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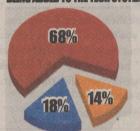


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AUSTIN (AP) - Law enforcement officers would be stationed at Texas Youth Commission facilities to investigate abuse allegations and prevent employees from covering them up under legislation the governor put on the fast track Monday.

The proposal calls for establishing an inspector general's office at the troubled agency, where investigations showing employees molested young inmates went unheeded for years.

A companion bill would expand the jurisdiction of a Texas Department of Criminal Justice special prosecution unit to help take the inspector general's cases to court.

NATION

Plane crash raises suspicions

BEDFORD, Ind. (AP) - A pilot and his 8-year-old daughter were killed Monday when their small plane crashed into an in-laws' house near a southern Indiana airport, authorities

Indiana State Police spokesman 1st Sgt. Dave Bursten said a preliminary crash investigation leads "us to believe that this was an intentional act."

The crash killed Eric Johnson, 47, of Connersville, and his daughter Emily, he said. The plane crashed into the residence of one of Johnson's in-laws, Vivian Pace, Bursten said.

WORLD

Peace not guaranteed with nuclear Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran seems to have at least temporarily halted the uranium-enrichment program at the heart of its standoff with the U.N. Security Council, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Monday.

The pause could represent an attempt to de-escalate Iran's conflict with the Security Council, which is deliberating a new set of harsher sanctions on the Islamic Republic.



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Council considers fate of South Beach

By NAOMI KASKELA STAFF WRITER

The future of South Beach Club Monday during the resident-comment portion of the Lubbock City Council meeting.

City Council with concerns and questions about the possibility of his wife, Angela.

the city purchasing the area at which visitors' center.

and Lounge was the main topic missioner for Precinct 3, began the

He said he was present at the community. Various individuals represent- meeting to help his friend, Armando

"Surely the city of Lubbock is not South Beach is located to build a going into the night-club business," he said of the possibility of the city Ysidro Gutierrez, county com- purchasing the property.

Gutierrez spoke of Chris Gon- support for Linda DeLeon. discussion about the future of South zales' success as an entrepreneur in

ing South Beach came before the Gonzales, father of Chris Gonzales, entrepreneurs and model citizens," who owns South Beach along with he said. "They are exactly the type of citizens this city needs."

City community and spoke about past to make Lubbock better."

Lubbock and his contributions to the her effort to create her business, All "Chris and Angela are model else would support her. He said his well as employees at the business. support of Chris and Angela Gonza-

"I'm here today to support my

Gutierrez pointed out specific ex- friend, Chris Gonzales, for the exact amples of the contributions Chris and same reason," he said. "Please let us Angela Gonzales make to the Hub work together as we have in the past

Chris Gonzales went before the He said he supported DeLeon and City Council and spoke of the different musical talents who have per-American Concrete, when no one formed at South Beach in the past as

He said South Beach employs

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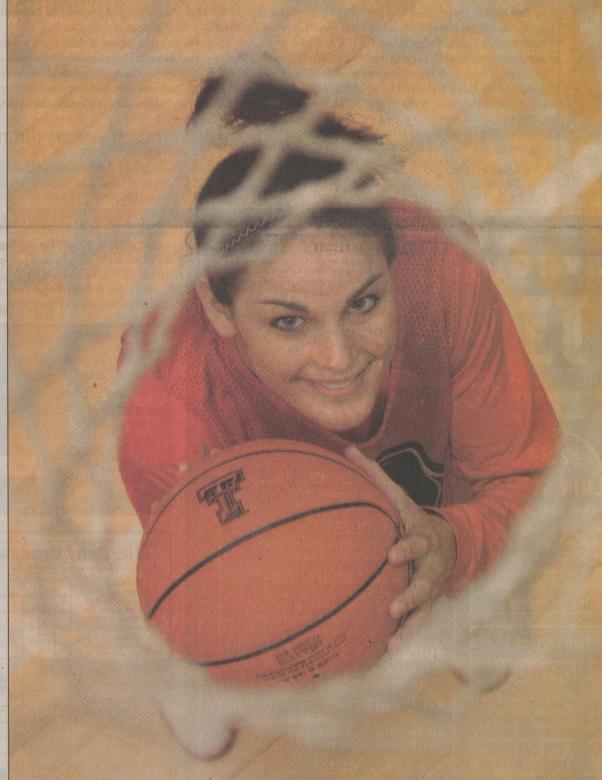


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Robertson sets example on and off the court

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SPORTS EDITOR

Alesha Robertson's shoes were made for walking.

Whether it's her Christian faith or her basketball work ethic, Robertson's collegiate career has made lasting impressions throughout the Texas Tech program.

"I have said a lot of times that she's a person who walks the walk about what she believes as well as anybody I've ever been around," former Lady Raiders' coach Marsha Sharp said of Robertson. "I think she's just outstanding."

Robertson, a McDonald's All-American out of Plainview High School in 2004, has been a consistent role player throughout her career on the court as well as off. Through her first three years under coach Sharp, Robertson averaged 12.5 points per game and at least 3.7 rebounds per game each season.

But in the 2006-07 season, Robertson's game has elevated, averaging 13.1 points per game, complemented by 8.7 rebounds per game — both team highs — under first-year

coach Kristy Curry.

The first-year coach could not agree more with Sharp's take on what kind of player Robertson has been for her this

"I think the greatest compliment you can give somebody is you want your two little girls to be just like her. She's the epitome of what a student-athlete's about. So many people talk the talk, but she walks the walk."

Robertson has experienced the ups and downs of Division I basketball, from No. 1 rankings to just-above average records such as last season's 15-14 finish and missing both the NCAA and WNIT tournaments.

Whether scoring a career-high 37 points against Miami (Fla.) in 2004 or hitting a game-winning 3-pointer to upend conference foe Texas, Robertson believes nothing would be possible without the help of a higher power.

"I think none of us would be here without God," Robertson

Administrators travel to Washington for funding

By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

Members of Texas Tech's administration traveled to Washington, D.C., Monday to lobby Congress for the funding of projects throughout the Texas Tech University System.

Chancellor Kent Hance, Tech President Jon Whitmore and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center President Bernhard Mittemeyer are among the group to push for federal fund-

The group will be in Washington, D.C., through Thursday speaking with several representatives and senators from Texas and other members of Congress who have an interest in the projects researchers at Tech are working on.

Hance said some Democrats in Congress have been campaigning to get rid of earmarks for government programs, but he said he believes the campaigns will not affect the amount of research funding available.

"There is a lot of uncertainty right now concerning earmarks," Hance said. "Some Democrats made campaign issues about earmarks, but I'm confident that though they may change the name, there will still be earmarks in the budget."

He said earmarks help focus how the money in the budget

"We have received almost \$100 million in research funding from earmarks," Hance said. "Earmarks are not a bad thing. It is nothing more than Congress saying 'We want the money spent on this program.' You hear a bad story about one or two earmarks that were probably wasteful anyway, and all earmarks get a bad rap."

Hance said research that helps protect troops overseas is a major concern for the university.

"Our top priority is the pulse-power research with our electrical engineering department and the Department of Defense," he said. "We research how to keep (improvised explosive devises) from being activated and disarming the IEDs before they are activated. This is something everyone in Congress can get excited about. Whether you are for or against the war, everybody is in agreement that saving lives is critical."

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White House board says surveillance programs OK

By HOPE YEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House privacy board is giving its stamp of approval to two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — and says they do not violate citizens' civil liberties.

After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress next week.

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warrantless eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking transactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members told The Associated Press in telephone interviews.

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

"We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with the top people all the way down to those doing the handson work," said Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board. "The program is structured and implemented in a way

that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties,"

Some board members were troubled by the Homeland Security Department's error-ridden no-fly lists, which critics say use subjective or inconclusive data to flag suspect travelers.

One area the board will focus on in its report is the computerized anti-terrorism screening system recently announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign

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Lubbock police attempt to deter vehicular crime

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Feb. 24

The Lubbock Police Department received a report of unau- store. When police arrived, they thorized use of a vehicle in the detected a strong odor of alco-6600 block of 114th Street. Police hol coming from the suspect's said the suspect asked the victim breath; the suspect's speech to borrow the victim's keys to a was slurred and he barely could 2005 blue Pontiac Sunfire to get walk without falling, according the victim's purse out of the vehicle. After the suspect obtained the keys, he started the car and report of an aggravated robbery drove away without the victim's at the Nothin' Butt Smokes permission.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for a misdemeanor warrant hicle outside the building. The in the 1500 block of 34th Street. suspect approached the cashier According to reports, the suspect and demanded money. Police was exposing his genitalia while urinating in a public place. Police than \$5,000 from the register said they discovered the suspect had an outstanding warrant. The suspect was transported to the 18-year-old suspect for assault Lubbock Police Department hold- and a misdemeanor warrant

of aggravated assault at 3:15 a.m. Police said the suspect assaulted in the 1100 block of 58th Street. his 33-year-old female cousin According to reports, an individ- by pulling the victim's hair and ual was attempting to stop a fight punching the victim multiple between three suspects and was times in the face. Police transinjured in the process. Police said ported the victim to a Lubbock the victim was hit on his head and detention facility. The victim cut on his stomach. The suspects said she felt pain but refused fled the scene and have not been emergency medical services, located, according to reports.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for driving while intoxicated suspects for possession of narand delivery of marijuana follow- cotics in the 100 block of Zeing a traffic stop in the 2500 block nith Avenue. Police said they of 19th Street. Police said they located the suspects inside a approached the suspect's white blue 1991 Cadillac four-door 1992 Pontiac four-door vehicle vehicle behind a 7-Eleven store. at a traffic light on 19th Street When police approached the and discovered the suspect was suspects, they found a white passed out. Upon further inspec- rocky substance in the lap of the tion, the 22-year-old suspect was driver. According to reports, determined intoxicated and was in the passenger of the vehicle possession of marijuana, according was attempting to swallow some to reports.

