. Kruger is not without cause for action. There have listening to electronic devices. And other states have found distracted by these devices might make people more susceptible to muggings. But does the bill fit the problem? Is it even enforceable?

Jaywalking is a crime too, and the legislation to prevent from themselves, not necessarily from drivers. If you're dumb enough to run across a city street without making sure you're not exactly enforced. Police officers common sense to look. have better things to do than run crosswalk.



Maybe that's what Sen. Kruger best. But, is it really that simple?

significant evidence that being walking across the street. Things someone's going to try to push his can happen that are unpredictable. or her luck, and the state makes Even if you are an attentive driver, another \$100. people around you might not be, and the seat belt can help save you may, senators cannot fix every probfrom other people being reckless.

jaywalking exists for a similar so unpredictable. The first thing tragic, is something that will happen reason, to protect pedestrians every child learns when crossing in this day and age, especially in big the street is "look both ways." I cities. I think Sen. Kruger's effort don't remember anyone saying, could best be spent elsewhere. Per-"Listen both ways, that should be haps he could do something about good enough." Ultimately, the iPod child hunger, the war on drugs or going to die, then that's your de- does nothing to prevent people from violent crimes. Let's try to keep our cision. Maybe that's why it's not seeing a car coming if they have the eye on the ball, senator.

law is not well thought-out. Sen. Kruger's legislation, while it may come with the best intentions, is out of touch with the real problem here. What problem is that, you may ask?

It's simple: You can't fix stupid. What's worse is that people who Laws that require us to wear seat do have common sense may end up belts while driving cars and wear paying the price for those who do helmets while riding motorcycles not. For those who own portable are essentially there to protect us electronic devices, listening to them from needlessly risking our lives. while walking to places they need These are things that have become to get to is probably the perfect way proposed law would slap a \$100 minor but acceptable inconve- to use them. That's what they're fine on anyone attempting to niences to the point where most of meant for. Laws such as these cross the street while using an us don't really think of a seat belt defeat the purpose of the portable electronic device.

In fact, I question whether or had in mind. If this bill became law, not the bill is nothing more than the most it would result in is a small another way for the state to boost period of time during that you would revenue with tickets and fines. This have to pull out your earphones, put sort of law is sure to inspire some been several deaths throughout away the Blackberry or close the flip civil disobedience, and it seems his state in which people have phone — a minor inconvenience like it would act more like a speed been hit by automobiles while at worst, a lifesaving precaution at trap than anything else. People would try to get away with it, police After all, driving a car is not like officers would know that at least

> Bottom line is that try though it lem in the world, nor should they Walking across the street is not try. And a pedestrian death, while

What about people who can't Martinez is a senior music mapeople down for not crossing at a hear anyway? Are they unable to jor from San Antonio. E-mail him cross streets now? The fact is this at adrian.martinez@ttu.edu.

Demand ethical behavior in Iraq

STAFF EDITORIAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN (COLORADO

STATE U.) (U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — How are we ever supposed to win hearts and minds in Iraq when we keep messing up so royally?

The latest news on the ethics front in Iraq is about three Army reserve officers and a U.S. contractor who have been indicted as part of a bid-rigging scam that allegedly steered millions of dollars to another contractor.

All Americans should be outraged and demand that stricter controls be put in place to prevent American businessman from bilking the Iraqis or the American taxpayer.

We can understand the discontent that Iraqis feel toward us. We illegally invaded their country, destroyed their sense of security, and subsequently plunged their country into a civil war.

And now they see the pillaging of their land continue as rich contractors become even more rich as their country continues to burn, and bombs continue to explode.

This case is worse, in that it's not just American businessman who are under scrutiny, it's also members of the military, the group responsible for winning over the Iraqis.

Americans should be more vigilant in demanding better ethical behavior from their representatives, whether they are members of the military or members of the business community.

This war isn't going to be won by waves of smart bombs and troops being thrown at the problem. We've been trying that — for almost four years — and it doesn't seem to be working.

We need to win over the Iraqis — and tolerating behavior that is even perceived to be unethical is not the way to do so.

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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — missed claims her death was related to lences to her family." Anna Nicole Smith, the pneumatic drugs as "a bunch of nonsense." blonde whose life played out as an extraordinary tabloid tale — Playboy centerfold, jeans model, bride of an octogenarian oil tycoon, realityshow subject, tragic mother — died Thursday after collapsing at a hotel. She was 39.

She was stricken while staying at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and was rushed to a hospital. Edwina Johnson, chief investigator for the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, said the cause of death was under investigation and an autopsy would be done on Friday.

Just five months ago, Smith's 20year-old son, Daniel, died suddenly in the Bahamas in what was believed to be a drug-related death.

Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger said a private nurse called 911 after finding Smith unresponsive in her sixth-floor room at the hotel, which is on an Indian reservation. He said Smith's bodyguard administered CPR, but she was declared dead at a hospital. Later Thursday, two sheriff's deputies carried out at least eight brown paper bags sealed with red evidence tape from Smith's hotel room.

Dr. Joshua Perper, the chief Broward County medical examiner who will perform the autopsy, said if her death was from natural causes, the findings would likely be announced quickly. He cautioned, however, that definitive results could take weeks.

