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Convicted priest  
sentenced to 25 years

EASTLAND (AP) — A former priest was sentenced Wednesday to 25 years in prison after being convicted of the aggravated sexual assault of an 11-year-old boy in the early 1990s.

The Rev. Thomas Teczar, 65, was a priest in the Fort Worth Roman Catholic Diocese until his departure in 1993. He served in several parishes, including Ranger, where the victim was abused.

Teczar was convicted on three counts of sexual assault and one count of indecency with a child. He was sentenced to 25 years for each assault charge and 15 for the indecency charge; all sentences will run concurrently, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

NATION

Ex-con guilty in  
Fla. girl's slaying

MIAMI (AP) — A sex offender was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl and burying her alive in a case that led to a crackdown around the country on people convicted of sex crimes. Jurors deliberated about four hours before returning the verdict against John Evander Couey in the slaying of Jessica Lunsford, who was snatched from her bedroom in February 2005 about 150 yards from the trailer where Couey had been living. Her body was found in a shallow hole, encased in two black plastic trash bags.

WORLD

More than 100  
survive jet crash

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Survivors of the fiery crash-landing of a Boeing 737-400 Wednesday said the plane appeared to be going too fast and shook violently before it touched down, lurched off the runway and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people.

About 115 dazed and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

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U.S. Military deaths in  
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## SGA results: Moses to be president

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in one week, Texas Tech students and candidates gathered in the Student Union Building basement to hear the results of the Student Government Association election Wednesday night.

Before the results were announced, Mason Moses, a presidential candidate, said he was anxious to find out the winner.

"I'm excited and happy it is over and I'm really excited to find out who won," Moses said. "It all depends on voter turnout. Hopefully if I did my job right, people got out and voted again."

Working in the same office, Moses said a friendly rivalry was created between him and Matt Fowler, the other presidential candidate.

Fowler, current SGA internal vice president, said he was optimistic and relieved about hearing the results.

"I worked as hard as I could," Fowler said. "I ran a good campaign, I ran a clean campaign, and I'm proud of everything that I did. The election results will come what may."

Students waiting for the results became quiet as Ben Montecillo, the SGA chairman election commissioner, stepped up to the podium to announce the winners. He said 2,161 students voted in the run off election; a higher number than last year's run off.

Moses was announced president, winning with 57.68 percent of the vote. For external vice president, Taylor Hutcherson came out victorious earning 54.41 percent of the vote.

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MASON MOSES, STUDENT Government Association President, hugs Christin Collier, a sophomore general studies major from Post, after beating out candidate Matt Fowler. The results were announced Wednesday evening in the basement of the Student Union Building.

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## RED FLAGS

Council raises dating violence awareness

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Council on Family Violence and Women's Protective Services in Lubbock are teaming up to promote healthy relationships and raise awareness concerning dating violence for both high school students and college students.

The family violence council has launched a program called Red Flags, which is designed to address dating violence in people ages 16 years old through 24 years old.

"We want to educate youth about the signs of dating violence," said Jitin Hingorani, communications director of the Texas Council on Family Violence. "If they learn about healthy relationships, they're less likely to become victims of domestic violence."

According to the "Red Flags" Web site, <http://knowtheredflags.com>, dating violence encompasses more than physical violence. It is a pattern of abusive behaviors, physical and emotional, that one person uses to control another in a relationship.

"It's important to recognize the signs of abuse," Hingorani said. "In this age group, technology plays a part in creating abuse."

Hingorani said the signs of dating violence including

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## Suit filed by Lubbock against former AAG health administrator

By NAOMI KASKELA  
STAFF WRITER

Alleged reluctance in producing information led to the City of Lubbock filing a lawsuit against former health administrator for the city American Administrative Group, Inc.

According to court documents, the City of Lubbock initially entered into a contract with ICON Benefit Administrators in November, 2003. In 2006, AAG "assumed the role of claims supervisor under the contracts between the city and ICON."

The lawsuit was authorized by the Lubbock City Council at its meeting Monday morning, said city attorney Anita Burgess. "The lawsuit was filed in order to obtain access to records," she said.

The request for records stemmed from irregularities discovered by city staff, according to the city council Web site.

Burgess declined to comment on the nature of the irregularities.

"At this point in time, what I can tell you is that it would be speculative for us to try to say anything (about the irregularities)," she said.

According to court documents, the City of Lubbock tried to audit records from AAG in the past, but it faced a lack of cooperation by AAG representatives.

"In May 2005, the City of Lubbock, pursuant to direction of the then Assistant City Manager, Lee Ann Dumbauld, and pursuant to the terms of the Contracts, attempted to audit the files maintained by ICON," according to court documents. "However, ICON refused to allow the City's auditors, Benefit Partners, Inc., to audit these files even though the Contract mandated this was the City's right."

After the refusal, the audit was abandoned, but in October 2006, a letter was sent to AAG demanding rebates to the city in the sum of at least \$212,852.25. The letter also notified AAG another audit was forthcoming, according to court documents.

The second audit began in December 2006 because of the discovered irregularities, but representatives from AAG were unwilling to cooperate, according to court documents.

Currently, the city is waiting for a response to be filed by AAG, Burgess said.

AAG still has time to file a response, at which time a court date will be set, she said.

Floyd Price, councilman for District 2, declined to comment on the lawsuit because he said he did not have enough information on the matter.

Price said he left right after the meeting on Monday to travel out of state to another meeting.

Representatives from AAG and the Parker Group, another business being audited by the City of Lubbock, could not be reached for comment.

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## Former Navy sailor arrested for terror charge

By MATT APUZZO  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Navy sailor was arrested Wednesday for allegedly releasing classified information that ended up in the hands of a suspected terrorism financier.

Hassan Abujihad, 31, of Phoenix, is accused in a case that began in Connecticut and followed a suspected terrorist network across the country and into Europe and the Middle East.

He was arrested in Phoenix on charges of supporting terrorism with an intent to kill U.S. citizens and transmitting classified information to unauthorized people.

Abujihad, who is also known as Paul R. Hall, is charged in the same case as Babar Ahmad, a British computer specialist arrested in 2004 and accused of running Web sites to raise money for terrorism. Ahmad is scheduled to be extradited to the U.S. to face trial.

During a search of Ahmad's computers, investigators discovered files containing classified information about the positions of U.S. Navy ships and discussing their susceptibility to attack.

Abujihad, a former enlisted man, exchanged e-mails

with Ahmad while on active duty on the USS Benfold, a guided-missile destroyer, in 2000 and 2001, according to an affidavit released Wednesday. He allegedly purchased videos promoting violent jihad, or holy war.

In those e-mails, Abujihad discussed naval military briefings and praised those who attacked the USS Cole in 2000, according to the affidavit by FBI Agent David Dillon.

The documents retrieved from Ahmad show drawings of Navy battle groups and discuss upcoming missions.

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LATIN LESSON



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

DR. ENRIQUE MURILLO talks to assistant education professors about research methodology before his lecture about trends and innovations in the field of Latino education Wednesday evening.

Sailor

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They also say the battle group could be attacked using small weapons such as rocket-propelled grenades. The ships were never attacked.

Abujihaad had a secret security clearance that would have allowed him access to that material, according to the affidavit.

The investigation was run out of

Connecticut because Ahmad allegedly used an Internet service provider there to host one of his fundraising Web sites.

Ahmad was arrested in 2004 but the case against Abujihaad apparently received a boost in December following the arrest of Derrick Shareef, 22, of Genoa, Ill., near Chicago, who was accused of planning to use hand grenades to attack holiday shoppers at a mall.

According to the affidavit, Shareef

and Abujihaad lived together in 2004 when Ahmad was arrested. After reading news reports of the case, Abujihaad became upset and said, "I think this is about me," Shareef told investigators.

Authorities then taped a phone conversation between Abujihaad and an informant in which Abujihaad appeared nervous. Though Abujihaad didn't say outright that he was involved in the leak of classified information, the affidavit provided enough evidence for an arrest warrant.

Lubbock police investigate robberies

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

March 1

Lubbock police arrested a male suspect for possession of a dangerous drug and a misdemeanor warrant following a traffic stop in the 5700 block of Erskine Avenue. According to reports, police discovered what appeared to be crack cocaine in a bag on the gear shift following a search of the suspect's 2002 blue Saturn four-door vehicle. Police said they also found two bottles of unlabeled prescription drugs inside the vehicle.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for aggravated assault following an alleged domestic dispute in the 5200 block of 41st Street. According to reports, the suspect was arguing with an individual when the suspect revealed a shotgun. Police said the two fought, and the victim bit off a portion of the suspect's ear. After the suspect was cleared from treatment at the University Medical Center, he was transported to the Lubbock police

holding facility.

Lubbock police received a report of a burglary inside a residence in the 1700 block of Elkhart Avenue. Police said unknown suspects broke the front door to gain entry and stole a 42-inch Magnavox television worth \$1,000 and a DVD player worth \$60.

Lubbock police received a report of a residence burglary in the 3100 block of 59th Street. According to reports, a victim claimed two vacuums were stolen, as well as a Rubbermaid rolling table, a six-foot ladder, several push brooms, a rolling trash can, a heavy-duty dolly, a 50-foot extension cord and assorted tools from the residence.

Lubbock police investigated arson at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity lodge at 10 Greek Circle. According to reports, unknown suspects placed two smoke bombs on the front lawn of the house; the lawn on fire. Police said the fire caused \$1,000 worth of damage.

Lubbock police investigated a burglary of a storage unit in the 1900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said a suspect stole a washer and

dryer worth \$225 each, a blue rocking chair worth \$100, miscellaneous dishes worth \$200 and various papers and pictures including the victim's personal information.

Lubbock police investigated an aggravated robbery in the 3400 block of Quaker Avenue. According to reports, six unknown suspects kicked in the front door of the residence and robbed the victim at gunpoint. Police said the suspects stole a necklace worth \$500, a ring worth \$200, \$300 in cash and the victim's phone. Police said they did not locate the suspects.

March 2

Lubbock police arrested a female suspect for two misdemeanor warrants and possession of marijuana following a traffic stop in the 3100 block of Interstate 27. According to reports, the suspect was leaving the Club Dallas parking lot in a green 1996 Chrysler Sebring when she failed to signal a turn. Police said they initiated the traffic stop and placed the suspect under arrest.

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Violence

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constant text messaging to find out where a partner is and what he or she is doing.

High school and college-age individuals also frequently use e-mails to control a partner in a relationship, said Roy Rios, the Communications Director at Women's Protective Services in Lubbock.

According to the Red Flags Web site, a statewide survey of 16-year-olds to 24-year-olds showed that 75 percent of Texans in the age group have either experienced dating violence personally or know someone who has.

"That was very surprising to us," Hingorani said. "It's almost as prevalent as domestic violence."

The survey showed 60 percent of females and 40 percent of males had experienced dating violence, either as victims or abusers. Rios said men typically are viewed as the abusers, but that is not always the case.

"In our society, men are empow-

ered," he said. "They're the leader of the pack, and they're supposed to work hard and keep their families under their thumb. With that kind of mentality, it's especially difficult for a man to admit he's being abused, so a lot of it goes unreported."