Lubbock police arrested a sus- police. pect for public intoxication and

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a misdemeanor warrant in the 6300 block of 82nd Street. According to reports, the suspect was yelling at employees and knocking over shelves at a to reports.

Lubbock police received a store in the 2500 block of 79th Street. According to reports, a suspect entered the store while two others remained in a vesaid the suspects stole more before fleeing from the scene.

Lubbock police arrested an following a domestic dispute in Lubbock police received a report the 1900 block of 60th Street. according to reports.

Lubbock Police arrested two marijuana, but was caught by

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Conference addresses homelessness

STAFF WRITER

Students and representatives of state agencies are expected to converge at the downtown Young building today to discuss homelessness in Lubbock.

conference Homelessness on the South Plains at 1500 14th St. The event will feature former homeless people sharing their stories and keynote speakers, including Jim Walsh, public policy for Family Promise.

"In America, it's clear that povfamilies, and people don't have access in rural.' to basic health care.'

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is sponsoring the Chronic Homelessness Initiative, which was based on studies

for over one year."

According to the Web site, the Family Promise will sponsor the department will attempt to solve to 3 p.m., with registration begin-children." services. Walsh said that approach may work in larger cities, but it is the national director of education and not the best option for cities such

"New York and Philadelphia erty is increasing," Walsh said. "Hous- aren't the rest of the country," Walsh tion will focus on the children of

> According to a press release, the main topic at the conference will be influencing public policy on the national, state and local levels.

"The nice thing about the confer-

department's Web site, the initiative Susan Moeller, the development deals with people who are chroni- director for Family Promise in Lubcally homeless. The Web site defines bock. "We're giving tips on how to a chronically homeless person as "an influence public policy that could unaccompanied disabled individual work for a variety of issues. I hope Women's Christian Association who has been continuously homeless to be able to share information with people at large."

the problem of chronic homelessness ning at 8:30 a.m. The \$20 cost to by providing homeless people with attend the conference includes lunch. Lone Star State needs to put more permanent housing and supportive and refreshments. Darrell Vines, president of Family Promise's board of trustees, said the registration fee will be waived for any homeless person wanting to attend.

Vines said a part of the presentaing costs are unaffordable for many said. "It's different in urban areas than homeless families and ways to pull them out of the poverty cycle.

"The emphasis will be on children," Vines said. "We want to help the children see a different vision for themselves."

The best way to bring children nity to succeed." of homelessness in New York City ence is that we're not only educating away from poverty and homelessness

and Philadelphia. According to the people about public policy," said is to put more resources into day care Walsh said.

"Better day care means better school performances," he said. "That leads to a better education and then higher wages in the work force. It's important to break the cycles of poverty and homelessness, and The conference runs from 9 a.m. that requires more resources for

> Moeller said she believes the resources into early childhood de-

> "Texas has never put money into programs that benefited children," Moeller said. "The money is focused on higher education."

Walsh said he hopes the state can give more resources to children to increase their chances for success.

"If you're born in a poor community, your chances of getting out are lower," he said. "We want to make sure that everyone has the opportu-

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Lawmaker says military health care problems persist beyond walls of Walter Reed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sub-Army's flagship veterans hospital likely Medical Center said Monday.

"We need a sustained focus here, standard living conditions found at the and much more needs to be done," Rep. John Tierney said of a scandal exist throughout the military health enveloping Walter Reed. Charges of more and more troops into Iraq and officers and the Army's No. 2 civilian. care system, the head of a House bureaucratic delays and poor treat- Afghanistan, these problems are only panel investigating Walter Reed Army ment there have produced calls in going to get worse, not better." Congress for quick reform.

Tierney said he is afraid "these ment Reform subcommittee hearing problems go well beyond the walls of Monday at the hospital brought a wide Walter Reed," adding that "as we send range of apologies from top-level Army

A House Oversight and Govern- of the Army.

"We have let some soldiers down," said Peter Geren, the undersecretary

Suicide car bomber kills 38 in Baghdad market; 7 Shiite pilgrims die in shootings

suicide car bomber turned a venerable and seven pilgrims were killed. book market into a deadly inferno

The violence — after a relative and gunmen targeted Shiite pilgrims three-day lull in Baghdad — was has so far resisted full-scale retaliation Monday as suspected Sunni insurseen as another salvo in the Sunni through a combination of self-intercould take a serious bite out of algents brought major bloodshed back extremist campaign to provoke a sec- est and intense government pressure. Sadr's voice in government — a move

Washington's plans for Iraq.

The Shiite Mahdi Army militia him on the defensive.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A At least 38 people died in the blast the Shitte-led government and erase cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, is now being cornered in new ways that have put

An expected Cabinet reshuffle into the lap of their main Shiite rivals. tarian civil war that could tear apart But the militia's leader, the radical strongly encouraged by Washington.

Vice President Cheney to be treated for deep venous thrombosis in left leg

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors tion that could be fatal if left untreated. with blood-thinning medication for float into the lungs, This is called a puldiscovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condi-history of heart problems, will be treated

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Anne McBride.

fice in Washington after feeling minor disthrombosis — in his left lower leg.

can become killers if they break off and ended last week.

The 66-year-old Cheney, who has a several months, said spokeswoman Lea monary embolism. Deep vein thrombosis strikes an estimated 2 million Americans She said Cheney visited his doctor's of-each year, killing 60,000.

Many people suffer DVT after spendcomfort in his calf. An ultrasound showed ing long periods without moving, such the blood clot — called a deep venous as passengers on long-haul airline flights. Cheney spent about 65 hours on a plane Blood clots that form deep in the legs on a nine-day, round-the-world trip that







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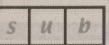
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Disgruntled employee wounds 3 co-workers, kills self

— A disgruntled employee shot and Center, Ghobrial said. seriously wounded three co-workers at a menu printing plant Monday, then killed himself before a SWAT team entered the building, authorities said.

The man, about 67, entered taken to St. Mary Medical Center. Kenyon Press shortly after 9 a.m., fire on three co-workers with a semiautomatic handgun, said police Capt. Mary Risinger. The name of the gunman wasn't released.

the man had indicated he was upset about a reduction in work affecting all employees, Risinger said. The owner wasn't present during the shooting.

hours cut back," Risinger said. "So he was upset about that, about not having enough work."

The cutback began six months ago and the man had not been given any work hours for the last month and "shut up" to someone before he shot down." the three victims, who apparently helped him get the job about a year wasn't known, Risinger said. ago, Risinger siad.

Trauma surgeon Gergis Ghobrial said Rafael Mendoza, 46, was shot left elbow, and part of his spine was fractured. Sergio Garcia, 49, was shot turing workers. once in the chest and once in the left

Both were in fair but stable condi- to its Web site.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.

on the run in the snowy wilderness

confessed to killing his wife in the

couple's home while their children

hours hiding in a park at the tip of

Michigan's Lower Peninsula. He was

discharged from a hospital Monday

and brought back to Macomb County

outside Detroit, where he was being

ing out exactly what took place" in

Prosecutor Eric Smith said investigators do not believe that the

the slaying of his wife, Tara.

her, authorities said Monday.

were there and later dismembering in a nearby park.

Michigan man confesses to

killing and dismembering wife

(AP) — A man captured after a night porting his wife missing. Investigators

Stephen Grant, 37, was arrest- struggle, including neck bruises, ac-

Sheriff Mark Hackel said Grant that investigators intend to use "ev-

the media."

gave a very lengthy confession, lay- ery statement he has made against

ed over the weekend and treated cording to Spitz. It was unclear when

for hypothermia after he spent 10 the body was dismembered.

SIGNAL HILL, Calif. (AP) tion at Long Beach Memorial Medical

"They were very shocked," Ghobrial said. "They could not talk but now they seem to be more relaxed."

There was no immediate information on the other victim, who was

A dozen workers were in the walked past a superior and opened business at the time of the attack. A female worker locked herself in a room and called 911 when the shooting started.

Some employees, including two The business owner told police of the wounded, had fled by the time police arrived. Officers got the other employees and the remaining wounded man out of the building.

Rey Luna, 34, saw the chaos from "The employees recently had their a construction business where he works across the street.

"Some of them were running from the back of the building," he said of fleeing employees. "The other ones were coming out from the front door. And the cops were pulling them out a half, Risinger said. The man said with guns drawn and frisking them

The total number of shots fired

Kenyon Press, which makes custom designed menus, has customer service personnel, copywriters, deonce in the back and once in the signers, illustrators, proofreaders, prepress, press and bindery/manufac-

Its clientele includes Las Vegas casinos and hotel chains, according

Grant waited five days before re-

found her torso Friday in the garage

of the couple's home in suburban

Detroit. Other body parts turned up

The remains showed signs of a

Spitz said he was confident all the

Smith said Grant was "a willing

remains were from the same body but

DNA testing was being conducted at

participant" in the confession and

him, including statements made to

Tuesday on charges of murder and

Grant is scheduled to be arraigned

a state police laboratory.

New station manager selected for KTXT-FM

STAFF WRITER

manager next school year.

The Student Media Committee celebration," he said. determined Ali "Burgers" Rana to be position Monday night. One other candidate, Ingrid Reynolds, also applied for the position.

Todd Chambers, committee staff next year. chairman and associate professor of mass communications, said the canthe position, but Rana's knowledge gave him an edge.

"They are both passionate candidates, and we really appreciated both their efforts," Chambers said. "(Rana) he has done in the past. He knows she can. what it takes to train a (disc jockey). and lead a station."

edge to lead the station in the future.

