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STATE

Woman convicted of performing surgery

ABILENE (AP) — A woman was convicted of bodily injury for helping perform surgery on her neighbor's 7-year-old daughter who later died. Callahan County jurors deliberated about five hours Wednesday before finding Rebekah Hawkins guilty of assisting in surgery on Terri Silas in 2003. Following the surgery at Hawkins' home, Terri, who had a leg infection, died at a Fort Worth hospital. A judge will decide Hawkins' punishment. District Attorney Shane Deel said Hawkins will be sentenced in May.

NATION

Iraq pullout measure moves with war bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee approved a \$122 billion measure Thursday financing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan but also defying President Bush by calling on him to pull combat troops out of Iraq by next spring. The bill, approved by a voice vote, is similar to one the House began debating Thursday. Both measures have drawn veto threats from the White House, which has said Congress must allow more time for the U.S. troop increase in Iraq to work.

WORLD

British make arrests in transit attacks

LONDON (AP) — British counter-terrorist police said Thursday they arrested three suspects in the deadly suicide bomb attacks on the London transit system in 2005. Two of the men were picked up just before boarding a plane to Pakistan. No one has ever been charged in connection with the July 7, 2005, bombings, which were the deadliest attack on London since World War II. The four bombers and 52 commuters died in blasts on three subway trains and a double-decker bus, and more than 700 people were injured.

DEATH TOLL

3230

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Rocket hits near U.N. chief during conference

By STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A rocket exploded 50 yards from the U.N. secretary-general during a news conference Thursday in Baghdad's Green Zone, causing him to cringe and duck just minutes after Iraq's prime minister said the visit showed the city was "on the road

to stability." The U.S. military, meanwhile, reported a major breakthrough in the campaign against rogue Shiite militants, saying it captured two brothers responsible for a sophisticated sneak attack that killed five American soldiers in January. The Katyusha rocket that hit near Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was fired from a mainly Shiite area on the

east bank of the Tigris River, not far from The Associated Press office. The heavily guarded Green Zone on the opposite bank is home to the U.S. Embassy, Iraq's government and the parliament. Ban's unannounced stop in the Iraqi capital was the first visit by a U.N. secretary-general since Kofi Annan, his predecessor, came to Baghdad in November 2005. The

U.N. Security Council issued a statement strongly condemning the rocket firing as an "abhorrent terrorist attack." The U.N. presence in Iraq has been much smaller than planned since militants bombed the organization's Baghdad headquarters on Aug. 19, 2003, and killed 22 people, including the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

That was one of the first major attacks as Sunni Arab insurgents began rallying against American forces and other foreign troops after the U.S.-led invasion. Foreign U.N. staff withdrew from Iraq in October 2003 after a second assault on its offices and other attacks on humanitarian workers. A small staff has gradually been allowed

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WANTED

With loss of Reyes, Texas Tech football on lookout for new punter

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

With the departure of senior punter Alex Reyes after the 2006 season, the Texas Tech football team had a few players lined up to fill the position. But with some misfortune because of eligibility and injuries, the Red Raiders are hoping to find a punter through tryouts open to the Tech student body. Tech special teams coach Ruffin McNeill said considering the mishaps with the punters slated to replace Reyes, the Red Raiders are looking for anyone who is willing to work for the job. "The guys that we had coming in, one didn't come back because of grade problems, one of the punters that we had that would be here in the spring broke his leg during the season and then we signed one who would be here in the fall," McNeill said. "We had a tryout, but (the team is) just looking for some guys who would like to compete for the job." McNeill said anyone can tryout for the position, and whoever is successful could wind up with a spot on the team this upcoming season. "It would be good to have some film, if they don't then that's OK," McNeill said. "It could be one, two, three (people); there's no certain number. We try them, and if they are able to kick successfully, then they have a chance to go to the spring with us and maybe even through the fall." McNeill said there are no specific requirements the team is looking for, but those who tryout need to be willing to work hard. "No specific criteria on height and weight," he said of a potential punter's requirements. "Just be willing to work, be willing to accept coaching and be willing to compete." Reyes finished the 2006 season averaging 45.2 yards per punt and six touchbacks. Anyone wanting to tryout for the team can start today by calling the Texas Tech Athletic Department and ask for Tech graduate assistant Clay McGuire. Tryouts could be held as early as today at the team's practice facility for a chance to be on the roster by Monday.