Rios said despite the name, Women's Protective Services helps men also, but many men are embarrassed to ask for help.

"A man's role in society makes him embarrassed to reach out for help in a dangerous situation," Rios said. "There's help out there for them, but it's hard to say 'I need to call Women's Protective Services for help.'"

Jerica Timmons, a sophomore education major from Pampa, said she would not know what to do if a friend in an unhealthy relationship asked her for help.

"I guess I'd try to give her good advice," Timmons said. "If she goes to church, maybe she could go to a preacher, but other than that, I really wouldn't know what to tell her."

Hingorani said he wants all students to be aware of the Red Flags program because they may encounter an abusive situation either personally or through a friend.

"We want peers to be aware of this information because people in this age group go to their peers first for help," he said. "We want the peers to know about what we do and how we can help so they can suggest our services to someone who may need them. Our overall goal is to reduce violence in Texas."

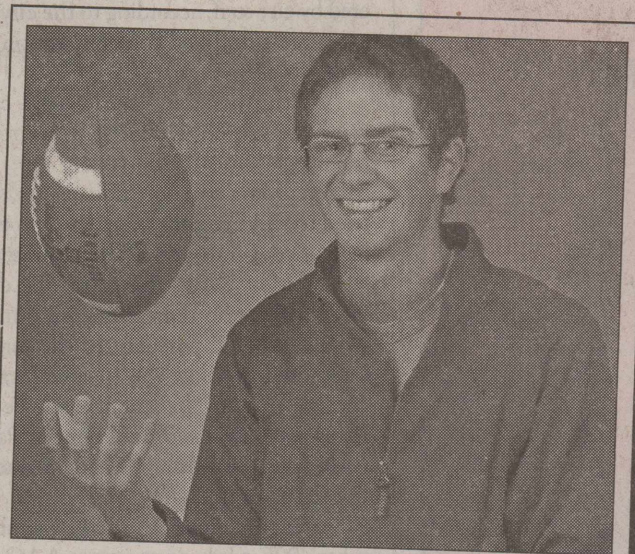
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# Pit stop: Tech offering free car clinic today

By **KATIE HARRIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Spring breakers planning on hitting the road for their week-long vacation can stop by Texas Tech's free car clinic today to make sure their vehicles will get them where they are headed.

University Parking Services has partnered with Scott's Complete Car Care to offer students the opportunity to get vehicles checked before they begin their travels.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the band parking lot, mechanics from Scott's Complete Car Care will be checking fluids, belts, tires and other vehicle essentials.

Ruben Palacios, manager of Scott's Complete Car Care's 34th Street and University Avenue loca-

tion, said the mechanics are limited to what they can do on the spot.

"We will top off the oil, windshield-washer fluid, brake fluid and check the air pressure of their tires," Palacios said.

When motorists take road trips, problems commonly arise with the vehicle's belts and hoses, he said. Oil leaks, coolant leaks and other maintenance issues also are fairly typical.

"We are going to the kids so they can get everything done all in one spot," Palacios said. "If you got these things checked out on your own, it would estimate \$15 to \$20."

He said Scott's usually partners with Tech to check students' vehicles before spring break, summer vacation and Thanksgiving.

Liza Palacios, who works at

Scott's Complete Car Care, said the mechanics will provide a check list of potential problems students can keep handy.

"If there is anything else wrong with their cars beside what we are checking, we will let students know so they can get that fixed," said the freshman human development and family studies major from Lubbock.

She said pens, mini calendars and candy will be offered while students wait for their vehicles to be checked.

James Rincones, senior office assistant of University Parking Service, said this in the fourth year Tech has offered this free service.

He said the event is University Parking Service's way to give back. "It's definitely a good thing that

keeps getting better and better," Rincones said. "We want to show we are not completely horrible. We actually do care about the students."

Vehicle Safety Tips for Road Trips

Information from [www.insurance.com](http://www.insurance.com)

Inspect the driveways for any leaks that may be coming from their vehicles. It is especially important to check for any gas-tank leaks. Even the smallest leak in one's gas tank can amount to a larger problem if not caught soon enough.

Check all seat belts. Change the air filter; a clogged air filter can up to a 10 percent increase in fuel consumption.

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# Man critically injured in racially motivated fight

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — A 26-year-old man was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday with injuries from an altercation authorities say might have been racially motivated.

Christopher Wright, 26, of Sulphur Springs, was being treated at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler for facial injuries, bruised lungs and a fractured spine.

"We have done an initial surgery and we will just have to wait and see how he progresses before we know what if any other surgeries are needed," trauma surgeon Dr. John Berne told the Tyler Morning Telegraph for its online edition Wednesday.

Wright, who is black, and another man, who is white, became involved in a verbal dispute inside the Days Inn lounge late Tuesday. Wright was waiting to take home his girlfriend, a bartender at the lounge who is white, said Hopkins County District Attorney Martin Braddy.

The man was asked to leave but returned and approached Wright and his girlfriend as they left. As Wright leaned into the driver's side of the man's vehicle, the man sped away, Braddy said. He said Wright eventually fell onto the ground.

"The act of driving away with someone hanging from your car is an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon," Braddy said.

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# Moses

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Moses was on his phone immediately after the announcements, calling friends and family to inform them of his victory. He said he was thrilled about his presidency and thought Fowler did a great job as well.

"I'm so humble and so excited at this opportunity of serving the students of Texas Tech," Moses said. "Matt is an outstanding guy and he's been a true joy to work with this past year, but I am also just very excited to be the face and voices of students next year."

Jonathan Cotten, Moses' roommate, said he has barely seen Moses since his campaigning started and

does not expect to see much of him now.

"He doesn't get home until 11:30 (p.m.) and he leaves the house at 6 a.m.," Cotten said. "I'm very happy for Mason, he worked very hard for it."

Debi Moses, Mason Moses' mother, said she was very happy for her son and she believed he worked hard for it.

"We're excited and proud of him," Debi Moses said, "and we congratulate Matt and the job he did last year and the race that he ran."

She said to keep her nerves under control while waiting for the results, she had a church meeting at her house.

She said she hopes her son will listen to the Tech student body and do the job he is supposed to do.

Mike Moses, Mason Moses' father, said he is very proud of his son and all of the candidates who participated in the election.

"I think he knows the students are the ones he needs to serve," Mike Moses said, "and as long as he remembers that, I think he'll be successful."

Hutcherson, the newly elected external vice president, said he was very happy with the results and felt his hard work paid off. He said he had not decided if he was going to sleep or celebrate.

"There will definitely be some celebrating," Hutcherson said, "it's long overdue."

Ryan Worley, current SGA president, said he was impressed by the number of students who voted and is excited about handing the reins over.

"It's been a great chapter of my life and I still have a month to finish strong," Worley said.

Mason Moses said he was very grateful for his friends support and felt he could not have won without them. After being at school from about 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the last two weeks, he said he is ready to get caught up in school.

"I get to go write about a 20 page paper," he said, "I'll celebrate tomorrow night."

Also victorious in the run-off election were Kali Drachenberg for visual and performing arts senator and Sara Grim for graduate senator.

The new executive officers will be inaugurated at a ceremony in April.

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Video available online

# Suicides at schools in Michigan, Texas; girl wounded in Mich. shooting

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — A teenager shot his former girlfriend four times outside her high school, then killed himself in one of two fatal U.S. school shootings Wednesday, authorities said.

Jessica Forsyth, 17, was taken to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, where she was upgraded Wednesday evening to fair condition, hospital spokeswoman Christie White said.

Midland Police Chief James St. Louis said the gunman, identified as David Turner, 17, of nearby Coleman, died in the parking lot.

Turner had gone to H.H. Dow High School on Wednesday morning to try to talk to Jessica, but he was turned away by school officials, the police chief said. The boy then called her and asked her to meet him outside the building.

After a conversation in the parking lot, Turner pulled a gun out of a backpack and shot her four times before turning the gun on himself, St. Louis said.

The girl's mother, who had dropped her daughter off at the school, saw the shooting from her car and drove between the two to try to protect the girl, authorities said.

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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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## You blew it

Students are disillusioned with the Student Government Association. Decision after decision, this organization fails to represent us. We are unsure what its members even do. This elite club for Greeks was enough to drive even this passionate youth to cynicism.

Then I heard about Phillip Pride.

My roommate came home from the candidate debate with fire in his soul. He sat down and proceeded to share the gospel I've been waiting for: Someone who is mad as hell and doing something about it.

Pride's unassuming demeanor attracts you. His answers were not the expected or the politically correct, but that's why I supported his candidacy — he spoke like us.

He took the time to sit down with someone, one-on-one, and talk with him or her like another person. I have yet to observe the Greeks' taciturn sign holders over by the Student Union Building do this.

The SGA has opted to take away the West Fourth Street bus route. Its officers claim it's OK because they "hired a consultant." Pride said, "I've got some consultants too: The students of Texas Tech."

He didn't like the SGA adversely affecting the student body, and he did not like the whole leisure-pool idea either. "It's a status symbol," Pride said. "Those things, while cool, are not necessary for an institution of higher learning." Amen!

We need a more accurate representative of the student body. As it stands now, the SGA members do a brilliant job of helping themselves. The latest example of this: a \$1500 "Eurotrip" courtesy of Tech for the SGA's president and internal vice president.

Pride was the only candidate who spoke out against this patronage system. "For me not to say something would be lying to myself," he said.

His platform was simple: keep the West Fourth Street bus route available for students, become responsible with school funds and incorporate environment-friendly energy sources.

He would have established a student government that looked after students' needs and furthered the advancement of higher education.

A higher education prepares you to do any task: to distinguish good from evil, justice from injustice. It makes you think critically.

Pride said, "You are not limited by the bounds of walls of your classroom, but the bounds and the walls of your mind."

**Matt Wisnewski**



At the bottom of a Greek candidate's Facebook group on the Web site www.facebook.com, one of his listed goals was to "make the university more diversity aware." It's fitting it was at the very end of his list, as if tacked on in haste.

When elected, Pride would have made diversity — and diversity of opinion — a reality, not an abstract political idea.

Greeks, Pride said, are the main obstacle denying us our ability to reach our full potential. He was not the first at Tech to believe this.

Our university's first president, Paul Whitfield Horn, wanted a university free of social classes. He vehemently rejected fraternities and sororities as walls that limit a university's free thought and sense of community. Both were correct to think this.

To get votes, politicians just say what people want to hear. Pride took the path less traveled. "I'm going to insult a lot of the people," he said. "I'm going to make a lot of people mad."

Sure, but when you take a stand for the unpopular, the unrepresented, you aren't doing whatever gets the most votes; you're doing what's right.