"He clearly identified his goals and KTXT-FM will have a new station he is already planning ahead and talking about changes for next year's birthday

Chad Davis, a committee member the most-qualified candidate for the and assistant professor of agriculture education and communication, said the applicants understand their way around the station, and both will be assets to the

"They were both highly qualified candidates and they both have a great didates were both enthusiastic about working knowledge of the radio station," Davis said. "We are very fortunate to have two great quality candidates."

Reynolds, a junior English major from Cleburne, said she believes she was the best candidate, but she is ready has a wealth of experience with what work with and support Rana in any way

"I feel like I'm the best for the job, and I had to go for it," Reynolds said. Chambers said he believes Rana "Burgers has a lot of potential to do a ciple.

has a vision for the future and the knowllot of great things. He just has to step up and accept that role. I am going to be as supportive as I can and keep throwing ideas at him that I think can help the station grow."

Rana, a senior advertising major from Victoria, said he wants to make the station more well known to everyone in Lubbock and make it the place people go to when they want to listen to good

"I think I have a pretty good idea for how to promote the station," Rana said. "I want to put in the best music and play the best music. I was watching something the other day and this guy was talking about how he went from house to house and store to store and his station was on everywhere he went. That's what I want for KTXT(-FM), and I want people to listen to it because they enjoy it, not just because it is on."

Rana said he will continue to program underground music out of prin-



ALI "BURGERS" RANA

"Everybody starts out underground," he said. "We want to give people the chance to be heard, but we also want to play good music, and the people we try to play are people who we think won't sell out."

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SGA creates polling site for students

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students have a new way to voice their opinions.

Tech Pulse, a Web site that questions students on various issues and allows them to respond anonymously, Government Association.

ttu.edu/pulse/, was developed by the SGA to gain a better perspective on the wants and needs of the student

Joseph Wojnarowski, a senior political science and business management major from Austin, said he started brainstorming ways students could more effectively voice their opinions after becoming upset with one of his professors. He said his professor made him feel like his vote did not matter.

Wojnarowski said. "If we can vote on committees.

issues that actually matter and have a direct impact, we could change things."

Wojnarowski said he ended up in the office of John Hanson, a biology graduate senator, and the two came up with the idea for a Web site.

idea to Tech Information Technology was launched Friday by the Student Division about a year ago, and the SGA The Web site, http://appserv.itts. actual site. He said IT did not charge the SGA any fees.

> Hanson said the site is designed to give explanations as well as the pros and cons concerning important issues. He said some students may not understand issues in full.

"A lot of times, people don't know what is really at stake," Hanson said. "The Web site can give both sides of the issues and let students make informed the SGA senators.

say. It sucks we can't have a direct vote, receive the polling results, which then are available. but we can have a strong support," will be distributed to the appropriate

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he hopes many students use the Web site so the SGA can gain feedback on

"Hopefully as issues arise, it will be a way for students to let us know what Hanson said he took the Web site they're thinking so that we can represent them more effectively," Worley said.

and IT worked together to establish the to find out what students are thinking, Worley said. "I don't think it makes it a democracy

Although it is a work in progress, necessarily," Worley said, "where we are just going to be run by the polls, but I think it gives students a way to communicate with us." Kerri Pike, SGA supervisor, said she

> oversees the Web site. She said she will type out the surveys and submit them to the Web site. She said she doubts many students know about the site aside from

"I wanted students to have a direct Hanson said the SGA office will made on TechAnnounce as more surveys

Ryan Worley, SGA president, said on athletic events and the other on parents' weekends. Students are asked questions about participation in the events and feelings on why or why not they participated.

Hanson said he believes students have a responsibility to inform themselves, just as much as the SGA has a The SGA will review the results responsibility to provide information. He said he hopes students start contributing to the polls.

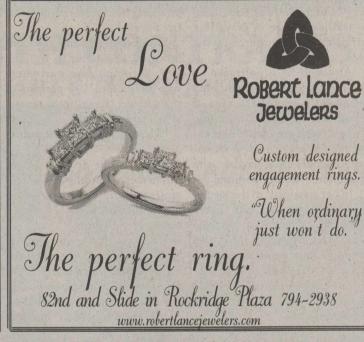
"Students complain that they don't get their input taken," Hanson said, "and really it is a two-way relationship. Students have to take an initiative too when something is going on and say 'Hey this is bothering me."

Hanson said he plans to talk to Worley about possible ways of polling students on diversity, since concerns have been brought to the SGA.

Students can access the Web site Hanson said announcements will be with their student ID and password, and Worley said he encourages any student who has an idea for the Web site to e-Currently, there are two surveys on mail him at ryan.worley@ttu.edu.

the Pulse Web site. One polls students >> mag8240@hotmail.com

couple's two children — a 6-year-old dismemberment of a body, Smith girl and a 4-year-old boy — witnessed the slaying. He said, "There's been no As he was discharged from the evidence about anything they were hospital on Monday, Grant rode in doing other than sleeping." a wheelchair and wore protective Autopsy results suggested Tara footwear because of frostbite. He Grant was strangled on Feb. 9, said ignored reporters' questions before Medical Examiner Daniel Spitz. That stepping into a vehicle from the was the date she was last seen alive sheriff's department. Hackel told reporters Monday after returning from a business trip to Puerto Rico. Police have said the night that Grant was being held in a couple had recently argued over her medical unit of the jail and had been Body Bronze IV 50th & Quaker cooperative. frequent trips. s) (Next to McDonald's) (Next to Arby's) 792-4439 722-0672 Near Tech grams in the country, which is the major topic he will be lobbying for ship good at any of these 4 locations! memo while in Washington, D.C. and Stand-Ups at NO extra cost!!



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Mittemeyer said he will push for funding to help research new methods of fighting ailments.

"We hope to work with the military and collaborate with them on the infectious disease problem," Mittemeyer said. "Infectious diseases are problem at home, but it's also important to work on our defenses overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan."

He said he believes the blood substitution research the HSC is conducting will help make blood transfusions more accessible in other parts of the world.

"We have made tremendous progress using blood obtained from a very specific breed of Hereford cattle," Mittemeyer said. "We take the hemoglobin and combine it with substances to prevent it from being toxic to humans. This could make a major difference in undeveloped countries like those in Africa, because cattle don't get HIV or hepatitis."

He said influenza research and cardiovascular disease/stroke research are topics he will lobby to get increased funding for as well. He said funding for the El Paso School of Medicine, scheduled to open in the fall of 2009, is a topic of interest.

Whitmore said he believes Tech has one of the best alternative-energy wind-research pro-

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The Market and lounge at Stangel/ Murdough is one of my favorite places to relax and the fact that my classrooms and the library are only a five-minute walk is always helpful - especially around mid-term and final times. I have made close relationships here that I would not have forged if I had not chosen to live on campus. I also believe that living on campus has helped me stay out of many typically dangerous college situations, since the environment here is so naturally conducive to safe activities and group recreation.

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Inconvenient Truths

report released last week by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research stated former vice president and star of the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore, spent an average of \$1,200 a month in 2006 for his 10,000 square-foot estate in Nashville, Tenn.

According to the report, Gore's electricity use also increased "from 16,200 kilowatt-hours per month in 2005 to 18,400 kwh per month in 2006." In total, Gore spent nearly \$30,000 in electricity and natural-gas bills last year.

of findings by the center, Gore's spokeswoman, Kalee Kreider, panels to cut energy costs and lives a "carbon-neutral lifestyle" to counteract his carbon emis-

Unfortunately for Gore, the estate are taken into account.

Gore's estate pales in compari- work." son with another famous politician's home, President George W. Bush's Crawford Ranch.

The "Western White House" has been called "a model of en-Sullivan of the Chicago Tribune. It includes features such as:

- A centralized heating and cooling center that uses geothermal pumps extending 300 feet into the ground. The system uses water from below the earth's surface, where the temperature is a constant 67 degrees Fahrenheit that can then heat the house in the winter and cool it in the summer. The system uses only traditional heating and cooling

— A 25,000-gallon rain and than he actually is. wastewater gathering system, which is used to irrigate the land from renewable-energy sources. around the house.

large grove of oak trees, and all ered that approximately \$432 the vegetation around the home of Gore's \$1,200 monthly power is native to the area.

to take advantage of prevailing tric Service. winds and temperatures in the

the mainstream media as being who would like 100 percent of vehemently against the idea of human-caused global warming, it appears the president has managed to live a more environmen- plete switch? tally friendly lifestyle than the champion of global warming.

Gore's spokeswoman said, "Every SUV, which only gets 27 highway family has a different carbon footprint" and "They, of course, also do the carbon emissions offset." It's when you begin to look into Toyota Prius, which on the high-Gore's "carbon-neutral lifestyle" the truth comes together rather the Chevy Tahoe - a non-hybrid inconveniently.

The first topic you need to un- miles per gallon. derstand is that of a carbon footprint. Basically, it's the amount of Mitsubishi Mirage is able to pull carbon dioxide you produce each off 33 highway miles per gallon, year, according to the amount and it's 12 years old. of electricity you consume, how much you drive, how many times mance and my below-average you fly in an airplane, etc.

For a point of reference, I decided to go to the Web site for me? "An Inconvenient Truth," www. compare it to Gore's.

on the Web site, I produce 6.3 7.5 tons.

Calculating a number for Gore proved a little more difficult as that have already been spent on the calculator only provided for the "problem," how inconvenient a maximum monthly electric bill that would be? of \$500.

per month though, the Gore him at trey.caliva@ttu.edu.



family produces around 29 tons of carbon per year. So how does Gore live a "carbon-neutral lifestyle?"

Basically, this is achieved by investing in companies that promote alternative energies, reduce energy consumption or pay less-developed countries to Shortly following the release use environmentally friendly technologies.