"I am not a prophet, and I cannot tell you before the autopsy what I am going to find," he said.

Through the '90s and into the new century, Smith was famous for being famous, a pop-culture punchline because of her up-and-down weight, her Marilyn Monroe looks, her exaggerated curves, her little-girl voice, her ditzy-blonde persona, and her over-the-top revealing outfits.

Recently, she lost a reported 69 pounds and became a spokeswoman for TrimSpa, a weight-loss supplement. On her reality show and other recent TV appearances, her speech was often slurred and she seemed out of it. Some critics said she seemed drugged-out.

"Undoubtedly it will be found at the end of the day that drugs featured in her death as they did in the death U.S. Supreme Court revived her case, of poor Daniel," said a former attorney ruling that she deserved another day for Smith in the Bahamas, Michael

Lenard Leeds, told the celebrity gossip Web site TMZ that Smith "always had problems with her weight going up and down, and there's no question she used alcohol." Leeds said it was no secret that "she had a very troubled life" and had "so many, many problems."

Smith attorney Ron Rale told The Associated Press that he had talked to her on Tuesday or Wednesday, and she had flu symptoms and a fever and was still grieving over her son. He dis-

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"She's been the underdog. She's been Show," in 2002-04. Cameras folbesieged ... and she's been trying her lowed her around as she sparred best and nobody should have to endure what she's endured."

The Texas-born Smith was a topless dancer at a strip club before she entered her photos in a search contest and made the cover of Playboy magazine in 1992. She became Playboy's playmate of the year in 1993. She was also signed to a contract with Guess jeans, appearing in TV commercials, billboards and magazine ads.

In 1994, she married 89-year-old oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II, owner of Great Northern Oil Co. In 1992, Forbes magazine estimated his wealth at \$550 million.

Undoubtedly it will be found at the end of the day that drugs featured in her death as they did in the death of boor Daniel.

> - MICHAEL SCOTT FORMER ATTORNEY FOR SMITH

In a 2005 interview with ABC, Smith recalled meeting Marshall at what she called a "gentleman's club" in Houston. "He had no will to live and I went over to see him," she said. "He got a little twinkle in his eyes, and he asked me to dance for him. And I did."

Marshall died in 1995 at age 90, setting off a feud with Smith's former stepson, E. Pierce Marshall, over his estate. A federal court in California awarded Smith \$474 million. That was later overturned. But in May, the in court.

The stepson died June 20 at age Another former Smith attorney, 67. But the family said the court fight mire," Cline said. would continue

G. Eric Brunstad Jr., the lawyer who ton, one of six children. Her parents represented Marshall, said in a state- split up when she was a toddler, ment: "We're very shocked by the and she was raised by her mother, news and extend the deepest condo- a deputy sheriff.

Smith starred in her own real-"Poor Anna Nicole," he said. ity TV series, "The Anna Nicole with her lawyer, hung out with her personal assistant and interior decorator, and cooed at her poodle, Sugar Pie. She also appeared in movies, performing a bit part in "The Hudsucker Proxy" in 1994.

> In a statement, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner said: "I am very saddened to learn about Anna Nicole's passing. She was a dear friend who meant a great deal to the Playboy family and to me personally."

Smith's son died Sept. 10 in his mother's hospital room in the Bahamas, just days after she gave birth to a daughter.

An American medical examiner hired by the family, Cyril Wecht, said he died accidentally of a combination of methadone and two antidepressants. Last month, a Bahamas magistrate scheduled a formal inquiry into the death for March 27.

Meanwhile, the paternity of Smith's now 5-month-old daughter remained a matter of dispute. The birth certificate lists Dannielynn's father as attorney Howard K. Stern, Smith's most recent companion. Smith's ex-boyfriend Larry Birkhead was waging a legal challenge, saying he was the father. An emergency hearing in the paternity case was scheduled for Friday in Los Angeles.

Debra Opri, the attorney who filed Birkhead's paternity suit, said Birkhead "is devastated. He is inconsolable, and we are taking steps now to protect the DNA testing of the child. The child is our No. 1 priority.'

The legal complications of Smith's estate could take years to unravel, an expert said. Christopher Cline of the law firm Holland and Knight, who is an estate planning specialist, said he has never seen a case "with more moving parts."

Outstanding questions include not only the paternity of her daughter, but if she died with a will and how her death will affect the lawsuit pending against the Marshall estate. It also wasn't clear where she legally lived when she died.

"It's a really large legal quag-

Smith was born Vickie Lynn After news came of Smith's death, Hogan on Nov. 28, 1967, in Hous-



Anna Nicole Smith dies after collapsing at Tunnel of Oppression event Florida hotel; tabloid bombshell was 39 illuminates societal problems illuminates societal problems

By HALEY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Imagine walking through a tunnel with racial, ethnic, sexist and political slurs written on the inner walls in neon paint illuminated by black lights. This, along with other displays, is what Texas Tech students experienced at the Tunnel of Oppression program Wednesday and Thursday.

The Tunnel of Oppression is an annual event put on by the Awareness Committee for Housing and Residence Life. At the second event, which was held in the Red Raider Lounge and Ballroom in the Student Union Building, there were various displays constructed by students living in residence halls across the campus. The event lasted two days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

Karen Huseman, a Residence Life coordinator, said the event is intended to help educate students about oppression.