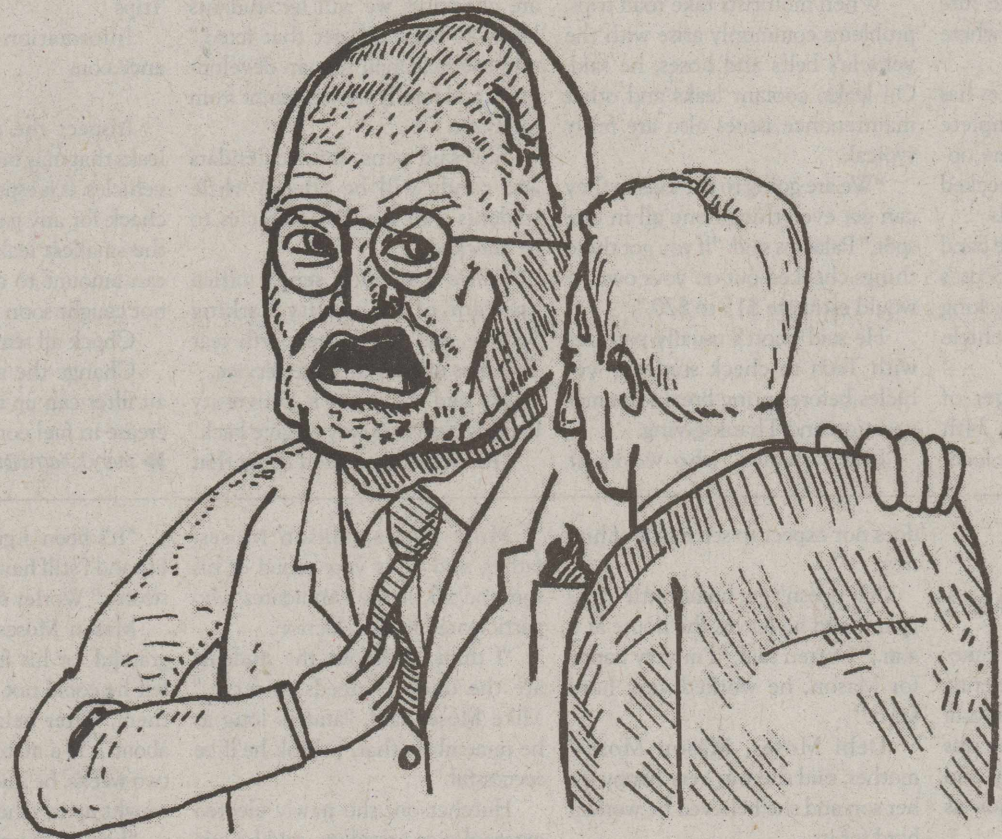
Our SGA epitomizes the phrase, "It's not the grades you make, but the hands you shake." I believe too many SGA senators join for the prestige and the power, and too many of them vote as their fraternity or sorority tells them to vote.

It's the classic "don't complain if you don't do." We complained but did nothing about it. Fraternities and sororities had the huge advantage of organization and thus had a disproportionate effect on SGA elections. Smart and bravo for them.

Last week's vote was our opportunity to upend this good ol' boy network and make it the start of our longer-term future of an SGA not dominated by the Greeks. The differences could not have been clearer, but you didn't listen or care.

Good job Tech; you blew it.

**■ Wisnewski is a junior general business major from Plano. E-mail him at matt.wisnewski@ttu.edu.**



Now Scooter, don't forget our little deal. You take the fall on this Valerie Plame stuff, and I'll take you out for ice cream whenever you're released from prison.

## Libby's little fibby will always smell fishy

BY CLARA COBB  
THE UNIVERSITY STAR (TEXAS STATE  
U-SAN MARCOS)

(U-WIRE) SAN MARCOS — I, Lewis "Scooter" Libby Jr., the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, was convicted Tuesday on four of five counts of perjury.

And, for some reason, something still smells a little fishy.

Libby first came to public light by being the favorite source of Washington journalists who wanted to stay up to date on Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. However, the case against Libby — which began after the FBI investigation regarding the leaking of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity — made him the center of attention on 24-hour news stations for weeks on end.

Now, at the trial's end, there are "instant book" deals with real-life plot twists more intriguing than anything Jack Bauer could have ever saved us from on 24. More than a dramatic reenactment, the Libby trial has

been like a cartoon show with the main character portrayed as a fish named Red Herring. Libby's little fibby has made him nothing more than Cheney's fall boy.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Libby had no reaction upon hearing the verdict, as he already knew the steps he was taking to protect his former boss. Libby and his trial have finally shown the public how the office of the vice president led the Bush administration straight to war in Iraq.

This is why we have a smoke-screen, red-herring, blame-pointing trial in the first place — we need to divert attention from the truth. The truth about Libby and the war in Iraq would cause the public to ask far too many questions.

While no one has actually answered the question: "Why is this guy in trial?" The new question is whether or not the public is willing to buy into one last dog-and-pony show. The last question for Libby now that he is off the stand is whether or not he is willing to go to jail for Cheney. I suppose it is interesting to ponder how Libby can stand in the line

of fire without even embarking on a Cheney-sponsored hunting expedition.

The role of the vice president? Cheney has a few little fibbs of his own and any lie under oath is serious. The truth is what drives our judicial system. It is how our administrators make important decisions. When a high-level official lies in a national security investigation it is a bad, bad thing.

If what you don't know can't hurt you, then not knowing the truth about Cheney or any of the other players should not matter now that we have prosecuted Libby, who in a cesspool of lies and obstructed justice may never have the right answers to get out.

Maybe that's OK — "L The Liar" is going to look great next to the "W The President" bumper stickers. So why was Libby on trial?

Robert Novak was the first person to "out" Plame's secret identity in his column. Novak never took the stand. However, post-trial he did expand on the question by naming his sources: Richard Armitage, Ari Fleischer and Karl Rove.

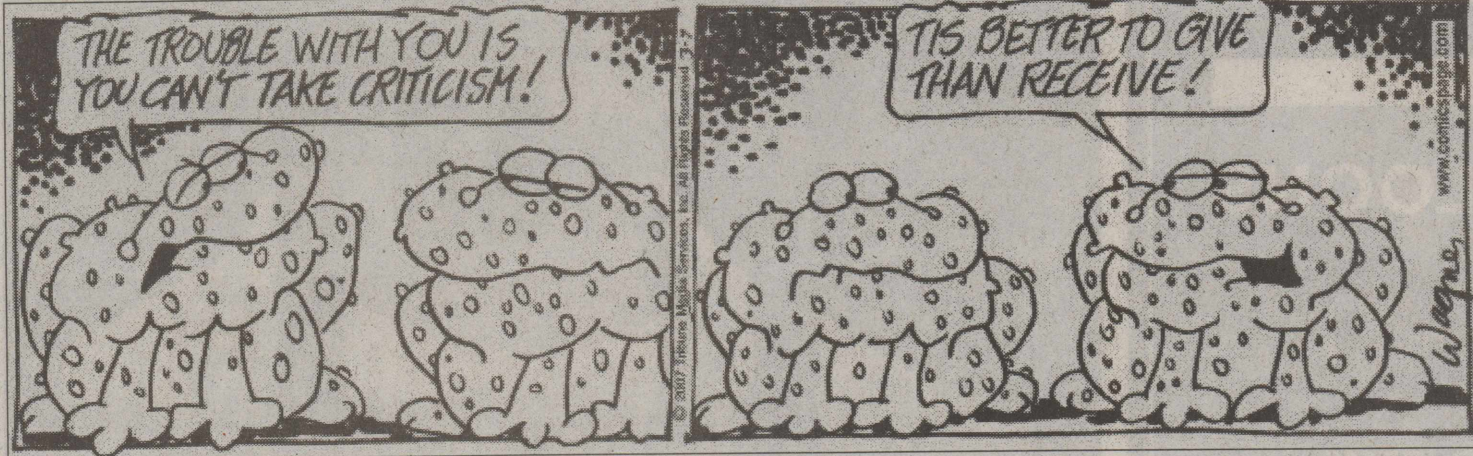
After all, it was Armitage, the former State Department official, who first leaked Plame's identity. It was Fleischer, the former White House press secretary, who told reporters about Plame. And it was Rove, the top White House aide, who discussed her with journalists.

So what does Scooter Libby have to do with anything?

Simply put, he's the Bush administration's red-headed, red-herring stepchild and the symbol of public doubt as a majority sentiment. While the guilty verdict only applies to Libby, the guilt extends to the Bush administration, the most secretive one in decades.

Super-hunky, super-sleuth investigator Patrick Fitzgerald is going back to his day job. The questions, the investigation, the blame, the trial, it's all over. All the public has left is the lingering smell of fish.

The Bush administration's attempt to mislead the American public is an ironic twist of fate and the most insightful on why we're at war at all. Even now, we still do not know the truth.



## Adventures interning in legislature

By DANIEL WOODRUFF  
THE DAILY UNIVERSE (BYU)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — I didn't expect anything out of the ordinary to happen during this school year. But my ordinary life quickly took a turn for something extraordinary when I decided to be a legislative intern at the Utah State Legislature.

I knew I would be spending 45 intense days working with members of the House of Representatives as they passed laws and dealt with many pressing issues. But I had no idea how much I would gain from this experience.

I was assigned to work for two legislators with whom I had never had contact previously. Both were accomplished and respected members of their communities, and had a great desire to positively influence the legislative process. They immediately took me under their wing and loaded me with tasks that helped me expand myself in many ways. In turn,

I became someone whom they trusted with every detail of their legislative work.

There were no typical days at the legislature. Each morning I woke with anticipation, wondering what the day held in store for me.

Representative Douglas Aagard, R-Kaysville, not only wanted me to track his bills as they progressed through the House and Senate, but also required me to be completely ready to assist him in any way in order to help his bills pass.

I worked tirelessly one day on a bill that would have required mandatory reporting of insurance fraud. I visited with the Utah Insurance Fraud Division director and gathered many statistics and facts to use in Aagard's presentation of the bill at a committee meeting the following morning. After compiling the information and preparing packets and talking points, I felt confident we had this bill in the bag.

To my disappointment and surprise, the bill did not receive enough votes to pass out of committee. I thought all was lost. What I didn't realize about state government was that a bill is not dead until the clock strikes midnight on the forty-fifth day of the session. I learned how it really works as Aagard worked with the committee chair to bring the bill back for another hearing. After some tweaking, the bill passed out favorably. I understood from this experience that, despite the amount of work involved, legislators never give up fighting for something they believe in.

Then there was Representative Lorie Fowlke, R-Orem. As an accomplished attorney, she knew plenty about important legal issues, particularly in the area of family law. I'm not planning on going to law school, but with the work she had me do on her bills, I felt I had earned a law degree by the end of the session.

For several days, I spent hours

working with her on a bill that would update the child support guidelines used for calculating child support payment. She had me question each member of the House about their position on the controversial bill, educate them about the purpose of the bill, and answer any questions they might have. Tremendous satisfaction came to me as I saw the bill pass out of the House by one vote. I felt like my work had made a difference. I did the same thing with a bill that addressed the growing problem of divorce. She had enough trust to include me completely in her work with lobbyists, interest groups, other legislators, and constituents. Being completely immersed in this process helped me learn more about the work that goes into being a legislator.

Classes are great and obviously necessary. However, as I finish my college education, I will constantly be asking myself, "Where's the next internship?"