REWARD: PLAYING TIME

FILE PHOTO/ The Daily Toreador

Vote gives cameras the green light

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

At a Lubbock City Council meeting Thursday morning, council members voted on a contractor to implement the Red Light Camera Enforcement Program. The vendor will be American Traffic Solutions of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Twelve traffic intersections will be chosen as locations for the red light cameras. Currently, intersections under consideration include University Avenue and 50th Street, Avenue Q and Broadway, University Avenue and 19th Street, and Indiana Avenue and 19th Street.

According to the city manager's office, the intersections chosen for the cameras will be based on a three-year analysis of red light-related accidents. Intersections with a high accident rate between 2004 and 2006 include Avenue Q and Broadway with 23 collisions and Indiana Avenue and 19th Street with 12 collisions.

Mayor David Miller said the first six cameras should be up and running within the next 75 days.

"The verification that we got today was from the Citizens Traffic Commission, the police chief, Texas Department of Transportation, the traffic engineer and the rest of his staff," Miller said, "everything pointed to this being a positive decision."

Councilman John W. Leonard was the only city council member who opposed the red light proposition.

"You have the right to defend yourself against your accuser, and now that's not there," Leonard said. "Also, (it's not) the right of government to monitor you without a warrant or probable cause."

Marsha Reed, the assistant city engineer, said Hub City residents will have an opportunity to appeal their tickets if they feel they were not in violation of running a red light.

"There will be a Web access where they can review not only the photos, but there will be a short video showing them the whole thing," Reed said. "If they still disagree that they should

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Council resolves lawsuit as member hands in resignation

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

After more than two hours spent in closed executive session, the Lubbock City Council resumed its Thursday afternoon council meeting to address the resignation of Gary Boren and discuss a lawsuit against the City of Lubbock.

A press conference then was conducted by Dixon Platt, chief of staff, after the meeting was adjourned to announce Boren's resignation. Boren was councilman for District 3.

During the press conference, Platt read statements from both Boren and Mayor David Miller concerning Boren's resignation.

Boren's resignation letter was received by the city secretary, Rebecca Garza, at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

"For some time, I have considered concluding my public service on behalf of the citizens of Lubbock because of the increasing demands upon my time by my family and by the requirements of serving the city," Boren said in the letter.

The letter continued with the statement Boren enjoyed his service to the City of Lubbock since his election in 2002, and he felt the time was right to allow someone else to serve on the council.

"Therefore, today, I tender my irrevocable letter of resignation from my position as city councilman of Lubbock, effective immediately," Boren wrote in the letter.

In the letter, Boren said he prays his constituents will understand and appreciate his decision.

Miller's letter concerning Boren's resignation was a statement from him to the residents of Lubbock.

"It is with regret and sadness that I learned today of Gary Boren's decision to resign his position," Miller said in the letter. "A long-time friend, Mr. Boren has served this community with passion and compassion."

One of Boren's contributions specifically discussed in the letter concerned Lubbock's water supply and Boren's role in garnering water for future Lubbockites.

According to the letter, Boren's "involvement and influence in securing a viable, long-term water supply for our city will benefit generations."

May 12 was set as the expected date the City Council will call a special election to fill Boren's unexpired term, according to information given out by Platt.

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Man arrested in 7-Eleven robbery

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

March 12
Lubbock police arrested a man who was determined a suspect of a robbery from earlier in the day.