"The program is to show how different groups have been oppressed — African Americans, religious groups," she said, "different issues that affect different groups of society, like the things.' homeless."

The event featured various have affected or are affecting the world today. One exhibit featured a dormitory-room setup with ripped pictures of models and celebrities all over the and video games.

with three freezer bags full of it. imitation vomit. The display was appropriately titled "The Room of a Bulimic."

"(It is) to bring awareness to students, staff and the Texas Tech community," Huseman said of the exhibit. "It's a visual display



RUSSEL DEAN, A senior music major from Brady, bends down to touch the 3-pound bag of vomit on the floor of the Room of a Bulimic exhibit at the Tunnel of Oppression in the Student Union.

oppressed. There's something to said. be learned for everyone."

eryone who attended the event nel of Oppression at Tech in gained something from the ex- the future, but she is not sure hibition.

"(It brings) a greater awareness of what's out there in the world," she said. "(It was intended to) open eyes that oppression is a multitude of different

Huseman said there are a problem plaguing many students today — addiction. The display features different kinds of addiction like pornography, gambling

In the makeshift dorm room, eral studies major from Desoto, post-it notes containing phrases said she came to the Tunnel of such as "I wish I was skinny like Oppression event because her different issues to light," she her" were also featured. Addi- community adviser in Murray said. "Most of them have been tionally, the display was equipped Residence Hall told her about pretty shocked — but a good

"I wanted to see what Resi- > haley.davis@ttu.edu

showing that we all have been dence Life put together," she

Broden said she would like Huseman said she hopes ev- to see more events like the Tunwhether or not many students would come.

> "It's a little intense," she said of the event. "The racial slurs make you frustrated."

Some of the other displays included a student desk set up with a DVD playing on a laptop. The number of issues targeted in the DVD featured various students displays portraying issues that display, one of them relating a talking about their personal experiences with racism.

Angela Forney, a Residence Life coordinator who was also working the entrance table to the exhibit, said she thinks the turn-Tyshan Broden, a junior gen- out for the event was successful.

"Most of them (visitors) have been conversating and bringing shocked.'





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Tech men face Oklahoma State Saturday

By JAY LANGLEY NEWS EDITOR

After the Texas Tech men's basketball team upset Texas A&M to move into a first-place tie in the best inside-outside combinations in Big 12 Jan. 24, Red Raiders coach the conference with forward Mario Bob Knight gave his assessment of Boggan and guard James On Curry. If the season.

to play," Knight said. "We might not the frontrunner for Big 12 Player of I don't know.'

Big 12) has dropped four-straight adds 18.5 points per game good for games, falling below .500 in the confourth in the Big 12 and he ranks ference for the first time during the seventh in the conference with 3.9 2006-07 season. Ending the losing streak could prove to be difficult for starting with a trip to No. 17 Oklahoma State Saturday.

record away from the United Spirit Arena, including three-straight road

Guard Jarrius Jackson leads Tech in scoring with an average of 19.9 points per game, good for third in the Big 12. In Tuesday's loss to Nebraska, Jackson was held to five points on just 2-of-7 from the floor. The game marked the first time in 50 games smart to be a basketball coach." that Jackson did not score in double figures.

its first two-game losing streak of the season. But the Cowboys boast a 14-0 home record with wins over Top-25 teams Pittsburgh and Texas.

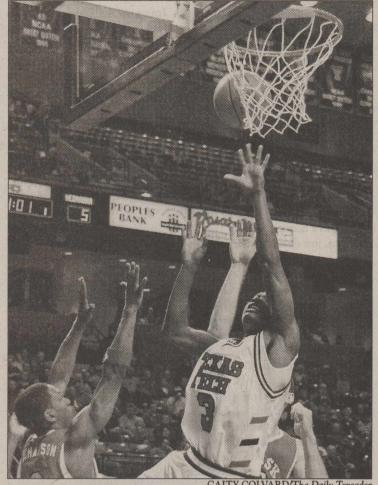
The Cowboys boast one of the not for Texas' Kevin Durant, Boggan "We have a lot of basketball left could have the best argument to be win another game this season; hell, the Year, ranking second in the league with 20.6 points per game and third Since that time, Tech (15-9, 4-5) in rebounds with 7.9 per game. Curry assists per game.

During Tech's recent losing streak the Raiders, who play back-to-back the team has found different ways to road games against Top-20 teams lose from getting beat by 12 points by Texas, behind 37 points and 23 rebounds from Durant, to losing to On the season, Tech has a 5-6 Nebraska Tuesday on a last-second shot by Charles Richardson after having an 11-point lead with fewer than seven minutes to play.

After Tuesday's loss, Knight said he could not figure out why his team was out of sync.