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**WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF**

**Suicide bomber kills 30; 3 GIs die clearing explosives**

BAGHDAD; Iraq (AP) — A suicide attacker blew himself up in a cafe northeast of the capital Wednesday, killing 30 people and wounding dozens, and a powerful bomb killed three American soldiers trying to clear explosives from a highway near Baghdad.

The deadly assaults occurred as Iraqi security forces struggled to protect more than 1 million Shiite pilgrims streaming toward the holy city

of Karbala for annual religious rituals — and facing a string of attacks along the way that have claimed more than 150 lives in two days.

They included 22 people — 12 police commandos and 10 civilians — who died Wednesday in a car bombing at a checkpoint in southern Baghdad set up to protect pilgrims, the U.S. military said. An Iraqi TV cameraman working for a Shiite-owned station was among the civilian dead,

his station said.

One American soldier was wounded in the attack on the bombing-clearing team on a major highway just north of the capital, the U.S. military said. The names of the victims were withheld until their families are notified.

American troops have stepped up efforts to clear and secure major highways around the capital as part of the Baghdad security crackdown, which began last month.

**Bush says medical neglect of troops will not be tolerated**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday the bipartisan panel he named to investigate problems at the nation's military and veterans hospitals would work to restore confidence in the system of caring for wounded troops.

"Any report of medical neglect will be taken seriously by this administration," Bush said in an Oval Office meeting with the co-chairmen of the panel, former Sen. Bob Dole,

R-Kan., and Donna Shalala, who was secretary of health and human services during the Clinton administration.

"I'm confident that this commission will bring forth the truth," Bush said.

The president announced last Friday he had ordered a comprehensive review of conditions at military and veterans hospitals, which have been overwhelmed by injured troops from

the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The review came in the wake of disclosures of shoddy outpatient health care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, one of the nation's premier facilities for the wars' wounded.

"Obviously, it's a tragedy," Dole told reporters outside the West Wing. He said the other seven members of the commission would be named later this week or early next week.

**Project invests in FUTURE by attracting unlikely students**

By RICHARD CAMPANARO  
STAFF WRITER

Making plans after high school can be daunting for those who do not have the means to obtain a higher education.

Project FUTURE, a program developed by the College of Education, focuses on recruiting diverse, first-generation college students. The program is designed to find students as early as the sixth grade who might be interested in a career in teaching and would be unlikely to attend college.

The project is a collaborative effort privately funded by the Greater Texas Foundation and the Tech Center for the Integration of Science Education and Research.

Susan Talkmitt, associate director of outreach with CISER, said the center's role with Project FUTURE is to organize education programs for the students and administer funding from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The funding is used primarily for supplies and training for teachers and science education scholars — Tech students who work in classrooms with teachers and help teach camps for the project.

"We have a very active outreach program," Talkmitt said. "We are big on engaging science that is

inquiry."

She said CISER sends approximately 20 mobile-science labs such as Bio Tech, which services 10,000 students, around the region. The traveling labs also are used to teach students who attend the project's camps during the summer.

Janie Landin Ramirez, outreach specialist with the college, said the project — which has 500 students ranging from grades sixth through 12th — gives students the opportunity to visit and participate in coordinated activities on the Tech campus at no cost to their families. Activities range from Tech basketball games to science discovery camps held each summer by CISER.

"For most of these students, it's the first time they've ever been to Texas Tech," Ramirez said. "It introduces them to a college environment."

She said one of the segments the students enjoy most, besides eating in the dining halls, is the opportunity to visit with what they call their "Tech friends" — members of various Tech organizations who take time to talk to them and answer questions about what it is like to attend college.

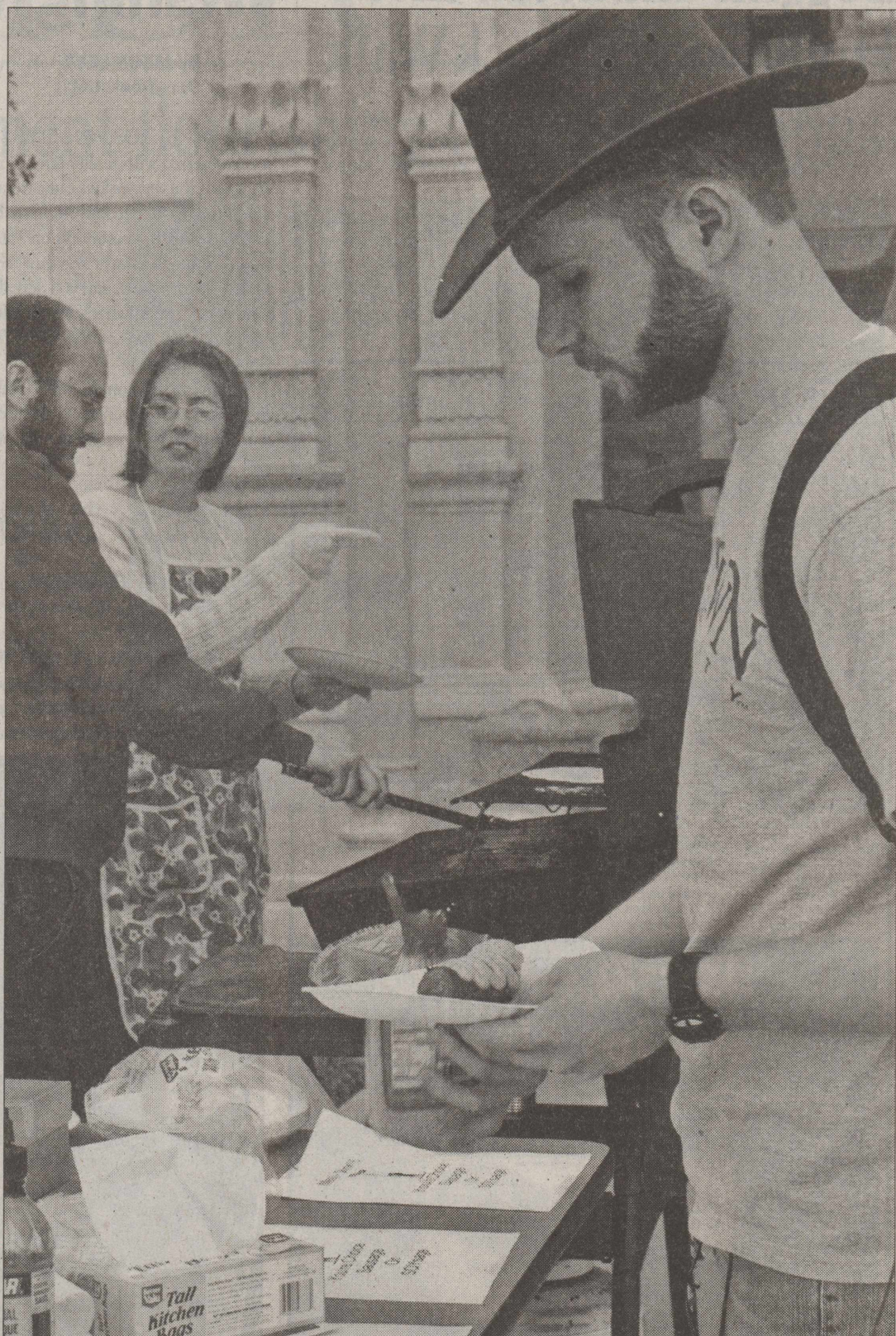
Ramirez said engaging students' interest in careers in teaching is a main focus of the project, but program administrators ultimately want

them to go to college.

According to <http://www.educdata.edu.ttu.edu>, Project FUTURE is divided into three phases, the first of which is for sixth-grade students and is designed to encourage them think about planning to go to college. Phase 2 is for students in grades seven, eight and nine and places an emphasis on teaching careers through interactive education. Phase 3 places high school students with those able to assist in their college preparation.

Tara Stevens, an assistant professor of education, said the goal of Project FUTURE is to identify issues students have that might be obstacles for them in selecting a career. Another goal is to assess their situations based on a model of social-cognitive career theory. She said the model is based on various experiences and the effect those experiences have on students' expectations, how those expectations affect their teaching goals and how their actions are influenced. She said a student's attitudes and beliefs may

**PHILOSOPHICAL FRANKS**



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CURTIS SHARP, A philosophy graduate student from Richboro, Penn., prepares food outside the English building Wednesday. The Philosophy Graduate Student Association raised money for "The Philosophy of Love" conference this spring.

affect his or her actions, and part of what Project FUTURE is doing is changing or redirecting the beliefs of students who feel they cannot go to college.

"It doesn't matter how strong my beliefs are in myself," she said. "If I expect an outcome to be something negative, then it's going to influence my goals."

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# Loggins inducted into Hollywood's Rock Walk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kenny Loggins, who segued into a successful solo career after being half of the hit duo Loggins and Messina in the 1970s, was inducted into Hollywood's Rock Walk on Wednesday.

"Thank you to everybody, and my fans who have come out," said Loggins, 59, just before putting

his hands in wet cement at the sidewalk gallery outside the Guitar Center on Sunset Boulevard.

The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter started his musical career as a folksinger in the '60s, later playing in such rock bands as the Electric Prunes.

# Wishing we could only be on reality TV

By JASON LEVY  
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — We're obsessed with reality television. We love it the way we love our parents, which is why we become emotionally involved with the castaways on "Survivor." There's always the guy who doesn't do any work, and you actually hate him. "You're what's wrong with America," you yell at the TV. "You should be in prison."

Yes, we're passionate about "Survivor," but we're even more fanatical about another reality rage: the spelling

bee. This used to be a 3 a.m. broadcast on ESPN2, but now it's prime time. We find 800 fifth-grade nerds who were pretty much yanked from the womb and given a dictionary, and for seven hours we watch them ask questions like, "May I have the language of origin please?" These kids must be so traumatized. "I'm sorry, Billy, 'leiotrichous' is spelled with an 'i.'" Ten years of study wasted.

The spelling bee, however, isn't nearly as captivating as what's probably the most popular show in television history: "American Idol." People watch this program the way they

consume saturated fat -- especially the first round, in which 10,000 people audition in every city. This has to be discouraging. You're sitting at the Rose Bowl with 10,000 other people, and you're not even better than the guy next to you. Of course, you might still get on TV if your voice is especially atrocious, because America loves to see people suck. They show a segment about some freak clearly suffering from some sort of emotional disorder and we just laugh and laugh.

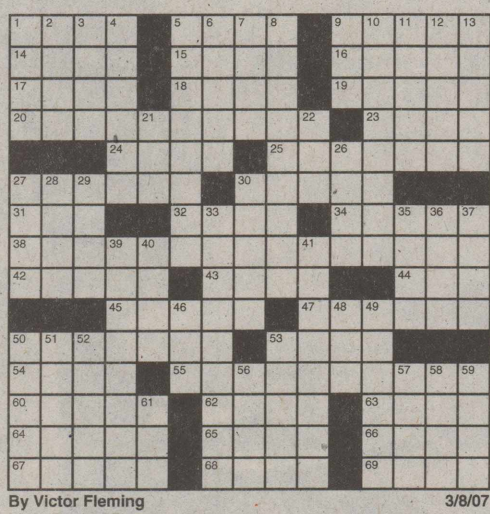
The first round drags on, and after a while it becomes clear that even the judges don't want to be there. In fact,

I think the judges retired after season four and now the editors just splice together old footage. But we don't care. We just like to watch Randy say, "Dawg, OK, dawg, you know what, keepin' it most real -- you freakin' sucked." And we love to hear Paula's incoherent gibberish. "America will love you a star so talented your voice song melody angel." And then, of course, Simon just smacks the contestant down, as we wish we could do when someone annoys us. A waiter brings us the wrong entree, and we want to be like, "Dreadful, just dreadful. You should be bussing tables on a cruise ship."