Lt. Scott Hudgens of the Lubbock Police Department said a resident called Lubbock police with information about a man matching the description of a robbery suspect at the 7-Eleven in the 2600 block of Avenue Q.

"In situations like this, we first have to make sure the suspect matches the description," Hudgens said.

After the suspect was approached by police, the suspect refused to give police his name, according to reports. The suspect was taken into custody and continued to be uncooperative. Police said the suspect spit inside the patrol car, and the police officer was forced to spend \$50 in cleaning and sanitizing the patrol car.

According to reports, the suspect also threatened the police officer's life after he was arrested.

Hudgens said anytime a police officer is threatened, the suspect can face a felony charge of retaliation.

The suspect was arrested for the charges of obstruction or retaliation, failure to identify and criminal mischief.

March 13
Lubbock police investigated debit card abuse in the 3200 block of 43rd Street. Police said a victim claimed unknown suspects used his City Bank debit card number several times at different locations without the victim's consent.

March 12
Lubbock police detained a suspect for theft at the United Supermarket in the 400 block of Slide Road. According to reports, the suspect was caught by store personnel attempting to steal Unisom tablets. One a Day tablets and Doam PM tablets from the store. When police

arrived, the suspect was given a field citation.

March 11
Lubbock police investigated a burglary of a home in the 4300 block of 45th Street. According to reports, a suspect kicked open a back gate of the victim's residence to gain entry into the home. Police said the suspect stole a black Walther 380 handgun worth \$300 and a homemade computer with a monitor worth \$1,000.

March 10
Lubbock police investigated a burglary of a home in the 2600 block of 39th Street. According to reports, unknown suspects broke into the victim's home by breaking a window and stole a 32-inch LCD flat-screen television worth \$1,500. Police said nothing else was reported stolen.

March 9
Lubbock police investigated a vehicle wreck in the 1600 block of 31st Street. Police said an unknown suspect was driving his vehicle when he drove over a curb during a right turn and ran over a stop sign. According to reports, the suspect also ran over a steel-pipe rail and stopped in front of a light pole. The suspect exited his vehicle and fled the scene of the accident in an unknown direction, according to reports. The suspect has yet to be located.

March 8
Lubbock police investigated a burglary of a residence in the 1600 block of 16th Street. Police said the suspect broke a window to gain entry and stole a black cell phone worth \$40, a jar of pennies worth \$4, \$413 worth of cash and six miscellaneous prescription medications.

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Tech offers students help in filling out taxes

By GLENYS BOLLS
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With the deadline to file 2006 income taxes less than one month away, Texas Tech students have several options to assist them in filling out their tax forms.

According to the March 2007 issue of the *International Line Newsletter*, the monthly newsletter for international students at Tech, the International Cultural Center will host tax preparation services for international students only from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Monday until the income tax filing deadline, April 17. The newsletter instructs students to bring all immigration documents, Form W-2, Form 1099 and Form 1042S to the sessions.

According to the Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation's Web site, the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers is a non-profit organization that organizes volunteers trained by the IRS to provide free income-tax-preparation services for individuals who are elderly, low-income, disabled and non-English-speaking. The program offered by the coalition is called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

"The sessions are actually done by volunteers from VITA," said Mike Murphy, an international student counselor for the International Cultural Center. "We provide the facility. It's a good venue, and most of the international students are here regularly and are familiar with

the building."

Murphy said Tech cannot do taxes for students because of liability issues, but the university can bring in outside sources to help students with their taxes.

"The university cannot be involved in doing students' taxes where liability might be an issue," he said. "But we open up our facility to volunteers like those from VITA who can help students."

Elsbeth Martinez, a volunteer coordinator for the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers, said Tech students can seek assistance from VITA when filling out their tax returns.

"We work more with low-income families," Martinez said. "But most students would qualify. Even if their parents are claiming them as dependents, they can still file their own income taxes; they just need to tell their tax preparer."