To offset his carbon footprint, said the Gore family uses com- Gore invests in a company called pact fluorescent lights and solar Generation Investment Manage-

The first goal listed in the company's mission statement begins with, "Deliver superior investment performance by takelectricity-usage figures in the ing a long-term investment view report come after any energy- and integrating sustainability reducing measures at the Gore research within a rigorous fundamental equity-analysis frame-

In plain English, Generation Investment Management's first goal is to make money for its investors. And who also happens to be a founder and current vironmental rectitude" by Rob chairman of the board of the organization? Our old friend, Al Gore. So basically, when Gore touts how he "does the carbon emissions offset," he's essentially paying himself.

Gore is perpetrating a lie on the people of the world, the media eats it up, people buy into organizations like General Investment Management and Gore's wallet gets fatter.

Carbon offset isn't the only one quarter of the electricity of area in which Gore has stretched the truth to make himself sound more environmentally friendly

Gore said he receives power Research by the Nashville news-- The home is shaded by a paper The Tennessean uncovbill pays directly for green - The house was positioned provided by the Nashville Elec-

The electric company can, however, according to its Web Although he is portrayed by site, accommodate customers their power drawn from renewable energy sources.

Why hasn't Gore done a com-

Gore said he drives a hybrid car. In fact, according to The Ten-In her statement to the media, nessean article, he drives a Lexus miles per gallon.

Compare that to the best hybrid vehicle on the market, the way gets 51 miles per gallon or SUV - which gets 21 highway

For goodness sake, my 1995

With that kind of car perforcarbon footprint, why haven't they made a documentary about

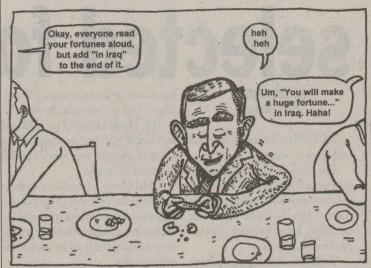
Politicians, the media and the climatecrisis.net, to discover my general public need to pull the own carbon footprint and then wool from over their eyes and realized they've been duped. I According to the calculator imagine it will only be a matter of time before another one of Gore's tons of carbon per year, which hypocrisies on the environment happens to be less than the catches up with him. Even worse, average person, who produces we discover human activity hasn't caused global warming.

With the billions of dollars

■ Caliva is a senior mathematics Even using the figure of \$500 major from San Antonio. E-mail

RRECTIONS

In Monday's edition of The Daily Toreador, we incorrectly affiliated Philip Pride with the SGA trip to Spain in 2005 on Page Five. Pride was there on another trip and was not part of the SGA's trip. The DT regrets this error.









Republicans having identity crisis

onservatives are scratching their heads. At the Conservative

Political Action Conference Friday, most of the Republicans seeking the 2008 nomination gave speeches to rally support among the right-wing members of the party.

Despite Ann Coulter's disgusthave stolen media coverage from mobilizing those voters. the Republican candidates, the want to be?

No front-runner for conserva-

port former Gov. Mitt Romney of tive to alienate independents. Massachusetts, 17 percent support former New York City mayor Rudy reach the problem for 2008. Giuliani, 15 percent support Sen. of Arizona, respectively.

While it may be nice for Romother than being Mormon, 21 percent is hardly a landslide - especially when national polls among the low single digits.

candidate under whom conservatives can unite?

Recent memory certainly sug-

ing remarks, which once again sional majority in 2002 and 2004 by

While the anti-war movement conference highlighted a dilemma may have out-mobilized the religious lurking within the Republican right in the 2006 midterm elections, cannot be underestimated.

Bush and the congressional canditives emerged from the confer- dates did not win simply on the basis of being conservatives; they also had A straw poll among CPAC the ability to raise money for their members showed 21 percent sup-campaigns by not being too conserva-

And that's where conservatives

The three Republican heavy-Sam Brownback of Kansas, fol- weights running are McCain, Romlowed by 14 percent and 12 percent ney and Giuliani. Each has major supporting former Speaker Newt stains on his conservative record, Gingrich and Sen. John McCain which have drawn the ire of the right wing.

For McCain, the problems are ney to be in the news for something complex. He has been a major hawk for the Iraq war, but he is one of the administration's most vocal critics. He is anti-abortion and anti-gay

Republicans have his numbers in marriage, but he often has criticized leaders of the religious right. Most But is it truly critical to have a bizarrely, he has a pretty conservative voting record, but conservatives still won't warm up to him.

His support among the GOP faithful has dwindled because of his George W. Bush won in 2000 no-holds-barred style of politics. He and 2004 by being the champion never has had a problem breaking of the religious right, and he helped with the party, especially on issues increase the Republican congres- such as campaign finance reform and

government spending.

Robertson and Jerry Falwell "agents of nomination? intolerance.'

is pandering to the far right — but religious men. unsuccessfully.

quite conservative. He's anti-aborfundraising problem. Also, they might tion, anti-gay marriage and he's even be too conservative to garner outside Party: Just how conservative do we the power of traditional conservatives a member of the National Rifle Association.

The only problem is just a few years ago he was pro-abortion rights midst of an identity crisis. It cannot and pro-gay rights. He even supports some embryonic stem cell research, not to mention he only joined the seven years and continue to nominate NRA this year.

Kerry of 2008. He is too calculating. He changes his positions to help him gain support from different groups. Most conservatives have recognized this, and the more he's in the news, the more it will hurt him.

Then there's the clear GOP frontrunner: Giuliani. Does anybody except for me know this guy's record?

He's pro-abortion rights, pro-gay rights and pro-gun control. And come

on, he's been married three times. In his 2000 campaign for presi- Does anybody really think he has a dent, he called evangelical leaders Pat chance at winning the Republican

Of course, if the GOP really wants While mainstream Americans a true conservative, it could rally long have admired McCain for this around former Gov. Mike Huckabee courageous behavior, he has alien- of Arkansas or Brownback. They are ated the religious right. Now McCain both very conservative and devoutly

However, nobody knows who Romney's current positions are those two are, which poses a serious support. So what's a conservative to do?

The Republican Party is in the decide whether it should stick to the Bush-Rove strategy from the past diehard conservatives, or if the time What is it with these guys from has come to shift the party's platform Massachusetts? Romney is the John and support liberals like Giuliani and Romney.

> Far be it from me to want more Republicans in office, but unless they want to lose big in 2008, they need to figure out who they are - and figure it out fast.

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South Beach

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a diverse group of individuals who supplement their income with the market. salary they make at the club.

"South Beach is not just a night club; we are a premiere entertainment venue," he said. "City Council, I urge you to work with us and continue the tradition of privately owned family businesses in the Depot (Entertainment) District."

John Leonard, councilman for District 5, responded to concerns about the future of South Beach.

"Hearing what we're hearing today about this family, if what's being said is true, I think we should give this business time to relocate, reestablish themselves," he said.

Mayor David Miller said the city has been looking into purchasing property to build a visitors of business," Miller said. "Our goal center, and the location of South and our desire is not to displace you Beach, 1816 Ave. G, has been of

center.

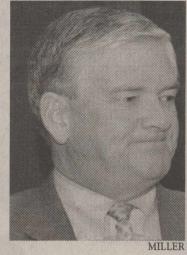
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However, he said the city is not buy the building. using eminent domain to purchase the property, but it has put in a bid because the property where South Beach is located was on the ture to say anything definite.



inappropriately."

Miller said Lubbock is the largest Gonzales are renting the location of city in Texas not to have a visitors South Beach and have the right of absent from the meeting. refusal, in other words, the option to

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The option of buying the property is something Chris Gonzales said he has looked into, but it is too prema-

In response to Miller saying the "It's not our intent to put you out matter would be looked into further, Chris Gonzales said he was pleased.

> However, he said things would have been better if he had been notified about the bid by the council instead of through hearsay in the community.

"If we had been contacted initially by someone in City Council, we wouldn't have been in surprise,"

Another issue discussed during the resident-comment portion of the meeting was an ordinance amendment concerning health.

According to the meeting agenda, the amendment concerned "adopting rules for on-site sewage facilities, providing a savings clause, providing a penalty clause and providing for publication."

The ordinance amendment was Miller said Chris and Angela passed with a vote of 6-0, with Gary Boren, councilman for District 3,

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Surveillance

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assign risk assessments to millions of Americans who fly abroad.

"That's a place where there's a lot of opportunity for improvement," Dinkins said.

Lanny Davis, a former Clinton White House counsel and the lone Democrat on the panel, described the board's first report to Congress as modest. He said most of the work in the past year was spent being briefed on the administration's surveillance programs.

"We felt reassured by the checks and balance concerns," Davis said. He said that after several classified briefings, members were impressed by the multiple layers of review, which included audit trails to track whoever has access to the data.

Still, Davis said he anticipated the board will continue to monitor the program as needed. "It would be a mistake if that was the end of the review," he said.

The board's initial findings come as Congress is moving forward

on measures to give the board more any of the information improperly. authority and make it more independent of the president. Created in late 2004, the panel was established as a compromise between Congress and the White House after a recommendation by the Sept. 11 commission.

Both conservative and liberal civil liberties groups have urged the members to aggressively review the eavesdropping program and have rent board in its ability to provide questioned whether board members meaningful evaluation of important would stand up to the president if he programs such as the no-fly lists, based were flouting the law.

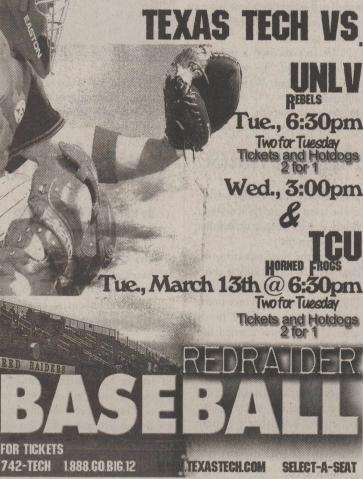
In recent weeks, the administration has agreed to let a secret but that Congress make the civil liberties independent panel of judges oversee the program. But many lawmakers and civil libertarians have remained skeptical about its legality, and the Justice Department's inspector general is change its annual reports before they investigating whether the agency used

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, called it absurd that the board effectively gave the eavesdropping program its stamp of approval even before the administration was forced to backtrack and submit it to

"I have no confidence in the curon its work on the domestic surveillance program," he said. "It is critical board independent of the executive

The board does not have subpoena power, and the White House can go to Congress.