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 46 Pester
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- 68 Wise off
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By Victor Fleming  
Little Rock, AR  
3/8/07

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 9 Frequently in a poem
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- 21 Family guy
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- 26 Moroccan seaport
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- 28 One who's sorry now
- 29 Actor Alda
- 30 Coming-out
- 33 Some three-digit numbers
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- 36 Cameo shape
- 37 Banana wrap?
- 39 Wide-screen process
- 40 Furnace output
- 41 "Silent All These Years" singer
- 46 Cotton cleaner
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- 50 Comic Radner
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# Mexican-American author takes in-depth look at life on the border

By HALEY BRAMBLE  
MUSTANG DAILY (CAL POLY)

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Luis Alberto Urrea was born in Tijuana to a Mexican father and American mother. "The border runs

down the middle of me," he writes. "I have a barbed-wire fence neatly bisecting my heart."

With the appearance of a "gringo" and the spirit of a Mexican, Urrea represents both countries without fully belonging to either, making the Harvard

professor the perfect travel guide to "the secret life of the Mexican border." In his book, "By the Lake of Sleeping Children," Urrea illustrates both the controversy and the stark reality of life directly south of the United States.

"By the Lake of Sleeping Children" provides a well-rounded narrative of many aspects of Urrea's Mexican experience. Each chapter seems to be written slightly differently -- from factual articles to deeply descriptive accounts. This discrepancy in style stems from the fact that "By the Lake of Sleeping Children" is a compilation of several essays and articles that appeared in various publications.

These essays portray Urrea's personal encounters; a day in the life of a borderland family, Mexican orphanages,

immigration, and even provide a lesson in Mexican slang (who knew the tune "Shave and a Haircut" is an obscenity south of the border?).

Urrea paints, in vivid detail, the lives of a group of people who spend their day sorting through the tons of litter at the Tijuana dump, where floods uproot graves from the nearby trash-strewn cemetery and mix remains with refuse.

In the same dump, orphaned children and wild dogs fight over turf and struggle to survive by any means necessary. It is obvious that at times, Urrea manipulates his audience's reaction by directing his focus on children. What hardened heart can read about starving, dying and abandoned children without a rush of sentiment?



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## Secret garden: Horticulture department flourishing on Tech campus

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

As soon as visitors step into any one of Texas Tech's greenhouses, the humid warmth squeezes them like an unwelcomed lover.

The chambers of the many greenhouses contain specific plant species, and the temperatures vary depending on what's being grown; there are eight houses total in the department.

Along the damp-concrete floor and past the stock of peanut plants, the cotton crops grow in the warmest environment.

Judith Wilmington, a horticulture research associate, said growing the cotton in a warm environment allows undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to grow three times what they otherwise would have by simply planting the crops outside.

Wilmington said students in the horticulture program are offered an opportunity many Tech students

would otherwise never get.

"Horticulture is learning the principals of growing plants and how to manipulate them in a crop situation where you not only understand the plant and its workings, but learn how to cut the plant and grow it," she said.

When a plant is ready to be harvested, Wilmington and the rest of the faculty members in the department do not sell the fruits and vegetables.

"We give them away to whoever wants them," she said. "We give them away to tour groups and students."

Inside the greenhouses, many different experiments are being conducted. There are students testing what cold weather will do to soil, and there are some testing the growth rate of plants in extreme shade.

At the back of the room full of temperature chambers, one of the more interesting experiments is being conducted.

"This is our experiment for the

NASA program," she said. "They're studying crops for space exploration, specifically for Mars, and which crops would be the best for space to allow astronauts to survive the longest time on the trip."

There are many different fields of study in the department. Graduate student Michael Krawitzky said he is the only person in the horticulture department who is studying grapes and wine. He said although Texas is not known for its wine, the Lone Star State still has the capacity to produce it.

"If wine grapes have good irrigation, and the weather is not too bad, then the grapes can do very well," he said. "It's possible."

Wilmington said her department is involved both in the educational and research fields of the plant world.

"Horticulture is extremely important in the coming years for the simple reason that our natural resources are consistently challenged," she said. "Water is a huge issue on the South Plains right now."

Kelli Van Winkle, a former graduate student in the horticulture program, said her major will be increasingly valuable because of global warming.

"Saving water is a big issue," she said.

To help Lubbock conserve water, Wilmington and city officials started a program called Smartscape.

"On our Web site, we have 250 plants that should be grown in our area," she said. "They work with our sun and wind. You can live in this area, and you can have plants and trees, but you have to have the correct ones."

Chamber 2 of the greenhouse

is tagged as the "tropical" greenhouse. Plants from the darkest corners of jungles grow freely about the many tables that lace the concrete floors. To one side, someone has grown a banana tree, and to the other side, there is a pineapple plant beginning to flourish.

"When (the pineapple) grows, we'll eat it," Wilmington said. "It'll be a fight to see who gets it though."

Outside the greenhouses are the horticulture-botanical gardens. Students from various classes in the department plant crops in the different spaces to see how they will grow.

During the weekend or throughout a school day, the benches of the horticulture garden often are populated with students who are looking for a chance to find some quiet reading time.

"Many students do not know that the garden is open to the public," Wilmington said. "Many students see the garden and think that it's for research, but we welcome students and the community here, as long as they don't touch our labels."

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MANAGER OF THE greenhouse and horticulture garden, Judith Wilmington, tends to her Bonsai. Bonsai leaves and stems are removed to keep the proportions correct.



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AMARYLLIS FLOWERS BLOOM in the horticulture building greenhouses.

## Kal Penn aiming higher than 'Van Wilder'

By ALEX HERBACH  
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES—For a comedic actor attempting to prevent himself from being typecast, making a dramatic film can be like trying to breathe through your eyelids — the objective might be, familiar, but the method is altogether different.

The latest comedy star attempting reinvention is Kal Penn, star of such critical darlings as "Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj" and "Epic Movie." He stars in the upcoming film "The Namesake," an immigrant's saga adapted from Jhumpa Lahiri's novel of the same name.

Slighting his usual examination of such themes as the tragic consequences of excessively oiling a woman's back, Penn instead chooses to explore some of life's other challenges.

He plays Gogol Ganguli, an immigrant's son whose struggle to maintain his Indian heritage while assimilating into American culture is compounded by his unique name.

Growing up in suburban New Jersey as a second-generation Indian, Penn also had to contend with native ignorance.

"Thanks to the genius of 'The Simpsons' and 'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom,' it took a little bit of work to explain to people that I

was neither a cartoon character nor a monkey-brain eater," Penn said.

The film depicts the universal struggle immigrants face to place their cultures into an American context—a struggle that has become a unique part of this country's social fabric. India-born director Mira Nair deftly composes this journey and was one of Penn's main reasons for wanting the role.

"She was one of my role models growing up," Penn said. "She really inspired me to go into filmmaking. To come full circle and be able to work with her was very, very incredible."

Penn became interested in "The Namesake" after being introduced to the novel by "Harold & Kumar" co-star

John Cho. The two decided to try and secure the film rights only to discover that Nair had already done so.

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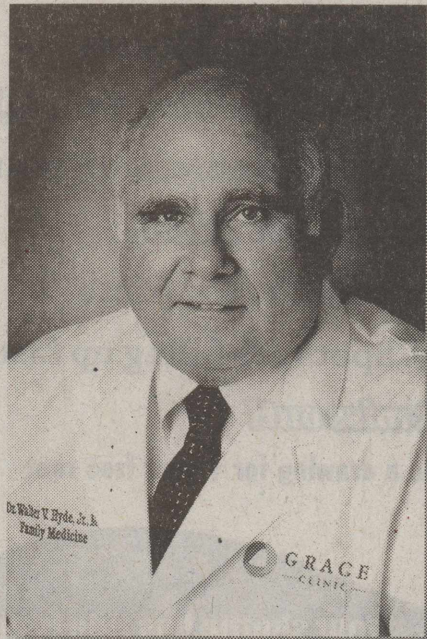
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## Coachella going back to its roots

By **DOMINICK DUHAMEL**  
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — If I had to choose one word to describe my experience at Coachella last year, it would definitely be “absolutely miserable.”

It may have had something to do with the oppressive heat. It may have had something to do with the absurd price of food and drink. But it probably had more to do with the fact that, halfway through Cat Power's set, I started to feel very, very sick.

This feeling only worsened after spending 20 minutes in an overheated porta-potty. I was forced to skip Daft Punk's reportedly incredible set and head back to my tent, where I slept sparingly through the night and woke up feeling worse than ever.

I ended up having to drive back to UCLA that morning, where I would spend the rest of the day writhing in my bed, thinking about how I'd spent \$200 to see three-quarters of Coachella's first day. After several hours of deliberation, I decided that it was probably the hamburgers that were to blame.

I think I can safely say that I'm expecting my experience this year to be a little bit better, and not only because I plan on staying healthy the whole weekend. I'm also expecting more because Coachella is returning to its roots.

Since the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival's debut in 1999, its lineup has become increasingly diverse, incorporating reggae, dub, electronica, hip-hop and dance as the years went on.

This year's lineup, however, abandons much of this diversity in order to focus on indie and alt-rock artists.

Yes, this means that we won't get to see Madonna drop in from a helicopter, hear James Blunt be abrasive in every way or watch the Crystal Method destroy a turntable. But I believe that these will be small sacrifices to make for a better overall festival experience.

One of the strangest things about last year was the number of cliques that existed, even within the on-site camping grounds.

The frat boys were there for Kanye West, Matisyahu and Wolfmother; the indie kids were there for Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, Cat Power and Wolf Parade; the goth kids were (only) there for Tool; and the casual festival-goers showed up to see Gnarl Barkley, Madonna and Depeche Mode.

The presence of these cliques eliminated one of the crucial elements of a festival: The unity that stems from thousands of people being in the same place for the same reason, sharing the same love.

Sure, Coachella 2006 was the most accessible festival to date, but what it lacked was togetherness and coherence.

And so, instead of bonding with our next-tent neighbors, my friends and I sat wondering how the Tool fans could bear to wear black long-sleeves, cargo pants, and layers of makeup in temperatures well exceeding 100 degrees.

## WEEKLY RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Gardski's atmosphere a plus, food not a must

Anne M. Shepherd



All I had heard of Gardski's Restaurant and Bar was that it was a great eatery with good food. Over the weekend, I finally had the opportunity to see what all the excitement is about.

I entered Gardski's for Sunday lunch with two friends and was told the wait for a table would be about 10 minutes. We settled into the cozy waiting room; antique stained-glass windows, wooden doors and old-fashioned carpet give the place a unique and fun atmosphere.