According to a press release from the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers, this year's tax-preparation services will be available through the 18th Street entrance of the Lubbock Housing Authority building at 1708 Ave. G. The building will be open a minimum of four hours each day through April 16, except Sundays and Fridays.

In addition to the services available to help students file their taxes, the University Library offers the printed tax forms for students who plan to do their own taxes. According to the University Library Web site, it offers 2006 tax forms and instructions in two locations on the ground floor—the Reference Desk and the CSWRC Center, west of the Reference Desk. The Reference Desk offers forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR and 1040NREZ. The CSWRC Center has all tax forms, instructions and schedules.

“Part of our mission is to provide access to government documents.”

—JEFF WHITLEY
Director of communications and marketing for the University Library

"The University Library serves faculty and students in many ways," said Jeff Whitley, director of communications and marketing for the University Library. "Part of our mission is to provide access to government documents. We do it here because it's convenient, you don't have to go downtown or anywhere else. It's all just right here for you."

Other tax services include H&R Block, Quicken.com Taxes and Internet Public Library U.S. Income Tax Preparation. Links to these and other tax services is available online at the University Library's U.S. Federal Taxes Web site, <http://library.ttu.edu/ul/govdocs/USTaxes.php>.

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Rocket

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to return since August 2004.

Iraq's Shiite-dominated government has been quietly pushing for a greater U.N. role and was banking on decreased violence in the capital to show that it was returning to normal six weeks into a joint security crackdown with American forces.

"We consider it a positive message

to (the) world in which you confirm that Baghdad has returned to playing host to important world figures because it has made huge strides on the road toward stability," Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told Ban moments before the rocket attack.

Ban's presence was broadcast after he arrived, but the trip had been kept so secret even his press spokeswoman didn't know he was in Iraq. His public schedule had called for Ban to leave New York on Thursday for a trip to Egypt, Israel and an African Union summit in Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. military announced three Americans died in combat Wednesday—an Army soldier slain in Baghdad and another soldier and a Marine killed in Anbar province. At least 44 Iraqis were killed or found dead Thursday, including 25 bodies dumped in the capital, all showing signs of torture, police said.

In the campaign against Shiite extremists, the U.S. military said it captured two brothers who were "directly connected" to the Jan. 20 sneak attack that killed five American soldiers guarding the provincial headquarters in Karbala, a city 50 miles south of Baghdad.

Qais al-Khazaali, his brother Laith al-Khazaali and several other members of their network were rounded up over the past three days, the military said.

Gunmen speaking English, wearing U.S. military uniforms and carrying American weapons killed one American soldier during that attack, then carried off four captured soldiers and later shot them to death about 25 miles from Karbala.

An initial statement by the U.S. military on the day of the raid said five soldiers were killed while "repelling" the attack on the compound in Karbala.

But after a Jan. 26 report by The Associated Press, the military reversed itself and confirmed that four of the guards had been abducted before being slain in a neighboring province.

The brazen assault was conducted by nine to 12 gunmen posing as an American security team, the military confirmed. The attackers traveled in black GMC Suburbans—the type of SUV used by U.S. government convoys.

The arrest announcement came a day after the AP reported that two senior commanders from the Mahdi Army militia had identified one of the brothers, Qais al-Khazaali, as leader of up to 3,000 fighters who defected from the group. They said the defectors were now financed directly by Iran and no longer loyal to the militia's leader, firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Qais Al-Khazaali, a Shiite cleric in his early 30s, was a close al-Sadr aide in 2003 and 2004. He was al-Sadr's chief spokesman for most of 2004 but had not been seen in public since late that year.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

White House, Congress near constitutional showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats are pressing their campaign to have White House political guru Karl Rove, under oath and under the glare of television lights, fielding questions before a congressional committee on the dismissal of eight federal prosecutors.