"I have no idea," he said. "If I knew the answer to that question I wouldn't be coaching. I'd be too

In two games last season, Tech and Oklahoma State split with each team



TEXAS TECH GUARD Martin Zeno drives to the basket against Nebraska Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Oklahoma State (18-5, 4-4 Big winning on its home court. Jackson State has owned the series recently, record against the Cowboys. 12) heads into Saturday's game on led Tech, averaging 22 points per winning six of the last seven games. >> jaymie.langley@ttu.edu

game in the two games. Oklahoma In his career, Knight has just a 5-8

GM's Super Bowl ad featuring despondent robot draws criticism

DETROIT (AP) — A Super Bowl executive director. ad showing a quality-obsessed General Motors Corp. robot jumping off a bridge in a dream sequence after screwing up suicide prevention group.

is defending the ad and says it has no plans to change the spot, which is making the rounds online and is ing its broadcast debut during Sunday's big game.

the machine in question dropping a screw while working on a GM asand finds work waving a "Condos for Sale" sign and holding up a speaker at a fast-food joint, all the while appearing saddened by watching shiny, new GM vehicles drive by.

despondent robot leaps off a bridge into the water below, only to wake up inside the darkened factory — waking up from its dream.

The New York-based American Foundation for Suicide Prevention says it started getting complaints the day after the ad aired and as of Thursday had fielded more than 250 e-mails or calls. It wants GM to pull the ad from its Web site, try to get it off video-sharing Web sites such as YouTube and apologize.

"It was inappropriate to use depression and suicide as a way to sell cars," said Robert Gebbia, the foundation's than 350,000 views.

The ad is the latest from the Super Bowl to come under fire. Earlier this week, a commercial for Snickers candy bars on the job is drawing criticism from a was benched after complaints that it was homophobic. And aspiring rapper Kevin But the world's largest automaker Federline apologized after a restaurant trade group said it was insulted by an ad that starred him as a fast-food worker.

GM says the robot ad was designed to featured on GM's Web site after mak-show the company's obsession with quality, highlighting its enhanced powertrain warranty of five years or 100,000 miles on The ad, called "Robot," opens with all new light-duty vehicles starting with 2007 models.

Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president sembly line. It's kicked out of the plant of sales, service and marketing, said the automaker had no plans to stop airing the ad. It had a relatively small number of runs scheduled after the Super Bowl, and those will continue, he said. The ad was screened by focus groups

As the Eric Carmen song "All By for insensitivity, and all found it amusing Myself' plays in the background, the and effective in conveying the message about GM's quality, LaNeve said.

"It's a dream sequence. It's not a person, and it's a robot that is a fantasy. I mean, that robot doesn't move around. C'mon," LaNeve said.

In a statement, GM said, "Advertising during the Super Bowl brings instant critiques, both positive and negative," GM said in a statement."

The ad has only aired once, but the online buzz has continued. The company didn't have details on how many times the ad had been watched on its Web site, but on YouTube alone it has drawn more

Tall tale: Lady Raider writing a chapter of success

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SPORTS EDITOR

a "Pat" on the back.

Against 15th-ranked Baylor Wednesday, Patrice Edwards re- building that won't wake up toturned the gesture to the Texas Tech women's basketball team.

Matching the number on her of age." jersey, Edwards, a 6-foot-6 senior from Trinidad-Tobago, West maintains both her physical and while being away from her faming," Robfirst half in an 80-67 loss to the using her right hand to float a drop Lady Bears.

cess when your heart's in the right place," Tech coach Kristy Curry said of Edward's performance.

ethics and a positive mentality, good things can happen. For team. Edwards, her hard work has paid off with 12.4 points per game in really hard at whatever I do," said

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morning after a game.

"There's not a person in this morrow in worse shape than Pat," Curry said. "I don't care regardless

Indies, scored a career-high 33 mental focus when on the floor. ily has been a difficult obstacle ertson said of points, including 18 points in the Whether it's snagging rebounds, to overcome, being a part of the Edwards agshot through the net, or posting "There's a correlation to suc- up against Oklahoma's Courtney Paris or Texas' Tiffany Jackson, Edwards keeps her head up and Curry has said with hard work, encounters in hopes of filtering through all of this," Edwards said. 'we need. We her work ethic throughout the

"I'm just a player that works

conference play. Plagued by knee Edwards, who is the Lady Raiders to the team injuries early in her career, in- first-ever international athlete. "If has been a cluding a season-ending injury in I'm not scoring, I'm trying to get knockout When No. 33 is called into her second season at Frank Phil- rebounds," Edwards said. "I'm a in regard to the game off the bench, her lips College in Borger, Edwards senior this year, and I really have developing teammates give this Lady Raider struggles to get up out of bed the to work harder than everybody team chemelse to set a good example."

Edwards began playing basketball at 15 years old — two years be nasty in before coming to the United there some-States to play at Frank Phillips. times — get Now in her final year as a Lady them boney Despite her injuries, Edwards Raider, Edwards said she realizes elbows gowomen's basketball program and the Lubbock community outweighs the negatives of being away from home. 'When I look back now, I the floor and

trudges through any adversity she don't really know how I made it that's what "It's been tough in some ways need some-- being away from my family, body in there

but I wouldn't have had the op- that's going portunities that I have now if I to throw the was in Trinidad."

Averaging 22.7 minutes in conference play, Edwards has like everyscored in double digits in seven of body on the Tech's 10 Big 12 contests, includ- court just ing two double-doubles. With her goes real consistent play off the bench and well when her will to strive for success, the she's in the Tech coaching coined a nickname game." for Edwards, which she can take with her throughout her years is working on after leaving the program.