Within 10 minutes, we were led upstairs to a cozy dining room with a large window overlooking the street. We sat at a table close to the stairs. I do not remember our waitress ever introducing herself, but I do remember she never smiled and said little. This did not bother me horribly, yet it did anything but make me feel comfortable.

The menu contains a variety of items, including hamburgers, sandwiches, soups, shrimp, steak and pasta. I looked over the choices greedily, excited to finally get a taste of what the highly recommended Gardski's had to offer.

I decided on the fried-cheese appetizer and, according to the menu, a “new” offering: Beef

stroganoff.

Not long after the fried-cheese dish was brought to my table, we had a little mishap with a cup of water that spilled. I looked over to see the last fried-cheese stick floating in a plate of icy water. It was some time before the waitress returned and took away the plate for us. Another staff member came and awkwardly wiped up the puddle covering our table.

Luckily, I had been able to taste the fried cheese before the last of it was engulfed; unluckily, it was not the most memorable fried cheese. Stick to Spanky's if you want good fried cheese — there was nothing special about Gardski's version.

After a 15-minute wait, my plate of beef stroganoff was set before me. This would be the moment of truth for Gardski's. I picked up my fork, looked down at my noodles and creamy beef-stroganoff sauce and dug in.

It was all right — not the best beef stroganoff I've ever had, but all right. I think the whole plate could have used some more sauce. Overall, there was not a lot of flavor to the dish. I applied some salt and pepper, and that helped a little bit.

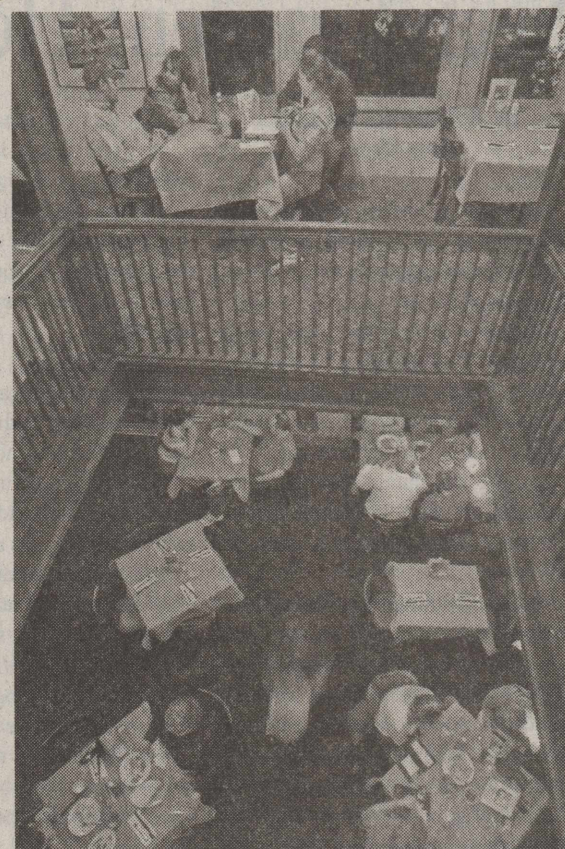
The other members of my party ordered the grilled-pork-chop plate and the Santa Fe chicken sandwich. I tasted each of these dishes, and found the same problem with both of them: They were bland. The grilled pork chop came with mashed potatoes and green beans, and those were both good, but the pork chop tasted as if it

had no seasoning. The chicken sandwich gave me a similar experience — I bit in and tasted only guacamole because there was not much flavor in the chicken.

The prices of Gardski's, when I first sat down, seemed fair. After I tasted the food, I had a new dilemma before me: Were the prices still as fair if the food was not as good as I had hoped? The half-order of fried cheese cost \$3.99, and the beef stroganoff plate was \$8.99. For a locally owned restaurant comparable to Chili's or Outback Steakhouse, these figures did not seem so bad, but the quality of the food was simply not worth that price.

Maybe Gardski's food is worth its price tag for some people simply because of the atmosphere, and I can understand that; the atmosphere was great. The building has such a unique style with its antique décor that it was fun to eat there. Thus, for some individuals, the experience — rather than the food — might be worth the price.

As I left the restaurant, I thought to myself perhaps I simply did not taste Gardski's best meals.



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador  
GARDSKI'S RESTAURANT AND Bar offers decent food, unique atmosphere and mediocre service.

Maybe that's true, but three bland meals to me seem awfully close to three strikes for Gardski's.

### GARDSKI'S REPORT CARD

- Food: *B-*
- Atmosphere: *A+*
- Service: *B*
- Cleanliness: *A*
- Cost: *Fair*
- Overall Grade: *B*

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# CBS doubles bandwidth for NCAA video streams

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Corp. is doubling the amount of bandwidth available for viewing NCAA tournament games this year, but will still have to restrict the number of viewers to keep the system running smoothly.

The video streams proved very popular last year. CBS is also beefing up the image quality for the video and making the online video player larger, which will take up some of the added bandwidth.

Joe Ferreira, the vice president of programming at CBS SportsLine, says the site is aiming to accommodate up to 300,000 viewers at any given time, up from around 175,000 simultaneous viewers last year.

Once that limit is reached, fans will be diverted to online "waiting

rooms" until enough other users leave to allow new ones in.

CBS has been offering online viewing of the NCAA basketball games since 2003, but this is only the second year that they will be offered for free and supported with advertising. In previous years, fans had to pay for a subscription to view the games.

Steve Snyder, chief operating officer of CBS's digital media unit, said 2006 was a "year of learning" for selling advertising during the games. This year, CBS has a tighter grasp of how much ad time will be available and how to sell it, Snyder said.

Showing the NCAA games online is starting to turn into a real business for CBS. With as many as four different games being played

simultaneously during the early rounds of the tournament, offering video streams over the Internet allows CBS another way to make money.

In order to keep their affiliated stations happy, however, CBS has to observe local "blackout" rules that prevent Internet users in a given area from watching a game online that is already appearing on their local CBS-affiliated station. That prevents users and advertising dollars from being leeched away.

There are a total of 56 such "out-of-market" games during the first three rounds of the tournament, but after accounting for the blackout rules most viewers would have a choice of about 37 games, CBS said.

CBS took in about \$4 million in online advertising from the games last year, and Chief Executive Leslie Moonves told investors last month that the company expects to double those revenues and increase profits sixfold, but he didn't provide an exact profit figure.

The Hartford, a financial services company, has signed up to buy ads online for the first time this year, though the company declined to say how much it's spending.

"As consumers change their media consumption habits, we're constantly looking for ways to get our message in front of them," said Michael Johnson, vice president of advertising at The Hartford.

Only the first three rounds of play are being offered online, with many of the games concentrated

during the afternoons of Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th.

Ferreira calls those times a "sweet spot" for video streaming since many fans will still be at work, often with access to the high-speed Internet connections required to watch the video.

Borrowing a trick from computer games, CBS will offer a "Boss" button on the player that viewers can hit if they see their supervisor coming, which causes a fake spreadsheet to pop up and silences the audio feed.

The ruse could backfire, however, if bosses take the time to actually read the items listed on the

spreadsheet, which purports to list, among other things, the millions of pounds of pizza, peanuts and other snack foods, including sushi, that were consumed while watching sporting events in 2006.

As for whether CBS will be encouraging slacking off at work, "employees and employers across the country are going to make individual decisions about what they do," Ferreira says. "We think it's a great perk."

In case some employers disagree, CBS does explain in a Q&A page on its Web site how companies can block online access to the video player.

# Committee has tough decisions at top of bracket

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gary Walters understands the difficulty in filling those final spots for the NCAA field. This year, however, his selection committee faces a new twist — picking the top seeds.

With Florida's late-season struggles, Wisconsin's injuries and Kansas' power ranking, Walters acknowledged Wednesday that putting together the 65-team field this weekend will be far from clear-cut.

"There appears to be less clarity at the top this year," Walters, the committee chairman, said during conference call day hours before the 10-member group was to meet. "So that could change the seeding if someone stubs their toes in the

conference tournaments."

While much of the talk focuses on whether mid-major schools such as Old Dominion and Drexel of the Colonial Athletic Association, Santa Clara of the West Coast Conference and Missouri State of the Missouri Valley Conference have done enough to warrant at-large bids, the debate among committee members may be driven more by seeding.

Among those in the mix are Florida and Wisconsin.

The Gators (26-5) are the defending national champions, the regular-season Southeastern Conference champs and were ranked No. 1 as recently as four weeks ago. Yet consecutive losses at LSU and Ten-

nessee, before beating Kentucky at home last weekend, has knocked the Gators down to No. 6 in The Associated Press poll, No. 9 in the RPI Index, a calculation that includes victories over Division I opponents, strength of schedule and opponents' strength of schedule. So Florida could be fighting for a top seed when the SEC tournament begins Thursday.

Wisconsin (27-4) finds itself in a different predicament. The Badgers are No. 3 in the poll and No. 4 in the NCAA's RPI ratings, but haven't looked the same since starting center Brian Butch went down with a right elbow injury during a 1-point loss to No. 1 Ohio State on Feb. 25. Butch was expected to miss four to six weeks,

meaning he could miss the rest of the season, and the Badgers have struggled to score without him.

Injuries are something the committee generally considers as Cincinnati learned in 2000 after Kenyon Martin cracked a bone in his right leg and tore ligaments in a conference tournament game. The Bearcats, who were ranked No. 1, wound up with a No. 2 seed.

"This is one of those real subjective areas, whether a player is scheduled to come back," said Walters, the athletic director at Princeton and a former Providence assistant. "It's something you can only hypothesize about, and some teams have done very well when a player goes out. Others have struggled."

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# Women's tennis bounces back against Oral Roberts

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

After dropping two matches in Big 12 conference play, the Texas Tech women's tennis team bounced back to defeat Oral Roberts Tuesday, 6-1.

The Tech women (6-6, 0-3 Big 12) were looking to make a comeback after losses against Big 12 foes Oklahoma and No. 43 Oklahoma State. The win over Oral Roberts marked the last non-conference match the women will play this season.

Tech entered the match with a different look in the doubles lineup. There were three new doubles duos slated to go against Oral Roberts' top three. The pairs consisted of Lakann Wagley and Kerryn Potgieter in the No. 1 spot, Janet Durham and Brenna Jackson in the No. 2 spot and Maria Jose Andres and Samantha Van der Drift in the No. 3 spot. The newly formed duos took the early

lead despite the change, as Tech swept the doubles point. Tech defeated all its opponents by a combined score of 8-2.

The singles competition produced a similar outcome to that of the doubles, as the women only dropped one match. Tech's only loss came when Oral Roberts' Hayden Rush took down Tech's Anne Sophie Fankam, 6-1, 5-7, 10-3. Durham only allowed one point as she defeated ORU's No. 3 player, Tayler Pippin, 6-0, 6-1. The win against Pippin improved Durham's singles record to 8-4. Van der Drift grabbed her 10th win of the season when she defeated ORU's Emily Arkell, 6-1, 6-3. Senior captain Wagley contributed to Tech's victory with her seventh win coming in the form of a victory from her matchup with Paige McKinney, 6-4, 6-4.