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Reggie Stephey, now 25, is spending his college years in prison for driving drunk. In 1999, he crashed his SUV into a car with five people, killing two and burning Jacqui Saburido beyond recognition. He'll be 28 when he is released. Jacqui will deal with her injuries for the rest of her life.

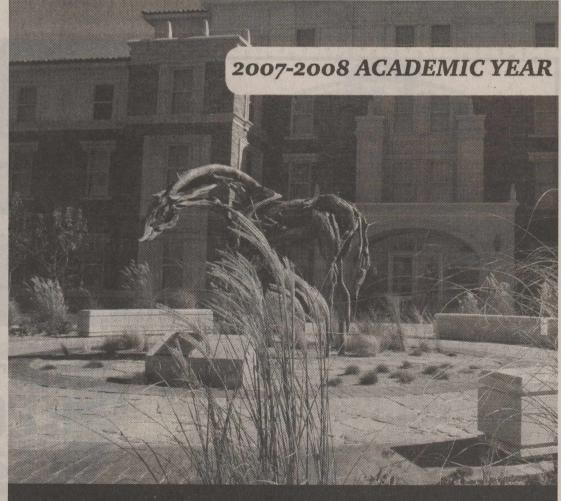
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simulation shows students different lifestyle

By GLENYS BOLLS STAFF WRITER

hosted a poverty simulation Monday to jump start the activities of Human Sciences Week.

faculty members the opportunity to impoverished." see what life is like for someone living

"They face real life demands," said David Ivey, associate dean of the college. "They address survival government agencies."

were given identities of impoverished individuals, often in families, who had certain things they had to accomplish during the course of a week, which was actually 15 minutes long. One thing be available.' the parents needed to do was enroll their children in child care.

assistant who was acting as a child-care pay the bills. provider. "I collect payments of \$100, and if they can't pay, I refer them to counts, and I have to collect money they are and encourage them to help other agencies. This really shows the kinds of things you have to juggle."

The parents in the simulation had to make sure their children got to tor in the simulation. "As the weeks school every day, along with getting progress, I get nastier. At week four, I everything else accomplished.

erything you have to do in a short poverty." time span," said Jennifer Redman, The College of Human Sciences a junior human development and family studies major from Abilene who played a child. "If this were real, I wouldn't have eaten in two weeks. The simulation gave students and You realize what's involved in being

> The simulation went into detail, tasks, including grocery shopping and finishing homework for school.

"It shows how people operate on needs, going around to shelters and low income," said Gail Eubanks, a interacting with people from various senior business assistant who portrayed a school teacher. "There are things At the simulation, participants you can do to earn money, but then there are things you're required to spend money on, too. If you don't have the money, there are places you can go for help, but help won't always numbers does not have the same

One of the station's participants could go to the pawn shop where they "We only have two open spots a would sell some of their possessions week," said May Lim, a senior business to collect the money they needed to

> from them," said Damon Rappely, a those in poverty. marriage and family therapy graduate student who acted as a utility collecstart shutting people off. It's an effec-

"It's overwhelming to realize ev- tive activity to raise awareness about

Ivey said he believes poverty is an issue people need to be aware of.

"We're really looking at poverty and the human experience," Ivey said. "It tends to be an overlooked issue. Neglecting that issue affects the human experience."

As tight as money is sometimes, and participants performed a series of real poverty is not something many college students deal with, Rappely

> "We live a really privileged life as college students," he said. "We may be poor, but we can still get from point A to point B, and a lot of people can't. It really hits home."

> Eubanks said it is important to think about poverty in terms of actual people, because thinking in terms of

> "Our college is about people," Eubanks said. "Everything we do is about people. This event educates everybody on how people live." Ivev said the simulation was de-

"I have a list of people with ac-signed to show students how fortunate

"We live in such a privileged society," he said. "To not attend to this is rather sad. We can make a difference."

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BRITTANY HIGH, A senior retailing major from Austin, after getting her \$280 utility bill from Damon Rappley, a graduate student from Grants Pass, Ore., in a poverty simulation exercise held at the Human Sciences bulding Monday afternoon.

U.S.-led coalition airstrike hits Afghan house

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coalition airstrike destroyed a mud- four generations of an Afghan family

JABAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A a U.S. base, killing nine people from and relatives said Monday — one of the latest in a string of civilian brick home after a rocket attack on including a 6-month-old, officials deaths that threaten to undermine the government.

It was the third report in two days of U.S. forces killing civilians. The airstrike took place late Sunday in Kapisa province north of the capital, some 12 hours after U.S. Marines opened fire on civilian cars and pedestrians following a suicide bombing in eastern Nangahar province.

In the other incident, an American convoy in the southern city of Kandahar - where suicide attacks have become commonplace over the past year - opened fire Monday on a vehicle that drove too close, killing the driver, said Noor Ahmad, a Kandahar police officer who said he witnessed the shooting. A NATO spokesman said he did not have any information.

Up to 10 Afghans died in the aftermath of the Nangahar suicide attack, which wounded a U.S. Marine. President Hamid Karzai condemned the bombing, "which caused the American forces to fire on civilians," and a statement said relatives of the dead wanted the "perpetrators" brought to justice.

Tech leads way in biofuel research

By RICHARD CAMPANARO STAFF WRITER

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is acting as the lead agency in researching potential effects of biofuel production in the Southern mustard seeds, canola, corn, sun- crops for biofuels could revitalize Great Plains.

According to the college's Web site, research efforts are aimed at energy and material balance, production costs and economic impacts of both ethanol and biodiesel Southern Great Plains. The Southern Great Plains encompasses a covers parts of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado.

Dick Auld, a professor of plant cereal and grain. and soil sciences who has almost 30

Auld said the Southern Great lion in funding. Plains has the resources and space to sustain major alternative-fuelproduction facilities.

"Bigger is better," he said. "Lots we are taking acres to grow oil

of acres, lots of farmers - excuse instead of food." me, that's West Texas."

Soil Sciences is researching several high-oil-yield crops which could be used as biofuels. Crops such as castor beans, safflower seeds, camelina, Southern Great Plains.

Auld said production of alternative fuels could have several consequences on the local and national produced commercially on the economy, such as increased farmland values, discounted livestock feed — a byproduct of ethanol 100,000 square-mile area, which production - increased returns on commodities and possible spikes in

years experience researching biofu- and manager of the Tech research States' use." els, said he believes the Southern farm, said he believes Tech could be Great Plains has the potential to the leader in oil-seed crop research Energy's projections for future biobe one of the leading producers for biofuels if given the proper fuel use is to produce sustainable of alternative fuels in the United funding. He said members of the supplies of renewable biofuels to department hope to garner \$3 mil-

our dependency on foreign oil," Oswalt said. "The problem is that

He said the production of crops The Department of Plant and such as safflower would be beneficial for the West Texas community because they use little water in comparison to cotton and are profitable for farmers. He said production of flowers and cotton could be grown, small towns - which have suffered produced and used as biofuels in the due to water shortages - since they already have the necessary infrastructure to begin production.

Oswalt said constructing a 40million-gallon biofuel production plant in the Southern Great Plains would make an impact locally, but it would take billions of gallons to make a difference nationally.

"If every acre of farmland in the price of consumer products like the United States was put into an oil-seed crop," he said, "it would Steve Oswalt, research associate not produce enough oil for United

displace 30 percent of petroleum by 2030. He said this will require "Biofuels will help us alleviate 62 billion gallons of equivalent biofuels.

Auld said the world consumes 400 quadrillion British Thermal Unit's annually, 1/4 of which is consumed by the United States.

'To put this in perspective," he said, "toasting a piece of bread uses about half of a BTU."

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Potential Biofuel Impacts

Economic

One 40-million-gallon biofuel plant could bring \$142 million in new construction funds, expand the local economic base by \$110 million each year of plant operation and would support more than 700 jobs indirectly in the local

community. Domestic

One 40-million-gallon biofuel plant could increase annual household income in the community by \$20 million and boost sale-tax receipts for state and local government by an average of \$1.2 million.

Byproduct Utilization

The distiller grain, co-produced from an ethanol plant, provides high-protein feed for more than 250,000 cattle on finishing rations. The 340 tons of carbon dioxide recovered from ethanol processing will play a valuable role in the tertiary recovery of depleted oil fields across the region.

Environmental Benefits Pure biofuel is 100 percent renew-

able and biodegradable but even a blend of B20 (20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent conventional diesel fuel) can significantly reduce emissions contributing to global warming, smog and acid rain. The exhaust emissions of ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter from biofuel are 50 percent lower than regular diesel fuel.

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'Zodiac' pairs brilliant directing with expert attention to detail

uch like the serial killer who stalked San Francisco during the 1970s, director David Fincher's newest film, "Zodiac," is just as interesting as it is terrifying.

Fincher, who is known for his critically acclaimed and visually stunning films such as "Fight Club" from the director's chair for almost genre he redefined with "Se7en."

Impossible III"), but thankfully a genius among directors, he's the



"Zodiac" is as perfect a film as one He's bounced around in the pre- can create these days. The directproduction stages of several projects ing was nothing short of brilliant

best film to come out in 2007.

godfather of perfection.

ing a five-year span in the '70s. The case is unsolved to this day, ("Lords of Dogtown" and "Mission by all standards. Fincher is not just which means the film ends anticlimactically with a couple of notes attached to the end.