"Big Nasty" first derived from a degree in in-

"I was just going at it to get all ary studies, the balls," she said, "Coach Brock but playing started calling me, 'Oh, that's at the next level in the WNBA is reer could be hindered because of against Kansas State Saturday, kind of came after."

son said Edwards' contribution continuance of her basketball ca-

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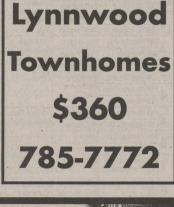
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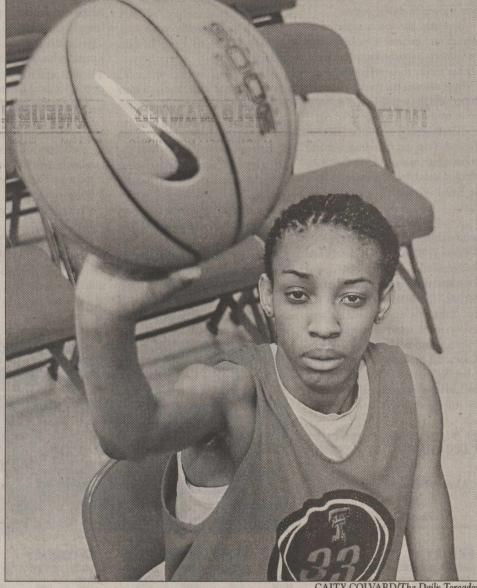
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after her career is done with the her ability to dunk a ball. Fellow senior Alesha Robert- Lady Raider program. However,

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rebounding drill during practice. terdisciplin- LADY RAIDERS CENTER Patrice Edwards is averaging 7.9 ppg and 5.0 rpg in 24 games this season.

nasty,' so that stuck, so 'Big Nasty' not something she has ruled out her knees, which already inhibit

"I've done it before when I had great knees," Edwards said of her ability to dunk. "I think it's more love her aggressive spirit," Curry like being a little scared to try because of my knees."

Going into a key match-up >> stephen.monahan@ttu.edu

Curry hopes Edwards keeps up her aggressive play and continues to produce. "She's been huge — you just

said. "She doesn't back down from anything."

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Men's tennis prepares for road trip Tech baseball to host Red Raider C

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

first three matches of the season, Great Northwestern Shootout.

The tournament carries some significance as the three teams the Red Raiders face are all nationally ranked.

forward to facing these teams.

against Denver," Siegel said. "The win this season. scheduling that we have is so challenging, all three teams are ranked

I'm looking forward to the challenge tory, Alex Slovic. of playing three great teams."

The Red Raiders will look to After going 2-1 through the recover from their last match against No. 62 Denver where they fell 5-2. the Texas Tech men's tennis team Tech has a bleak history with the is heading out on the road for the three opponents it faces this weekfirst time in 2007 to compete in the end, with a 3-7 combined record against Washington Louisville and Middle Tennessee State.

Dimitrio Martinez and Sinisa Mar-Coach Tim Siegel said this will streak as they are a combine 5-0 to this year. be a challenge, but he still looks start the season. The doubles teams "It's going to be like it was points, but each have recorded a

game ranked No. 17 in the coun- Tennessee State Saturday and end in the top 30 in the country, all three try and will be led by its all-time the tournament with Washington. made it to the NCAA's last year, and doubles-wins leader in school his-

Louisville will be led by No. 71 Slavko Radman, who is 3-1 in singles play this season. Radman is also part of a duo with Damar Johnson that is ranked No. 24 in the country, posting a 5-1 record in 2007.

Middle Tennessee State is coming into the Great Northwestern Shootout with a 5-1 record. Tech's singles play will look to They are lead by senior Andreas Siljestrom who has posted six singles kovic to continue their unbeaten victories and four doubles victories

The Great Northwestern Shoothave struggled to earn the team out is a tournament hosted by the University of Washington in Seattle. At noon today, the men will Washington is coming into the face Louisville then take on Middle

Landis agrees not to ride again in France this year

skip the Tour de France — and all races in France this year — as part of thorities in a case that could strip him of cycling's most prestigious title.

Last year's Tour champion had hip-replacement surgery 4 1/2 months Anti-Doping Agency on May 14 and, ago and was unlikely to have competed in this year's Tour. He agreed Thursday not to race again in France until 2008, and in return the French as he wishes," Bordry said. anti-doping agency postponed its decision on whether to suspend him from competing in France for a maximum day's meeting of the AFLD's nineof two years because of a positive member panel, but sent a lawyer who

"Floyd is pleased that the AFLD

PARIS (AP) — Floyd Landis will that they suspend this proceeding," spokesman Michael Henson said.

Earlier, AFLD president Pierre Boran agreement with French doping audry said Landis "understood perfectly that if he didn't act today, we would start the procedure immediately."

Landis will go before the U.S. following that, the AFLD will deliver its verdict in June.

'We will let Landis defend himself

The American, who has denied wrongdoing, did not appear at Thursread his request for a delay.