The Tech women will attempt to grab their first conference win against Nebraska March 25 in Lubbock. [adam.coleman@ttu.edu](mailto:adam.coleman@ttu.edu)

# Women's golf to participate in back-to-back tournaments

By JESSICA HENDERSHOT  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's golf team finally is returning to competition in the United States, Friday at the Rio Verde Invitational in Rio Verde, Ariz.

Tournaments in both Mexico and Puerto Rico have proved to be disappointing for the team, but they also have provided good learning experiences, said coach Stacy Totman.

"Now we have learned from it, and we have come back and we have worked really hard," she said. "I think the girls have refocused themselves, and hopefully

we will see some progress."

The Red Raiders most recently competed in the Purdue/Puerto Rico Invite at the Coco Beach Resort in Puerto Rico, where they finished 15th. Sophomore Ulrika Van Nierkerk led the team with a tie for 45th and a 54-hole score of 232. Sophomore and Costa Rica native Gloriana Soto carded a score of 238 and finished 59th. Redshirt freshman Melissa Fahey and freshman Rosalyn Kim tied for 70th place with a score of 241. Sophomore Megan Dowdy finished 74th and shot a 242.

The Rio Verde Invitational is the first of two consecutive tournaments for Tech. The team will travel to Las

Vegas Monday to compete in the UNLV Spring Invitational.

Consecutive tournaments will provide a change of pace for the Red Raiders, who have seen up to 20 days go by between competitions. Totman said it will be good for her players to stay in a competitive mode.

"I really like competition and keeping them competing," Totman said. "In the offseason, you work really hard on your game, but you do kind of lose your competitive edge, so to speak, so I think it will be good."

Totman said ball-striking is her team's main strength and the players should fare well in the desert setting in which they will be golfing.

"Overall, they hit it long and straight off the tees, and I think for desert golf, that is really what you need," she said.

Dowdy, who finished fourth in the Rio Verde Invitational in 2006, said she feels her team is a support net that is never satisfied.

"We have always been a really close team that has been able to pump each other up, but scoring-wise, there is always room for improvement," Dowdy said. "If we want to reach our goals, which I truly believe that we will, we just need to keep working hard like we are right now, and it will eventually pay off." [jessica@hendershotequipment.com](mailto:jessica@hendershotequipment.com)

## Basketball

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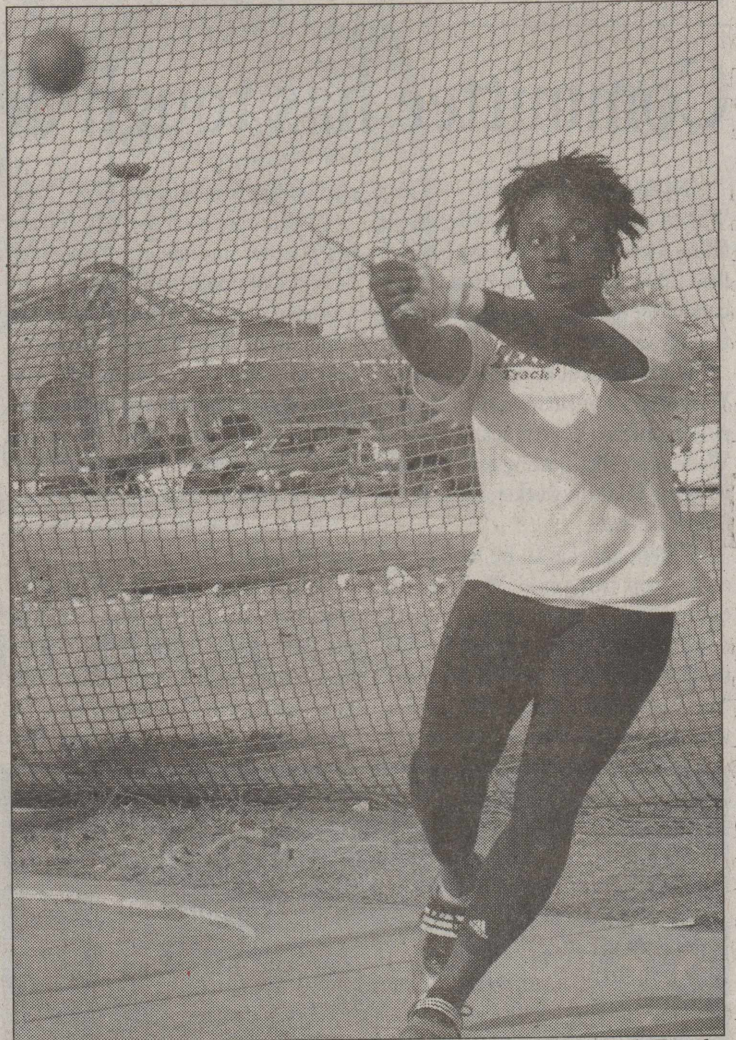
shot 60 percent from the floor but had 20 turnovers.

"We didn't do a good job of taking care of the basketball in their place," Patton said. "And I thought they did a nice job of attacking and causing match-up problems with our zone. Even though we shot 60 percent for the game, we primarily made those baskets shooting 2s, but we gave up 3s. That'll beat you every time."

Tech forward Martin Zeno ranks second on the team in scoring with 16.3 points per game and leads the team in both rebounds and assists. Despite the 20-win season, Zeno said the Raiders still have to play well before they can be assured of an NCAA Tournament bid.

"We know that we still have work to do," Zeno said. "We just have to come into this tournament and play as well or better than we did in the regular season." [jaymie.langley@ttu.edu](mailto:jaymie.langley@ttu.edu)

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# Aggies roll past Colorado women

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Texas A&M coach Gary Blair understands that some basketball fans think the Aggies' style of basketball is ugly. As long as they keep winning, he has no plans to change it.

Top-seeded Texas A&M rode its best defensive outing of the season against a Big 12 opponent to a 62-45 win over Colorado in the conference tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The 13th-ranked Aggies (24-5) head to the semifinals for the second straight season to play Nebraska or Iowa State on Thursday. That's heady stuff for a program that until last year had not won a game in the first nine years of Big 12 tournament history.

"We had that attitude, that's why we went out there with such hard intensity on defense," Blair said. "I was really proud of my half-court defense."

The Aggies, the league's leader in defensive field goal percentage, held Colorado (13-17) to 26.1 percent shooting, the Buffaloes' worst of the season. The Aggies held a league opponent under 50 points for the third time this season.

"Well, it wasn't pretty," Colorado coach Kathy McConnell-

Miller said. "But it wasn't for a lack of effort or a true commitment to coming in here and trying to beat A&M. But you've got to give all the credit to A&M. They're a phenomenal team. They're the kind of team that makes it impossible to run your stuff. ... They put an amazing amount of pressure on the basketball. Their depth is exceptional."

The Aggies turned up the defensive pressure early.

Colorado went 6 1/2 minutes without scoring in one early stretch and almost nine minutes without a basket.

Colorado had 12 turnovers and shot 18.5 percent from the field in the first half. Until scoring five points in the final minute to pull within 26-15, the Buffs threatened to match the school record for fewest points in a half.

"I didn't like the last minute of the half," Blair said. "We had a chance to really hold a team down to 10 points and it's not like we're trying to ever do anything like that, but you want to take that momentum and pride in there ... We made some mistakes, and that comes with the territory."

Colorado trailed by 15 points late in the first half but used a 10-4

run to open the second half to pull within 30-25 with 14:41 left.

"Then they just stepped up and hit shots," McConnell-Miller said of the Aggies.

Texas A&M quickly rebuilt the lead to 11 points at 41-30. A 3-pointer by Colorado's Hannah Skildum with 10:25 left — one of only two in the game for the Buffs — cut the Aggies' lead to 41-35, but Texas A&M answered with a 19-4 run over the next eight minutes.

"We knew we had to break the lead open," said Texas A&M point guard A'Quonesia Franklin, who hit two 3-pointers during the run and finished with 13 points. "If we didn't, you knew it was going to be a close game and we didn't want that kind of finish."

Takia Starks scored 16 points to lead Texas A&M.

Jackie McFarland led Colorado with 17 points and 13 rebounds, her 18th double-double of the season, and added four steals and two blocked shots. She had seven of the Buffs' 26 turnovers, while point guard Whitney Houston had eight.

Patrice Reado added 13 points for Texas A&M, which had beaten Colorado 74-58 on Jan. 18 in the teams' regular-season meeting.

# Sosa hits second homer, Rangers win

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Sammy Sosa is starting to find his groove, a good sign in his comeback attempt with the Texas Rangers.

Sosa homered for the second time this spring while going 2-for-3 Wednesday in the Rangers' 9-8 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The 38-year-old Sosa, who didn't play in the major leagues last season, hit a towering three-run homer that capped a six-run outburst off former World Series MVP Livan Hernandez in the third inning. That gave Texas a 6-0 lead.

"The more games I play, the better I feel," Sosa said. "The confidence is here and I know I can hit. I believe in myself, and just keep working every day."

The Rangers signed Sosa, who is fifth on the career list with 588 homers, to a minor league contract, meaning he has to make the team. Since going 0-for-3 with two strikeouts making his spring debut in a 'B' game Friday, Sosa is 5-for-12 with two homers and four RBIs in four games.

Hernandez gave up nine runs (seven earned) and 10 hits in 3 1/2 innings. He struck out one and walked none.

"I never have a good spring," Hernandez said. "I'm just coming to get my work in and make sure I'm 100 percent for the season."

Gerald Laird also homered for Texas, his first of the spring, in the third inning. Michael Young had an RBI single and Mark Teixeira an RBI-scoring double before Sosa's homer.

Teixeira added a two-run single and Kenny Lofton an RBI double when the Rangers went up 9-1 in the fourth.

"We were swinging the bats good, and that's encouraging," Teixeira said.

Rangers starter John Koronka, one of about a half-dozen candidates for the No. 5 spot in the rotation, retired all nine batters he faced in a 31-pitch outing. The left-hander struck out one and walked one.

"At this point, I'm not guaranteed a spot, so I need to get people out," Koronka said. "My aim right now is to be consistent with all my pitches and use both sides of the plate."

Kameron Loe, another candidate for the No. 5 spot, struck out two and allowed an unearned run in his three innings.

# Paris leads OU to win over 'Horns

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Courtney Paris broke free from Texas' defense to score 12 of her 17 points in the second half and lead No. 11 Oklahoma to a 67-58 win over the Longhorns in the Big 12 quarterfinals Wednesday night.

The All-America center also had 18 rebounds to notch her 61st career double-double, tying the Big 12 record set by Baylor's Sophia Young last season. It was the 56th consecutive double-double for Paris.

After getting only four shots in the opening half, Paris took five in the first 2 1/2 minutes after halftime.

She made three in that span, and later added a three-point play to make it 42-26 as Texas suffered through an extended shooting drought after halftime.