Avery, the beat writer who cov- officer arrives at the scene. ered the "Zodiac" murders for the him to leave the newspaper.

who has to work the case and even- director. tually give it up. I enjoyed Ruffalo's

Fincher packs the film full of as leaves no stone unturned and offers for the person to die.

his own suspect for the murders — Arthur Leigh Allen.

The man reshoots scenes 70 or 80 times to correct simple details, such The movie is based on the book as a character taking a drink from a of the same name by Robert Gravglass of bourbon. His concentration smith, and considering there is so to detail and the mechanics of film- much information to shove into a making has made "Zodiac" by far the single film, the movie runs a bit long. Fincher pushes the film along with The movie follows the investi- his visually brilliant scenes, strong and "Panic Room," has been absent he has returned to the serial-killer gation of the "Zodiac" killer who acting and elements of comedy. murdered an unknown number of Downey, as always, is at the top of people in Northern California dur- his game as the often drunk or hung-

Fincher's anal directing style pays off in the end. He has every little detail correct. If a background character wasn't wearing clothing The film stars Jake Gyllenhaal from the time period, he would stop as a San Francisco Chronicle car- production until the extra changed toonist consumed with the case of to match everyone else. For each of right down to the song playing on Robert Downey Jr. stars as Paul the radio of the car when the police

A different actor plays the killer Chronicle. Much like Gyllenhaal, he for each of murders to match the drowns himself in the case, forcing physical description given by witnesses. Fincher's careful creation of The movie tells the story of the the time period, the crime scenes murders from several viewpoints. and the murders proves it's not the Mark Ruffalo stars at the detective actors who make the film; it's the

There weren't many problems I performance, especially how he saw with the movie. Sure, it was a always asks his partner (Anthony bit long for some people's tastes, but Edwards) for boxes of animal crack- there wasn't a single boring scene in the entire film.

The suspense of each of the much information as possible - murders was crafted so beautifully think Oliver Stone's "JFK." Fincher I actually had goose bumps waiting

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MARK RUFFALO STARS as Inspector David Toschi in the new movie "Zodiac."

5 out of 6 GREAT

"Zodiac" is not for everyone because the "Zodiac" to the extent his wife the murders, Fincher gives audiences of how long it is and the violence of the Reynolds is The DT movie critic. leaves him, and he loses his job at a complete recreation of the crime, murders, but if you can stomach a few E-mail him at jeremy.n.reynolds@ dead bodies, the movie is breathtaking. ttu.edu.

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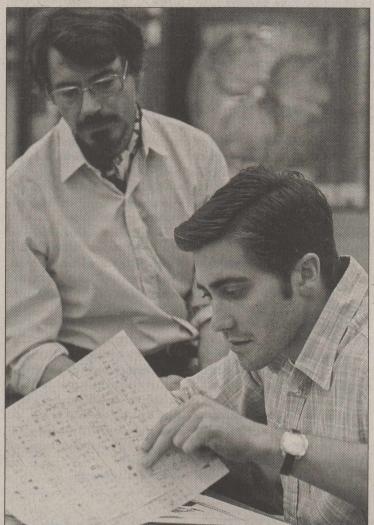
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find new 'Bridge to Success'

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD STAFF WRITER

chance to mentor at-risk middle school, to Success program. students and teens might be interested in a few "bridges" being built to bring the two groups together.

The Bridge of Lubbock is a nonprofit organization that reaches out teenager, the mentor program will help to Lubbock-area children through a soup kitchen, a clothes closet and an Bridge to Success, a mentor program the lives of at-risk youth. for those between the ages of 11 and 18 years old.

cess, says he hopes to reach out to some of the at-risk teenagers in East Lubbock through the program.

their potential in life," Dean said. can be committed to the program." "We want to help them build their self-esteem."

Dean said he wants to include lifeskills education in the program, and he said he hopes to integrate tutoring into the mentoring process to provide the kids help with their schoolwork.

"I've always had a deep passion and go in one ear and out the other. desire to work with youth," Dean said. youth. Being involved in [youth work] someone else's life," she said, "it's just

has just given me a great sense of fulfillment and purpose."

Texas Tech students looking for a Bridge of Lubbock, oversees the Bridge

Green said she is excited about the program because she feels while the soup kitchen and the clothes-closet program treat the "symptoms" of being an at-risk to get to "the root of the problem."

Tyler Connell, administrative direcafter-school program. The organization to rat the Bridge of Lubbock, said college is currently in the process of starting students can have a powerful impact in

"These children are longing for help," she said. "They need college Ellis Dean, director of Bridge to Suc-students to come and say, 'Hey, I believe in you.' We would love to have Tech students [be involved]. Most of these kids .. do not have a lot of stability in their "We'll help them to try to reach lives. We're looking for students who

> Connell, a senior family and consumer science major from Kerrville, said she began working with the Bridge of Lubbock as an intern last June before becoming administrative director. Connell said people often hear about helping execute the Starry Night Gala charities and simply let the information can come to the dinner to see what it's

"Once you actually get involved "I especially enjoy working with at-risk and see the difference you can make in

The Bridge of Lubbock organizers al-Lisa Green, executive director of the ready are beginning to plan for a special event to raise funds for Bridge to Success and other programs; an event called the Starry Night Gala will be hosted in June, and the Bridge is looking for volunteers to help plan event.

Dean said the gala will be a formal dinner with celebrity waiters and waitresses whom guests will be able to tip as a way to donate to the Bridge. He said the event also will have entertainment and a speaker. Dean said he hopes kids that have been involved in Bridge of Lubbock programs will also be present.

"I am really excited about Tech students and others in the community who want to be involved," said Green of the gala.

Students wanting to learn more about volunteering at the Bridge of Lubbock can attend a special dinner hosted to launch planning for the gala. The dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. today at the organization's building on 1301 Redbud Ave.

Connell said those interested in about, see what the Bridge of Lubbock is about and decide whether or not they would like to be a part of the event. > anne.m.shepherd@ttu.edu

Tech students can help teens Experimental Dental School to drill through Hub City tonight

Your appointment of stereosonic fluoride awaits you tonight at the Art Depot Annex when the Oakland-basedband Experimental Dental School visits the Hub City's Depot Entertainment District.

Taking a detour from its tour with Deerhoof, Experimental Dental School is visiting Lubbock for the first time, but the sound the band mates bring is nothing Lubbockites aren't at least a bit familiar with.

The band has played with two favorites who have passed through the Hub City: Hella, who will be back April 9 at Jake's Backroom, and Mates of State.

Tonight, the band will be playing with the Numerators, a staple in this city's noise-rock and danceparty events.



Experimental Dental School seems to be one of those bands you would listen to when you are in a frantic disarray of being chased by a mad shrimp farmer with one leg and a severe taste for nuanced young adults; yet, you have the upper hand and will met him around the corner with a

Casio keyboard overhead. Horikawa and Ryan Brundage have to floss. their own niche within the band, but they share vocal duties throughout all the songs. This adds a dynamic to the band, which eliminates the venerable

position of the lead singer, but acts them out as a fluid cataclysmic cluster of noise rock.

While this will be the band's first time through our fair windy city, Experimental Dental School definitely will be a worthwhile way to spend a Tuesday evening.

To get a taste of the band's sexy dance flavor, go to the Web site www. experimentaldentalschool.com.

Tonight's show is the perfect way for us to get our minds off mid-terms and projects and everything else we have before we whisk ourselves away into spring break.

The doors will open at 8 p.m. Band members Jesse Hall, Shoko and a \$5 cover applies. Don't forget

> ■ Ward is The DT's music reviewer. Email him at david.j.ward@

On the fast track: 'Amazing Race'-style event tonight

By HALEY DAVIS

Texas Tech students wanting to race around campus today can sign up for The Amazing Spring Break Race.

Registration for the race will be aspect of it." between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. today in the Red Raider Lounge of the Student Union Building. All teams must finish the race by 7 p.m. today.

six "Amazing Race"-style challenges around campus.

Student Health Services at Tech, described how the race will work.

"When a student registers, they'll get a clue card and their time sheet," he said. "Based on the clues, they have to determine where the loca-

tion of the challenge is. The challenges time for each event, Cates said. Other the physical aspect; they have to walk. Once they get to the challenge, it's there's some kind of twist to some of the challenges that incorporate a physical

Cates said the race is designed to educate students.

"It creates awareness for the topics: Alcohol awareness, sexual responsibility, Teams are comprised of two travel awareness, financial responsibility, Tech students who must complete skin safety and predatory drugs," he said. "It's geared towards the spring-break time just so they have a safe and healthy Andy Cates, unit manager for spring break and they're still well when they come back."

> Cates said the grand prize for the team with the fastest time will be an iPod nano for each team member. Teams who do not win the grand prize are eligible to win prizes for the fastest

are set up all over campus, so that's prizes include Rawls Golf Course gift cards, Taco Villa gift cards, flash drives, two free oil changes, T-shirts and free initially a mental challenge, and then massages from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Cates said some of the sponsors for the race are Student Health Services, Student Counseling Center, the Rec Center, Red to Black, Housing and Residence Life, the Tech Police Department and Impact Tech.

"We really just encourage all the students to participate," Cates said. "It's the last big awareness event that all the departments put on for the year. It's fun, yet it creates awareness and I think they get to learn some things. You'll learn about the topic, which is our goal, and hopefully have fun and win prizes."

Winners will be notified and awarded Wednesday.

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Rough weekend for Fabian: In a car crash and falls off stage during show in Palm Springs

- Fabian escaped serious injury twice this weekend - first in a car lacerations and blood loss. He was crash, then in a concert accident.

The 64-year-old former teen Moyer said. idol was riding with his manager and daughter near Palm Desert on Friday night when a car sideswiped their vehicle and it rolled several times, Fabian's spokesman, Steve Moyer, said in a statement released late Sunday.