Subpoenas for Rove and other top White House aides were ex-

pected to be authorized Thursday by the Senate Judiciary Committee. A House panel took similar action Wednesday, but held off issuing the subpoenas.

Facing a potential constitutional showdown, the White House showed no inclination to compromise, saying Bush would only allow his aides to hold limited private interviews

with certain lawmakers, and not under oath.

Presidential spokesman Tony Snow said Wednesday that proposal, which he called Bush's final offer, could be rescinded.

"If they issue subpoenas, yes, the offer is withdrawn," Snow said. Democrats "will have rejected the offer."

Democrat John Edwards schedules news conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Edwards disclosed that his wife, Elizabeth, had breast cancer the day after he lost the vice presidency in the 2004 election. Now his political future may hinge on her health.

The couple planned a news conference in Chapel Hill, N.C., to discuss their plans Thursday, a day after visiting doctors who are

monitoring Mrs. Edwards' recovery from the cancer.

Campaign officials refused to answer any questions about what the couple learned at the doctor's appointment or how it might affect Edwards' second presidential bid. Edwards had cut short a trip to Iowa to be with his wife but still attended a barbecue fundraiser Wednesday evening in

Chapel Hill, their hometown.

The campaign had said Mrs. Edwards, 57, had a follow-up appointment Wednesday to a routine test she had Monday. The campaign explained that she had similar follow-ups in the past but they always resulted in a clean bill of health.

The campaign refused to describe what happened this time.

North Korean nuclear program talks recess

BEIJING (AP) — Talks on disarming North Korea's nuclear program broke down abruptly on Thursday with the country's chief nuclear envoy departing for home after a dispute over money frozen in a Macau bank could not be resolved.

Kim Kye Gwan went to Beijing's airport after refusing to take part

in six-party talks on ways to push forward a February agreement calling for North Korea to give up its nuclear program in return for energy aid and political considerations.

Kim waved to reporters when he arrived at the airport but did not say anything.

An official close to the negotiations, who spoke on condition of

anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, said officials would meet later Thursday "where they were likely to declare a recess."

Xinhua News Agency said Russian envoy Alexander Losyukov also was leaving Thursday to prepare for a state visit to Moscow by Chinese President Hu Jintao next week.

Iranian leader warns of 'illegal' steps

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top leader says his country will respond with "illegal actions" if the U.N. Security Council expands sanctions against Tehran for refusing to abandon uranium enrichment.

The United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany have drawn up new measures to punish Iran for enriching

uranium. But they were still trying to persuade other nations to back the proposed sanctions.

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said "a large majority" of the 15 nations on the council support the resolution.

"I think we will be in a position to make some concrete proposals and changes in order to reach a unanimous Security Council," he

said after talks late Wednesday in New York. Full agreement is important because it would give the vote more weight.

The six nations fear Tehran wants enriched uranium to make nuclear weapons and have demanded it cease production. Iran has ignored them, despite a first set of Security Council sanctions imposed in December by a unanimous vote.

Creator of anti-Hillary Clinton YouTube ad identified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internet video sensation that targeted Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton now has rival Sen. Barack Obama on the spot.

Heralded by many as the embodiment of Web-driven citizen activism, the mysterious YouTube ad now stands revealed as the work of a Democratic operative employed

by a consulting firm with Obama links.

"It's true ... yeah, it's me," said Philip de Vellis, a 33-year-old strategist with Blue State Digital, a Washington company that advises Democratic candidates and liberal groups.

Blue State designed Obama's Web site, and one of the firm's

founding members, Joe Rospars, took a leave from the company to work as Obama's director of new media.

Obama, Blue State and de Vellis all say de Vellis acted on his own. De Vellis left the company on Wednesday. He said he resigned; Thomas Gensemer, the firm's managing director, said he was fired.

Federal Reserve concerned about growth and inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are still worried about inflation, even while hinting that an interest rate cut may be needed to help boost a weak economy.