The seventh-seeded Longhorns (18-14) missed their first 13 second-half shots and didn't make one until Earnesia Williams hit a jumper from the left wing with 12:39 to play. That cut the lead to 46-33 but didn't get Texas out of its funk.

Texas missed seven more shots and the second-seeded Sooners (24-4) piled on eight more points — including the final six from Ashley

Paris, Courtney's twin — to push the lead to 54-33 with 10:12 remaining.

Carla Cortijo's 3-pointer from the right wing trimmed the deficit to 62-49 with 5:24 left, but the Longhorns didn't make another shot for 3 1/2 minutes. Texas outscored Oklahoma 8-0 in the final 1:43 to reach the final margin.

Ashley Paris ended up with 16 points, Jenna Plumley added 13 and Leah Rush had 10 for Oklahoma, which set a school record with 15 blocks. The Sooners will face either third-seeded Baylor or 11th-seeded Kansas in the semifinals.

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# SPORTS

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## Unfinished business: Tech men look to tournament wins for NCAA tourney bid

By JAY LANGLEY  
NEWS EDITOR

OKLAHOMA CITY — Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight told his players at practice Wednesday they should not underestimate Colorado, the team's first opponent in the Phillips 66 Big 12 Tournament.

"I think you're always concerned about a team's focus," Knight said. "I've spent a lifetime watching teams that got beat, come back and beat the teams that beat them."

Tech (20-11, 9-7 Big 12) heads into the first round of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship as the No. 5 seed having beaten No. 12 Colorado 95-74 Feb. 17.

"We know that they're a very dangerous team, and they have a lot of talent on the team," Tech guard Jarrius Jackson said. "We can't just come into this game half-stepping or underestimating them."

Jackson leads Tech with 20.2 points per game, good for second in scoring in the conference. Jackson was named to the Big 12 All-Conference team Sunday, becoming the second Red Raider to earn All-Conference honors in two consecutive seasons.

Colorado (7-19, 3-13) heads into the match-up against Tech having

lost six of its last seven contests, but the Buffaloes finished the season with a 73-69 home win against Nebraska.

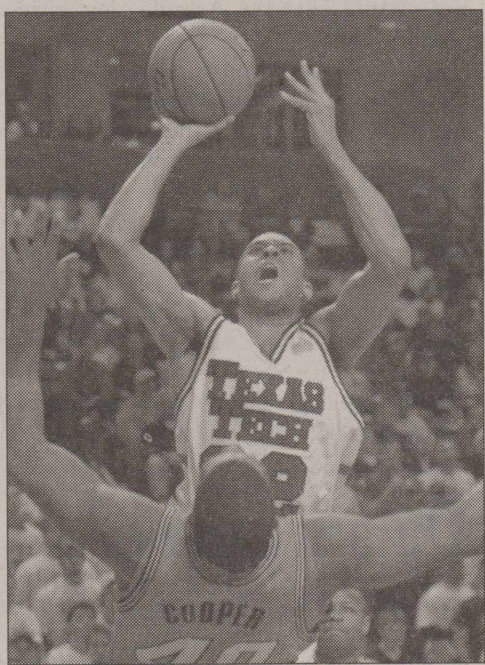
"We're not looking at what we did in the past," Colorado guard Richard Roby said. "It's a new season. We feel like we're playing our best basketball right now, and that's good for us. We need to build on that last win."

Roby leads Colorado with 17.3 points per game, including 17 points in Tech's February win in Lubbock.

"I don't think that you ever try to stop one player, you try to contain them," Knight said of Roby. "In singles tennis, you're trying to beat one guy, and this is a little different."

Colorado comes into the Big 12 Tournament short-handed, as Xavier Silas is under suspension for fighting during the Nebraska game.

"We need as many quality players as we can possibly have, and Silas is obviously a young man that has proven to have the ability to help us,"



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SENIOR guard Jarrius Jackson leads the Red Raiders with 20.2 points per game this season, second overall in the Big 12.

Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said. "We need other guys to step up, but it certainly hurts our depth."

Patton said guard Dwight Thorne could miss today's game because of an ankle injury.

In Tech's 21-point win against the Buffaloes in February, Colorado shot

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## Too little too late for Tech baseball

By WES SKIPWITH  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team's ninth-inning rally fell short as UNLV was able to hold on and win 5-4 over the Red Raiders Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, bases loaded and Tech down by one, Geoff Byrns came up to bat. On Marc Baca's 3-2 pitch, Byrns was caught looking at a called strike three to end the game.

Tech (13-6) had a total of 10 runners left on base throughout the game. Tech coach Larry Hays said although the opportunities to score were few, Tech's batters did not capitalize.

"We didn't do a good job when we had guys in scoring position," Hays said. "We didn't have many chances and when we did, we didn't take advantage."

UNLV (9-12) was the first to get on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning. Tech's starting pitcher Josh Scofield gave up a fielder's choice single, which scored the runner from third, putting UNLV ahead 1-0.

The score remained unchanged until the top of the fifth. Scofield gave up a double off the left-field wall from Braden Walker to lead off the inning. Ryan Kowalski singled up the middle, scoring Walker

from second and increasing UNLV's lead to 2-0.

UNLV added another run in the seventh after Calvin Beamon singled off Tech reliever James Leverton, driving in Kowalski from second.

Tech's Tim Ahern was brought in to pinch hit with two outs in the bottom of the seventh with Joey Kenworthy on first base. Ahern hit a line drive off the right-field wall, and UNLV left fielder Beamon collided with the wall in an attempt to make the catch. He remained on the ground after the collision, as Kenworthy scored from first, and Ahern rounded the bases for an inside-the-park home run. Beamon was shaken up on the play but remained in the game, and UNLV's lead was cut to 3-2.

After the Rebels scored two more in the top of the eighth, Tech answered back. Kyle Martin hit a one-run double to left, driving in Roger Kieschnick from first. With Martin at third, Taylor Ashby hit a RBI single, cutting UNLV's lead to one at 5-4.

That would be as close as Tech would get. UNLV held the Red Raiders scoreless for the rest of the game and won 5-4 to split the two-game series.

Wednesday was Scofield's second start of the year. After pitching five innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits and throwing three strikeouts, Scofield was given the loss. He said he has been competing with

the other pitchers on the staff to earn more appearances, and he said he feels his performance helped his case.

"There are a lot of pitchers on our team who are motivated to get some more innings and help the club," he said. "So I feel like I did my best today."

Tech sent five pitchers to the mound but still struggled to contain UNLV's offense, as the Rebels scored five runs on 11 hits.

The Red Raider offense ended the day with four runs on 10 hits.

Tech coach Larry Hays said the team struggled to stay consistent both offensively and on the pitching mound.

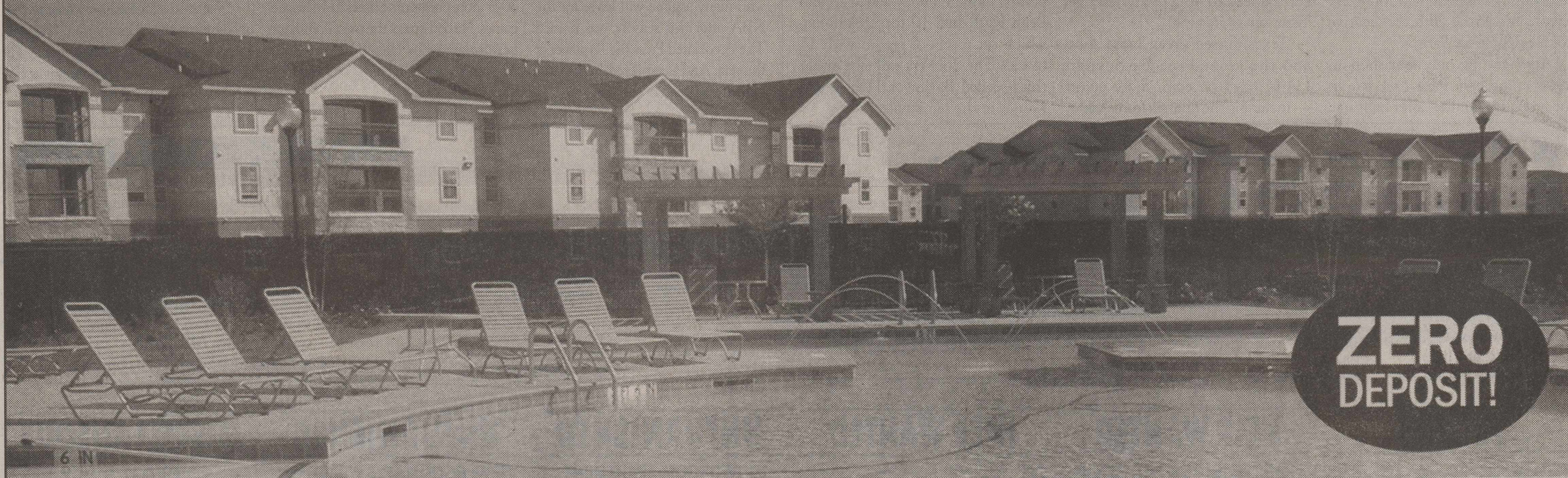
"Today we just never got going either direction really solid," Hays said. "We kind of got what we deserve today."

Leverton ended the day going 3-for-4 at the plate. He also pitched one third of an inning, allowing two earned runs on three hits. He said this loss teaches the team the importance of starting a game strong, which should come in handy as Tech prepares to face No. 10 Rice and No. 23 TCU in the Whataburger Classic over the weekend.

"We need to start playing nine innings instead of four," Leverton said. "We need to start from the get-go — especially playing Rice and TCU, two really big games. We need to come out fired up."

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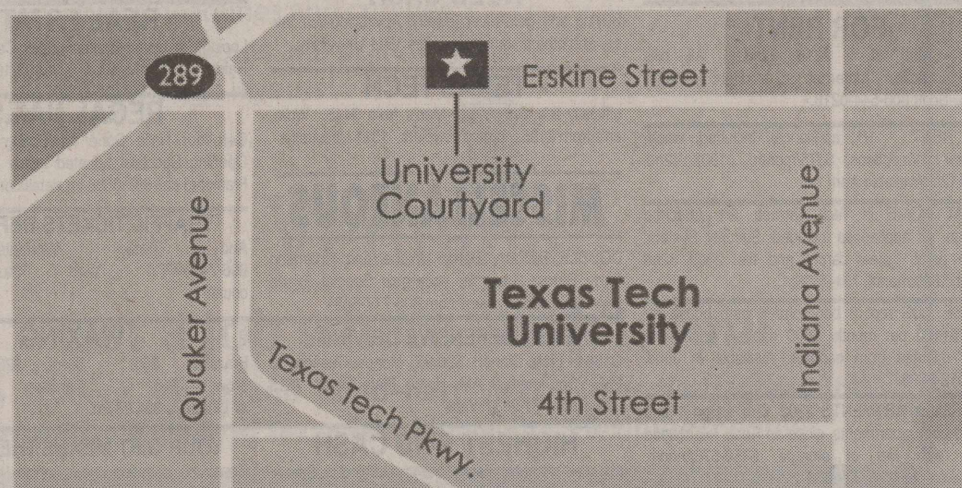


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