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) His manager, Oscar Arslanian, thought I could do the show. I didn't was taken to a hospital for scalp want to disappoint the audience." expected to make a full recovery, Forte, gained fame in the 1950s and

On Saturday, Fabian was performing at the Spotlight Casino along with Frankie Avalon and Lou Christie when he fell off the stage. He suffered a scrape to his chin, said Paul Speirs, a casino spokesman.

"It's a miracle that we survived Forte, were examined and released, statement. "Except for being sore, I vania and New Jersey.

Fabian, born Fabian Anthony

1960s with songs such as "Turn Me Loose" and "Tiger." He starred in the 1964 movie "Ride the Wild Surf" and later made guest appearances on TV shows such as "Laverne & Shirley," "The Facts of Life" and "Murphy

He will rejoin Avalon and Bobby Fabian and his daughter, Julia that accident," Fabian said in the Rydell for several shows in Pennsyl-

Obesity surgery triples among American teens

CHICAGO (AP) — The numsurgery has tripled in recent years, this year, new research suggests.

ore common in adults, it appears to the study found. be slightly less risky in teens, accord-19-year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

ies that year, the study found.

ber of U.S. children having obesity hospital stays than adults and none died in the hospital during the study surging at a pace that could mean period. By contrast, there were 212 more than 1,000 such operations in-hospital deaths out of an estimated 104,702 adults who underwent obesity

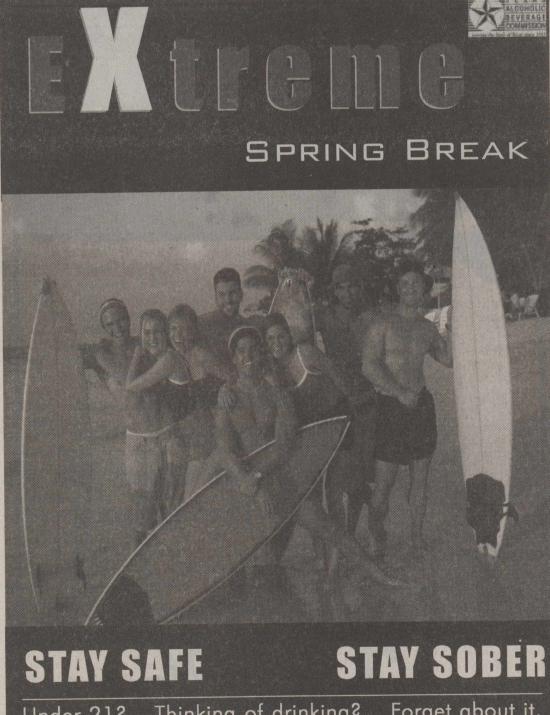
> wick, N.J., and Cincinnati Children's for adults. Hospital Medical Center analyzed

The study appears in Monday's in teens and adults.

Youngsters had slightly shorter Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent

About 5 percent of children and adults had major complications, mostly respiratory problems. Children spent an average of about 3.2 days in While the procedure is still far surgery in 2003, or a rate of 0.2 percent, the hospital in 2003, versus 3.5 days for adults. Total hospital charges also Researchers at Robert Wood John- were lower for pediatric patients, ing to an analysis of data on 12- to son Medical School in New Bruns- \$30,804 per patient versus \$36,056

The youngest patients were age During that time, an estimated a database of U.S. hospital patients. 12, but most were older teens. Eric 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the Obesity surgeries in children during Decker was one of them. In 2003, at operations. The pace tripled between the eight-year period and adults in age 17, he had gastric bypass surgery, 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surger- 2003 were included in the analysis. the most common obesity operation



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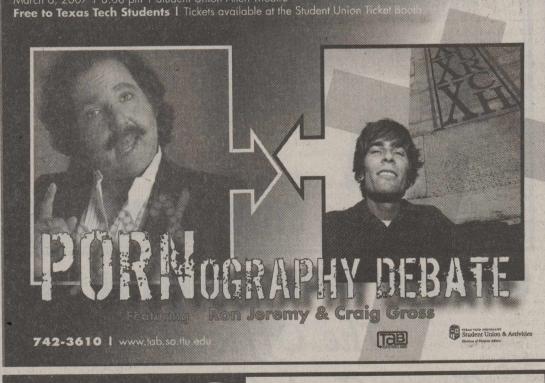














Wednesday, March 7 Reckless Kelly

Friday, March 9 Randy Rogers



Robertson

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said. "He gave us the ability to play ball, and He gave us the opportunity. I think it would be unfair if we left Him out. Sometimes we forget about that, and we start focusing on winning the games. To me, that's not what it's all about. It's about playing for Him and making Him happy."

But Robertson definitely has spread happiness throughout the hearts of fans, her teammates and especially her coaches.

Just the thought of Robertson's departure made Curry a bit sentimental as tears welled in her eyes as she spoke about having the senior forward for just one year.

"If anything, I think she has been such a great example for me," Curry said. "I think that we were raised a lot alike and do the right thing, you know, live right, do right. You can see me tearing up a little bit. She's just been the greatest witness and had. She will forever be a part of what we're doing and what we're about here."

amassed 1,553 points, good for eighth all-time behind Gwen Mc-Cray, and 741 rebounds, while logging 3,825 minutes — the equivalent of more than two and a half days — of basketball.

Robertson's output has come with missing just one game in her career.

"She goes hard every game, and she goes hard every day in practice," freshman guard Jordan Murphree said. "That's good for any person, not just freshmen, even the juniors and sophomores, just to show that she's dedicated to the game and what she'll do for her team."

The transition from high school basketball to the collegiate level,

in lifestyle wore on her mentality.

"When you get to college, man, you've got to work for your position," Robertson said. "The season's longer, and you gotta be stronger mentally. High school, you know you can lay off on some teams because you know man, it's a battle every game. That memories always will remain. wears on you sometimes when you're a freshman."

But enduring that transition has as a freshman.

"I've been down a lot," freshman guard Raquel Christian said. "When I had to get used to — she was just telling me 'Don't worry about what example of any kid that I've ever other people think or what other people say. Just do your best.' She's her. She always talks about keeping For her career, Robertson has God first and the rest will come to you, and I've taken her advice on

Being a mentor for players like Christian is the type of attitude and leadership qualities Curry said Robertson has emitted throughout the program.

Robertson's budding relationship with Christian stems from being able to converse easily with the freshman from Midland.

"I enjoy being with Raquel," Robertson said. "She's going through a lot of things that I experienced. It's a big step from high school to college. I had some of the problems that she's having, and I can relate real easy to her."

Working on an undergraduate however, has not been easy. Rob- degree in exercise and sports sci-

ertson said mentally, the aspect of ences, Robertson has aspirations to than a second remaining to upset the the game changes rapidly going from play ball at a higher level, whether defending national champions. the star out of high school to being a it be with the WNBA or overseas. freshman on a Division I basketball However, if the opportunity to team, and for her personally to have team. At times during her first year, continue her career in basketball that memory for the rest of her life, the pressure of such a drastic change falls through, Robertson said she will that was something I was so thrilled

and work with a psychologist. While being a mentor for others is a possibility in Robertson's future, Sharp said she hopes Robertson's You've got to give it every game. passion for basketball earns her a in college, especially in the Big 12, Robertson will be successful, and the the program.

cause she's firmly planted, and she'll of life lessons." do great things.'

Sharp's favorite memory of the I first came in — just the transition Plainview product was a game-winning shot at home against then-No. 5 Baylor last season. Tied 62-62 with two seconds left in regulation, senior guard Erin Grant hit Robertson with is. very spiritual, and I like that about an inbound pass. Robertson then banked a shot off the glass with less

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"It was such a big win for our get her master's degree in counseling about," she said of that victory. "It couldn't have happened to a better person."

Robertson said balancing the classroom with basketball has made her grow up drastically over the spot in the WNBA. Still, no mat- years. When the season ends, Robter what Robertson strives for in ertson will take with her the wisdom you're going to kill them, but here her future, Sharp said she believes both Sharp and Curry brought to

"I was telling somebody the other "I hope she'll have an oppor- day it makes your mind so much tunity, but you know what, if she stronger when you play at this level doesn't, she's going to do great things just because it asks so much," she helped teach one of her teammates immediately in her world," Sharp said. "I think both coach Sharp and how to handle the mental struggles said. "I never worry about that be- coach Curry have taught us a bunch

For Curry, Robertson is the epitome of flawlessness.

"Alesha's just the perfect child,"

For Sharp, a single word is needed to describe the person Robertson

"Godly."

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Cowboys sign Johnson to 3-year deal

who wanted a veteran quarterback to team up with Tony Romo.

Johnson's agent, Phil Williams, said the quarterback got a three-year contract. Williams wouldn't discuss financial details of the deal.

Dallas officials said they didn't plan an announcement Monday night regarding Johnson and didn't confirm the signing. On their Web site, the Cowboys reported they were "close to adding" Johnson to the roster.

The 38-year-old Johnson belast week when the Minnesota can be a starter. Vikings, in a long-expected move, released the 15-season veteran. Tampa Bay after the 2002 sea-

Romo replaced Drew Bledsoe a spot on the NFC Pro Bowl team. contract" and wouldn't elaborate.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Brad Dallas made the playoffs as a wild-Johnson signed a contract Monday card team, but lost in the first round night with the Dallas Cowboys, of the playoffs at Seattle after Romo's botched hold on a short field goal attempt in the closing seconds.

The Cowboys last week released Bledsoe, the first overall pick in the 1993 draft by New England. Bledsoe, due a \$1 million roster bonus, would have made \$4.5 million next season. He said he wasn't interested in being a backup.