That suggestion of a change in thinking on interest rates was

contained Wednesday in the Fed's latest statement on the economy. Although the Fed made just a slight change in wording from previous statements, it was enough to trigger celebrations on Wall Street.

Investors pushed stocks higher on the belief that the central bank was getting ready to rescue the faltering

economy by cutting interest rates.

Private economists, however, weren't so definite in their own reading of the Fed's message.

Many saw the wording change as, at best, a small baby step toward considering rate cuts. But they said any actual reduction was still months away.

Al-Qaida escapee urges Sunni militants to unite

CAIRO, EGYPT (AP) — In a new video posted Thursday on the Internet, an al-Qaida militant who escaped from a U.S. prison in Afghanistan urged Sunni militants in Iraq to join the terror group and claimed the U.S. military's security plan for Baghdad has failed.

Abu Yahia al-Libi, who broke out of the U.S. prison at Bagram Air Base north of Kabul in 2005, said it was the sacred duty of all mujahedeen, or holy warriors, to "stand steadfast together."

"This is the legitimate duty and urgent need imposed by the circumstances of this stage of the jihad in Iraq," the black-turbaned al-Libi said, referring to militants' holy war.

The 28-minute video, posted on a Web site commonly used by Islamist militants, shows al-Libi, whose nom de guerre means "the Libyan" in Arabic, with a beard and wearing a camouflage uniform seated next to a Kalashnikov rifle.

The videotape's authenticity could not be independently verified. It carried the logo of al-Qaida's media production wing, al-Sahab. The video was also released by IntelCenter, a U.S. government contractor that monitors al-Qaida messaging.

IntelCenter said the earliest the video could have been made is Feb. 20, based on comments al-Libi makes on

Cameras

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not have received the ticket, they can go to a hearing officer and the police department will hear those cases, and then they can always appeal all the way to the municipal court.

Leonard said 70 percent of Lubbock residents were opposed to the red light cameras.

"In reality, it is not about safety, it is about revenue," Leonard said. "I've done my best to protect the citizens; don't run red lights."

Once the cameras are placed at intersections, Reed said there will be a 15-day warning period to make sure the program runs smoothly. During that time, tickets will be sent out to red light violators, but no fines will be collected. She said once the warning

period is over, the fine will be \$75, and the violation will not go on insurance records because it is a civil offense.

"(The cameras) are not going to be hidden," Reed said. "We're going to have signs at every intersection so there is not a 'I didn't know that was there' kind of a thing."

After receiving a ticket, violators will be able to go online to make a payment, or they can pay by mail or by going to the police department's offices.

Leonard said after having concerns about images being transferred by red light camera vendors, he made sure wording was added to the contract to prevent such issues from happening in Lubbock.

"It has been documented that the red light camera companies have resold those images to a third party," Leonard said. "I feel like the images of citizens should not be sent somewhere else for other purposes. It is addressed in the contract; hopefully there will not be any concerns."

Miller said he hopes the city council will be able to move on to other things on the agenda now that the decision has been made to install red light cameras.

"I am pleased for our citizens for safety reasons," Miller said. "We had one dissenter and he has dissented from day one. My hope is that we all get together on the same page and support that vote. If I were the dissenting vote, I would say, 'OK I lost that vote, now let's move forward.'"

He called on militant groups, known as Ansar al-Sunnah, the Islamic Army in Iraq and the Army of the Mujahedeen to "hurry up and respond to the call of the Quran to become one and ... join the Islamic State in Iraq," an al-Qaida affiliate in the country.

the decision by British Prime Minister Tony Blair to withdraw a portion of Britain's troops from Iraq. Blair's decision was first reported on Feb. 20.

In the video, al-Libi claims the monthlong Baghdad security crackdown by U.S. military and Iraqi troops, meant to curb sectarian violence that has shaken the Iraqi capital and its residents, has failed. "The break and defeat of your enemy is seen in the military arena, especially after the Security Plan failed and its defeat, with God's will, is very near," he says.