Landis said the parallel cases in France and the United States were complicating matters. He asked the French agency to hold off until after the U.S. agency rules. The USADA will hold its hearings May 14.

"In this case, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I agree to voluntarily not participate in any professional or amateur cycling event in France until December 31, 2007, and in particular the Tour de France 2007," Landis said in the letter.

Bordry said Landis deserves to be heard by the USADA. However, Bordry echoed Tour de France president Christian Prudhomme's sentiment In the letter, a copy of which was that the American agency was drag-

STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team is looking for strong pitching and consistent hitting to end its two-game losing streak.

Tech aims to do so this weekend as it hosts the 2007 Red Raider Baseball Classic beginning 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

The Classic is a round-robin tournament and will include teams from Northwestern and Western Illinois. Tech will play a total of four games, with the first one against Northwestern.

Coming off Tuesday's loss to New Mexico, Tech coach Larry Hays said he is concerned with Tech's pitching staff. In the last game, Tech pitchers gave up 15 runs on 16 hits and six home runs. With pitchers Cory Large and Miles Morgan not being at 100 percent, Hays will be forced to reach deep into the depth chart.

"Our concern is having enough pitchers for four games," Hays said. "With Large being out and Morgan not being one that will throw well that ahead in the count. maybe we weren't particularly counting on."

Hays said sophomore A.J. Ramos will start on the mound

at the end of the same game, allowing no hits in three innings for the win.

Ramos said he is not worried about Tuesday's performance. The pitching staff needs to work on

We have about 12 guys that we are going to be relying on on a regular basis, so we're going to start narrowing that down a little bit.

> - LARRY HAYS BASEBALL COACH TEXAS TECH

ready, maybe we'll find some- throwing low strikes and getting

"The talent is there, we just smart," Ramos said.

One thing that did improve today, and senior Colt Hynes last game was the performance will start Saturday. Hynes has of Tech's hitters, who were able already made one start in the to generate 13 runs off 14 hits. season opener verse Stephen F. Catcher Matt Smith said after Law Field. Austin. He pitched six innings, starting off the season with poor

giving up three runs on six hits. performances at the plate, the Ramos also made an appearance offense has shown a lot of progression.

"Now we need to remain consistent in our hitting and keep our poise during at-bats," Smith

Today's game will be the first of the season for Northwestern. The Wildcats are coming off a 2006 season in which they posted a 26-33 record and finished second in the Big 10.

Tech pitchers will be facing a Northwestern offense led by designated hitter Antonio Mule, who led the team with a .357 batting average 11 home runs and 47 RBIs in 2006.

After a two-game series against Northwestern, Tech will face the Leathernecks of Western Illinois Sunday and Monday. Western Illinois is undefeated so far this season after going 32-32 in 2006.

Western Illinois' Quinn Leath is the probable starting pitcher Friday. Last season he was named first team All-Mid-Continent Conference after posting a 8-2 record with a conference leading 2.06 ERA.

Hays said he will use this weekend as an opportunity to evaluate his team as several positions remain up for grabs.

"We have about 12 guys that need to keep focusing and pitch we are going to be relying on on a regular basis," Hays said. "So we're going to start narrowing that down a little bit."

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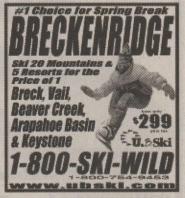
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Cowboys replace Parcells with Wade Phillips

during his introduction of Wade to arrive in Dallas with previous Phillips as Dallas Cowboys coach, NFL head coaching experience. Jerry Jones had to stop and gather himself. The decision was that Jan. 22 after four seasons with the emotional for the team owner.

"We needed to get it right," Jones said, pausing as tears welled at San Diego the past three seaup in his eyes. "In my mind, we sons, has a 48-42 head coaching got it right."

and someone well-versed in the 3-4 defense.

Maybe more significantly for Jones was getting a coach who can win now. The Cowboys haven't won a postseason game in 10 seasons, the longest drought in the history of a team with five Super Bowls.

"This team is best served now, next week, next month and next season by an NFL head coach with ate impact." experience, that knows the game, that candidly knows the personnel that are playing the game right now," Jones said.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Twice history, Phillips is only the second The other was Parcells, who retired

Phillips, defensive coordinator record over three seasons with Phillips was hired Thursday, Buffalo, two with Denver and providing Dallas with an experi- season-ending interim stints with enced replacement for Bill Parcells New Orleans and Atlanta. The 59year-old son of longtime Houston said. "In the game, I have control been in the NFL for 30 of the last

> "It's great to have these cowboy boots back in Texas," said Phillips, showing his boots from the podium, where his father sat to his right. "(Jones) feels like and I feel like I was the best fit for this job. ... I think I can make an immedi-

Phillips joins Tom Landry and Oakland. Jimmy Johnson as the only Texas Team." Landry and Johnson both The seventh coach in team won two Super Bowls in Dallas.

option for a fourth season.

Jones interviewed 10 candidates buying the team in 1989. Phillips and his chances of getting the job followed him.

"It was really tough," Phillips calls. In this, I didn't have any control. I'm just hoping.'