Minnesota coach Brad Childress indicated at the end of last season that Johnson would be welcomed back in a mentoring role. But Johnson — who has a fierce competitive drive that belies his easygoing decame an unrestricted free agent meanor — said he still believes he

The Cowboys want Johnson to be a mentor to Romo, who didn't Johnson won a Super Bowl with take a snap in his first 3 1/2 seasons before taking over midway through

When Williams was asked what as the Cowboys' starter in the sev- Johnson's role in Dallas would be, enth game last season and earned he responded, "He just signed the

Tech women's tennis team struggles in Big 12 play

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

action over the weekend with women fell short against the Big Nataliya Shatkovskaya, 8-4. 12 foes as they took their second the season.

against Oklahoma, traveled to and Marta Tsivka, 8-3. The women Cowgirls 5-2. Stillwater, Okla., looking for their would win only one more point the goal of defeating Oklahoma Drift and Janet Durham, took down singles losses. and Oklahoma State. Still, the Oklahoma State's Yawna Allen and

The women, looking to the doubles point for Tech as they matches in two sets each. The March 25. bounce back from a 4-3 loss defeated OSU's Jennifer Poskitt women ended up falling to the adam.coleman@ttu.edu

The loss leaves Tech at 6-6, first conference win of the season after that match, as Van der Drift 0-3 in Big 12 play for the season. After receiving an early sea- against undefeated Oklahoma State. grabbed her ninth win of the sea- Oklahoma State is at 6-0, 2-0 in son conference loss against Colo- The women jumped out in front of son, defeating Iryna Tkachenko Big 12 play for the season. Durrado, the Texas Tech women's the Cowgirls to take the doubles from OSU, 6-4, 6-4. Durham, ham and Van der Drift improved tennis team returned to Big 12 point in the match as Tech's No. Kerryn Potgieter and Fankam their doubles record to 9-4, which 1 doubles duo, Samantha van der all suffered their second straight is the best doubles record on the team. Van der Drift, capturing her Lakann Wagley and Durham ninth win, now has three more pushed their matches to tiebreak- wins than she had last season. The In the No. 3 doubles spot, newly ers, and Andres pushed her match women will return to Lubbock to and third conference losses of paired duo Anne Sophie Fankam to three sets, but OSU's Lauren face Nebraska, Texas and Missouri and Maria Jose Andres clinched Simmons and Tsivka won their in a three-game stretch starting

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SPORTS

Heading to the ball: Lady Raiders open up Big 12 Tournament against Colorado

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SPORTS EDITOR

6-10 Big 12), the ninth seed in be a Cinderella story?" the conference tournament, must with eighth-seeded Colorado noon battle on the offensive glass as Coltoday at the Cox Convention Cen- orado (12-16, 6-10) out-rebounded ter in Oklahoma City.

a chance as anybody," Curry said. the NCAA Tournament. "It shouldn't take us much to get For Texas Tech coach Kristy motivated to play Colorado. (Our chance," said Robertson, who is the damage, but forward Jasmina into what's ahead of us." Curry and the Lady Raiders, win- bracket) is so 'do-able' for us be- averaging 13.1 points and 8.7 re- Ilic who poured in 27 points on ning the Big 12 Tournament cause we've played so close in those bounds per game. "If we go down 9-of-16 shooting from the floor, wards, who was named to the list of reserves their place in the Big situations, you know, people we get there and win the tournament, including 5-of-10 shooting from honorable mentions on the All-Big to play again. (We've) just got to then we're in (the NCAA Tour-But to get there, Tech (15-15, focus on the positives. Why not us

Against the Lady Buffaloes Feb.

"We feel like we have as good and maintaining hope of reaching per game. But against Colorado in can't think about what's happened. the regular season, Robertson said

nament). It easily could be done been by that much. So we're eas- chance to play top-ranked Texas through our heads."

the Lady Raiders 23-10. Senior for- ward Jackie McFarland who was be key to upending the Buffaloes game and in rebounds with 10.7 on things they can't control. They the conference at least once in

"We're getting our second ary, it was not McFarland who did energy and our effort, our thoughts the floor bodes well for her team the 3-point line.

because when we've lost it, hasn't the opening round and having the their favor. Colorado is led by junior for- of the bracket is a favorable one.

While the Lady Raiders ended ward Alesha Robertson, who was named to the All-Big 12 First a Lady Raider to play Colorado, the season on a four-game skid, named to the All-Big 12 Second Team. McFarland leads the team there's something wrong," Curry for us." Curry said the team's slate is wiped Team Friday, said rebounding will in scoring with 17.3 points per said. "I think sometimes they focus

Senior post player Patrice Ed-12 Team, said she agrees the Lady Curry said drawing Colorado in Raiders' side of the bracket is in

"I think we have a good brackwin four-straight games, beginning 3 in Boulder, Colo., Tech lost the ily in there if we can just get that A&M in the quarterfinals should et," said Edwards, who averages motivate her team because its part 11.9 points per game in conference conference tournament — it's a "If you can't be motivated as A&M — and we owe both of them happen," Curry said after the loss — so I think it's a good situation

Having played each team in

their lone match-up in early Febru- We've just got to put all of our knowing what each team brings to in the tournament.

"We've gotta go down there and act like we're going to beat them," Robertson said. "We've got to fake 'til we make it."

For Curry, the coach just hopes by the end of the tournament the

"We've just got to go into the play. "We play Colorado and then brand new season, anything can to Iowa State Thursday, "and we'll be the Cinderella story — just got to find a glass slipper or two.'

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Crunch Time: UNLV series kicks off toughest time of year for Tech Baseball

By WES SKIPWITH STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team the Classic and Big 12 play. will take on UNLV today at home series with the Rebels.

of the Red Raiders' busiest sched- end of the season." ule of the year, in which they play nine games in 12 days.

11) today and Wednesday. Friday, of injury, this will be the toughest nents from scoring with Tech travels to Corpus Christi for time of the year for the pitching a combined ERA of 5.53 the 2007 Whataburger College staff. After the Nebraska series, with its opponents bat-Classic. There the Red Raiders the staff will be able to regroup, ting an average of .305. will face a field consisting of Texas but until then, he needs several Right-hander Marc Baca A&M-Corpus Christi, No. 10 Rice pitchers to make quality appear headlines the staff, postand No. 23 TCU. Tech will play ances on the mound. TCU again March 13 at home. beginning of Big 12 play.

Tech is coming of a 2-1 series win over Cal State Northridge today is senior left-hander Trey Sunday. Freshman Taylor Ashby Schurr. In six relief appearances

said it is important for the team this season, Schurr has to win against UNLV in order to posted a 10.12 ERA. build up momentum heading into This will be his first start

"It's about to get really crazy so for the beginning of a two-game we need to get on a roll and win bock after being swept the next couple of games," Ashby by Nevada in a three-The game also marks the start said. "It will really pay out at the game series in Reno. The

Tech coach Larry Hays said their last six games. The with the loss of pitchers Miles UNLV pitching staff has Tech (12-5) plays UNLV (8- Morgan and Cory Large because struggled to keep oppo-

"There will be a couple guys 1.45 ERA and three Ending the nine-game span will be that are going to be throwing that saves. a three-game series against No. 17 really haven't thrown well so far Nebraska at Dan Law Field, March this season," Hays said. "It could 15 to March 17, which marks the sure help our year if they could step up and get it going."

UNLV comes to Lub-Rebels have lost five of ing a 2-1 record with

The Rebel offense is led by Efren Navarro Jr. The junior utility man leads the team in bat-

slugging percentage with .534.



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreado RED RAIDER JAMES Leverton catches the ball during Saturday's game.

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Artest arrested on reports of violence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday and excused indefinitely from the team after a woman said he shoved her to the floor inside his home and prevented her from calling 911.

Placer County sheriff's authorities said the woman reported she and Artest were arguing inside the home Monday morning when he pushed her. The argument moved outside when Artest tried to leave in his Hummer, sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Scott said during a news conference.

"It resulted in some pushing," Scott said of the argument. "Mr. Artest had shoved the victim to the floor several times, then he attempted to leave."

The woman threw a pot at the Hummer, shattering its windshield, Scott said. He would not disclose the woman's relationship with Artest but said a 3-year-old girl was inside the house during the incident.

Deputies arrived around 9:30 a.m. at Artest's five-acre estate in the Sacramento suburb of Loomis and arrested him on suspicion of domestic violence, sheriff's spokeswoman Dena Erwin said. He also was arrested on suspicion of using force or violence to prevent the woman from reporting a crime.

"He was very cooperative," Scott said of Artest, found sitting calmly outside the home. "He gave no problems to any of the officers on scene."

Artest, the central figure of the infamous 2004 brawl between Indiana Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans, was booked into the Placer County Jail and released later on \$50,000 bail. His arraignment is scheduled for March 22.

Sheriff's deputies have been called to Artest's home at least once before, but there were no arrests, Erwin said.

Geoff Petrie, the Kings' president of basketball operations, said the team was removing Artest from the team, pending a full investigation.

"The Kings have excused Ron Artest indefinitely from any further participation with the team due to his arrest today for domestic violence," Petrie said in a statement.

Team spokesman Troy Hanson told The Associated Press that Artest had not been suspended and still was being paid. An emergency protective order

obtained by sheriff's officials prevents Artest from returning to his home or contacting the woman until she can obtain a restraining order. Scott said this was normal procedure.

Sheriff's officials said the woman had injuries but would not describe them. She declined medical treatment.

Artest, who joined the Kings from the Indiana Pacers in January 2006, has had previous run-ins with police.

He was at the center of the Nov. 19, 2004 brawl between Pacers players and Pistons fans at The Palace in Detroit. Just when a confrontation between players seemed to be over, Artest, lying on the scorer's table, was hit with a cup filled with an icy beverage. He bolted into the stands in a rage, followed by fist-swinging teammate Stephen Jackson. Artest and teammate Jermaine O'Neal later slugged fans on the court.

Two days later, Artest was suspended for the rest of the season — 73 games, plus the playoffs — in a move that cost him almost \$5 million.

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