But Jones chose the defensive-Super Bowl titles after the 1992 and 1993 seasons. But Turner was only 59-83-1 in nine seasons as head coach for Washington and

natives to be in charge of "America's experience and expertise and some So the idea of following Parcells of the specific things that I felt doesn't bother him. we needed to help our team out,"

it," said Phillips, who got a three- go forward with the offense, how went 34-32 in four years in Dallas 2001. year contract that includes an we were going to go forward with and lost twice in the playoffs. He the defense."

After Jason Garrett interviewed before hiring his sixth coach since for the vacancy Jan. 25, Jones hired him to an unspecified role was interviewed two weeks ago, on the coaching staff. It has been presumed he will be the offensive seemed to be fading when Norv coordinator, but Phillips said he Diego plays, and I think our team Turner was among five more who didn't want to discuss Garrett's role until he had a chance to talk to the in it," Ware said Thursday from the former backup quarterback.

Phillips' head coaching record Oilers coach Bum Phillips has in a lot of things, like making the includes 3-4 as a fill-in for the Saints and Falcons and 0-3 in the minded Phillips over Turner, a used a trick kick return for the the last three, mainly because they two-time head coach who was the winning touchdown in the closing Cowboys' offensive coordinator for seconds against the Bills in Janu-

> Besides carrying on his family tradition, Phillips has handled the dubious task of replacing Super Bowl coaches Dan Reeves in "It was important to get the Denver and Marv Levy in Buffalo.

> > Parcells, who won two Super coach in 1976 and has been in Tracy, who is an actress.

implemented the 3-4 scheme in Dallas two years ago, and has built a roster suited for it, highlighted by end-turned-linebacker DeMarcus

"I love the defense that San Pro Bowl.

Yet the defense was the weak link last season, when Dallas went 9-7 and lost in the first round of playoffs, most notably the "Music the playoffs. The Cowboys lost four City Miracle," when Tennessee of their last five games, including couldn't stop teams.

> Phillips, meanwhile, was helping the Chargers go 14-2. They allowed the seventh-fewest points in the NFL and were rated 10th in

> Phillips was born in Orange, Texas, and played college ball at Houston. He joined his dad's staff

"It's a big job, but I'm ready for Jones said. "How we were going to Bowls with the New York Giants, the NFL ever since, except for

He stayed with the Oilers through 1980, then followed his father to New Orleans and became defensive coordinator at age 34. He replaced his father as head coach for the final four games of the 1985

Phillips then was in charge of has guys who could play great roles the defense in Philadelphia (1986-88) and Denver (1989-92), taking over as coach of the Broncos for 1993 and '94. His teams went 16-16 with a playoff loss.

> The next three years were spent as defensive coordinator in Buffalo, followed by three years as the Bills' coach and vice president of football operations. The Bills were 29-19 under his guidance with two playoff losses.

He was Reeves' defensive coordinator in Atlanta in 2002 and '03. He went 2-1 as Reeves' replacement at the end of '03, then went to San Diego.

Phillips has a son, Wes, who with the Oilers as a linebackers coaches at Baylor, and a daughter,

Tech softball opens season in Arizona

By JEREMY REYNOLDS STAFF WRITER

Wilson has coached in Washington, of close games last season, which Minnesota and Oregon, so starting a new season after having limited trollable weather is not something new to her.

"I'm use to taking the field when you've only seen dirt once or twice,"

After her squad played some of the top-ranked teams in the nation last year, Wilson said this season's schedule will not be much softer.

"Anytime you're building a program, you have to play the best teams in the country," Wilson said. "You have to become one of those teams."

By competing against some of the top-ranked teams in the nation, Wilson said her squad now understands what it has to do to win games. She said her team knows what the best teams look like, so it revamped pitching lineup, which you under their wing and teaching should understand what it takes to she said will have experience head- you what they know," Matthews play at that level.

Tech will open its season today

West Conference Champions Cal-State Fullerton.

Tech's senior first baseman Bran-Texas Tech softball coach Teresa dy Moulin said her team played a lot will help going into the new year.

> Last season the team played 24 24, the team won eight games.

"I think we can play with the best teams out there," Moulin to be done," Jacobs said.

Shortstop Heather Parker said playing against some of the topranked teams in the nation gave her squad a confidence boost.

boost in confidence.

"We've worked really hard to get where we are," Moulin said. every position, so depth will not be 'There's a lot of team harmony a problem for us," she said.

seniors from last season, two of which were pitchers.

This year, Wilson will rely on a ing into the season opener.

"Sarah (Losleben) came on strong of the team." in Tempe, Ariz., against 2006 Big as of last season," Wilson said.

Losleben is 10-10 in her career and holds the second spot on the all-time strikeout list at Tech.

"I'm also very pleased with how the freshmen have come in and adapted," Wilson said.

Freshman pitcher Ashly Jacobs practice time because of uncon- games that were decided by two said Wilson made it easy for her to or fewer than two - runs, Of the come in and adjust to the collegiatelevel style of pitching.

"I'm capable of doing what has

Depth will not be a problem for the team this season, Wilson said. Her squad has depth at every position on the field.

Parker said she was impressed Moulin said she too saw that with how much depth her team has.

"There are at least two people at

Freshman infielder Danielle The team lost three graduating Matthews said she's enjoyed playing on a team with so much depth and experience.

> "All the older kids are taking said. "They know we're the future

Last season, the team finished with a 19-35 record, but Moulin said records do not measure how her team was playing.

"For me, we didn't look at wins and losses because it was a rebuilding year," she said.

The team will bring back 15 players, nine of which are starters, to the field this season. Returning players include Ashley Parker, sister to infielder Heather Parker, Natalie Kula, Jennifer Corkin and Jennifer

Last season, Ashley Parker had 12 multiple-hit games with 34 stolen bases.

The squad finished 10th in the Big 12 last year with a record of 4-13 in conference play.

Moulin said her team's first big home game would be against Oklahoma March 22. The team will play at home for the first time on March 13.

Wade's D better than Norv's O

ast week during the festivities leading up to Super Bowl XLI, many Dallas Cowboy fans were treated to an exciting sight every now and then, with cameras catching San Francisco offensive coordinator Norv Turner and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones meeting on and off in Miami. Then news began to spread of a mix of coaches being interviewed for the head coaching posiition, which included former Bears defensive great Mike Singletary, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera and Colts assistant head coach Jim Caldwell. Suddenly there was a feeling of this so-called "Dream Team" of coaches being assembled that would give the Cowboys Turner as head coach, Rivera on defense with possibly Singletary as an assistant, and Jason Garrett - who had been hired already for an undisclosed position on offense.

But faster than you can say "Music City Miracle," San Diego Charger defensive coordinator Wade Phillips was named to succeed Bill Parcells as the new coach of the Cowboys.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen first reported the hiring of Phillips Wednesday night, learning Phillips had been summoned to fly back to Dallas after interviewing with Jones more than a week ago. Although he was one of the first names on the list after Parcells finally decided to part with the 'Boys, it still came as a shock to me. The NFL has rules in place which restrict owners from interviewing coaches for a certain period if the job interview is not for a position that would entail a promotion, which is why most of the coaches interviewed for the Dallas vacancy were probably interviewed for the head coaching position and not others — hence why some of us were scratching our heads when we first heard Garrett was being interviewed for a position.



sota Vikings in a wild card game but then lost to the Carolina Panthers in the divisional round. Since 1996, Dallas has failed three times to win a playoff game, all coming in the wild-card round with losses to the Arizona Cardinals (1999 in Dallas), Carolina (2004 in Carolina) and the

Being 0-3 in the playoffs is not the greatest track record to bring to a team that is also 0-3 in the postseason its last three attempts, but it might be the better choice than Turner, who carries almost no success as a head coach.

Seattle Seahawks (2007 in Seattle). It is the longest drought since the 1980s and early '90s. After making three-straight appearances in the NFC Championship from 1981-83. and losing all three, the Cowboys lost two playoff games and failed With the Cowboys still looking to make the postseason six times in to win their first playoff game since eight years. The drought lasted from The DT. E-mail him at travis. 1996 — they defeated the Minne- 1983-91, until Dallas won its first f.cram@ttu.edu.

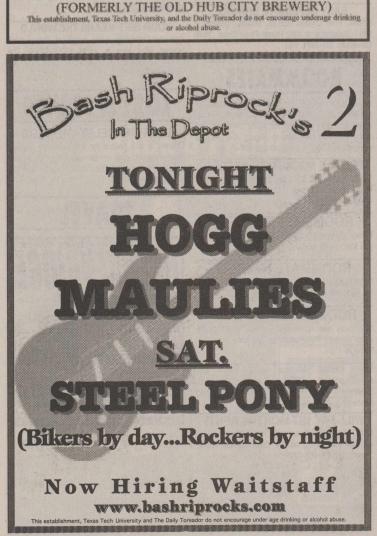
postseason match 17-13 against the Chicago Bears Dec. 29, 1991.

The playoffs will be the biggest focus of course for Phillips, closely followed by the defensive struggles from the end of the 2006 season and playoffs and last, the development of Tony Romo. While Garrett is still likely to be named the offensive coordinator to work with young Romo, it is still unclear how much involvement Phillips will have with the offense. Being 0-3 in the playoffs is not the greatest track record to bring to a team that is also 0-3 in the postseason its last three attempts, but it might be the better choice than Turner, who carries almost no success as a head coach. The obvious fallout of getting Rivera to be the defensive coordinator under Turner is why Phillips seemed to be the best candidate. He also plans on sticking with the 3-4 defense, while Rivera would have been more likely to switch to the 4-3, wasting money on high draft picks of the last four years.

While many of you out there may think Terrell Owens is the biggest problem on offense, don't forget he still had one the most successful seasons for a Cowboys receiver and also led the NFL in touchdown receptions. The obvious problem was the defense in the end, giving up the most points and yards allowed per game (29.8 points/414 yards) in the final four games of the regular season. For Phillips to focus on the playoffs he must get the defense to finish the season strong and have help to compliment the talent of Terrance Newman and Roy Williams, since Dallas has yet to find a replacement for former leader and safety Darren

Woodson. Get a defense to hold offenses down so Romo and the Cowboys' offense won't feel like it has to outscore them and a record sixth Super Bowl title could be in the new Cowboys stadium quicker than a ball slipping from Romo's fingers.

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