"The enemy knows he is losing in this battle," al-Libi said, adding the proof of this was in the planned withdrawal of the British troops from Iraq.

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9 AM	Sesame Street	Regis and Kelly	Prices is Right	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The View (HD)	Tyrs Banks
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11 AM	Mister Rogers	News	News	Jerry Springer	Cosby Show	All My Children	Access
12 PM	Needle Arts	News	News	Bold & Beautiful	As the World Turns	Maury	People's Court
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2 PM	Puppy	The Lions	Inside Edition	Paed Program	I Like	General Hospital	Court
3 PM	Reading	Cyberchase	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Jerry Springer	Reba	Paed Program
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Maury	Bernie Mac	Rachael Ray	Fox 34 News First@Four
5 PM	Maya	News	News	Access	Sill Standing	News	Friends
6 PM	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News	NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional semifinals (Live) (HD)	Extra	King Qu.	Entertainment	Raymond
7 PM	Wash. W. Now	Identity	News	* "Deuces Wild" (02, Romance) (Live) (HD)	King Qu.	SmackDown	News "Polson" (HD)
8 PM	Exchange	Miss USA	News	Jim	Will & Grace	20/20	Fox 34 News@Nine
9 PM	Survival in the Andes	News	News	King of Hill	Sex and City	(35) Nightline	Frasier
10 PM	Charlie Rose	News	News	Malcolm "Zoo"	The Nanny	(05) ET	Friends
11 PM	News	(35) Late Night Show (HD)	News	Malcolm	Mad About	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Scrubs
12 AM	Destinos	(35) Last Call	(35) Ferguson	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2007							
STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXL 5 PBS Lubbock	KCBD 11 NBC Lubbock	KLBK 13 CBS Lubbock	KMYL 14 MYN Lubbock	KLCW 22 CW Lubbock	KAMC 26 ABC Lubbock	KJTV 34 FOX Lubbock
7 AM	Bisouit	Today (HD)	(6:00) Saturday Early Show	Paed Program	Loonatics	Good America (HD)	Wine Club
8 AM	Saddle Club	Madeline	Strains Anim.	Housecalls	Johnny Test	Emperors	Ninja Turtles
9 AM	Design Squad	Beber	HorseLand	Lubbock	Batman	So Raven	Ninja Turtles
10 AM	Texas Parks	3-2-1	Ashley Show	Paed Program	Polard Ford	Hannah	Yu-Gi-Oh!
11 AM	RS' Europe	JaneOrgn	Snowboarding (1)	Used Cars	Beakman's	Rangers	Saturn
12 PM	P. Allen	Paed Program	Div. II Bask. From Springfield, Mass. (Live) (HD)	* "Mighty Outlin" (89) A Caribbean cop probes a murder.	* "Sour Grapes" (198, Comedy) Steven Weber, Craig Bierko.	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
1 PM	Workshop	Golf WGC-CA Championship (Live)	Road to the Finals Four	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
2 PM	Woodwrights	Antiques Roadshow	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
3 PM	Real Simple	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
4 PM	Food	Mexico	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
5 PM	Barbecue	America's Kt.	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
6 PM	Farmers TV	Secrets NY	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
7 PM	Lawrence Welk	Dateline NBC	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
8 PM	Globe Trekker	Law & Order "Corner Office"	48 Hours Mystery	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
9 PM	Globe Trekker	Law & Order: Criminal (HD)	News	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
10 PM	Why the Cow-poy Sings	News	News	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
11 PM	Austin City Limits	News	News	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program
12 AM	Monty Python	Poker After Dark	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	NASCAR Bah	Paed Program

SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2007							
STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXL 5 PBS Lubbock	KCBD 11 NBC Lubbock	KLBK 13 CBS Lubbock	KMYL 14 MYN Lubbock	KLCW 22 CW Lubbock	KAMC 26 ABC Lubbock	KJTV 34 FOX Lubbock
7 AM	Noddy	Today (HD)	Cake	Awaken	Bible Society	Polard Ford	Paed Program
8 AM	George	Reporter	Sunday Morning	Paed Program	Key of David	Paed Program	Paed Program
9 AM	Signing Time!	Meet the Press	Nation	Hour of Power	Extra	Critter Gillers	Si se puede!
10 AM	Destinos	Southwest Baptist Church	Motocross (T)	First Baptist	Real Life 101	This Week	Paed Program
11 AM	Business	NHL Hockey Teams TBA (Live)	Skating King of the Mountain (T)	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
12 PM	Texas Monthly	Final Four	NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Finals (Live) (HD)	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
1 PM	Religion	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
2 PM	Great Performances	Golf WGC-CA Championship (Live)	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
3 PM	Beethoven	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
4 PM	National Geographic	Star Trek "I, Mudd"	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
5 PM	Branson Jubilee	Smallville "Threat"	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program	Paed Program
6 PM	Lawrence Welk	Dateline NBC	60 Minutes	Alias "Un-velled"	Pussycat Dolls	War at Home	War at Home
7 PM	Nature	Grease: You're the One I Want	Amazing Race: The One I Want	"Criminal Intent" (05, Suspense) Trishel Sebastian Spence.	Americas Next Top Model	Desperate Housewives	Family Guy
8 PM	Masterpiece Theatre "Kidnapped"	Deal or No Deal	Cold Case "Of-fender" (HD)	Smallville "Exposed"	Will & Grace	Brothers & Sisters	Fox 34 News
9 PM	Tuscan	News	News	News	News	News	News
10 PM	Monty Python	News	News	News	News	News	News
11 PM	Globe Trekker	News	News	News	News	News	News
12 AM	American Experience	News	News	News	News	News	News

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Web video can change politics

I remember the Christmas morning when my family acquired its first video camera. I think it was a gift from my dad to himself — or to him from “Santa.” It was something like that.

The reason I remember it so well is because we watched that Christmas video about 50 times afterward, marveling at the brilliance of what used to be modern technology. We never did anything useful with that camera. But that can't be said for everyone.

These days, you can do a whole lot with a simple Web cam and an Internet connection. You can promote your band, run a business via video conference, bore people with a video diary, embarrass your friends and even make a personal attack on the people who want to become the next president of the United States.

Earlier this week, a video appeared on the Web site YouTube.com attacking Sen. Hillary Clinton and comparing her to the Big Brother of George Orwell's novel “1984.” That video, a spoof of an old Apple Computer advertisement, soon went viral, gaining more than one million hits in just a couple of days.

Incredibly, the video's maker, who managed to stay anonymous for only a short time, seems to have acted alone. Phil de Vellis, an employee of the company that maintains Barack Obama's Web site, admitted to creating the video but denies the Obama campaign had any involvement.

Personally, I neither agree with Clinton's politics or the message presented in the ad. But that's not important. What's fascinating about these events is ordinary people acting alone now have the power to influence the entire nation and truly participate in big-time politics.

While this video is not the first politically charged clip to appear on the Web, it's the first one to be done in a way that can compete with the ads that are paid for by the campaigns themselves. In fact, Obama said he didn't think his campaign had the ability to make such an ad.

For a long time, Americans have had to rely on the press for their information about political candidates. That made the press a political middleman, allowing it to skew and spin the facts in favor of any candidate it deemed worthy. Lately, the bias of the media has been shameless.

But, I think and hope this video could be the beginning of a new trend

Adrian Martinez



in political participation. While it's not likely people will turn out in great numbers to vote against the way Clinton is portrayed in the video, it is likely the video will probably send a significant number of new people to Obama's Web site.

It is also likely campaigners will realize just how powerful a viral video can be. It's ironic de Vellis used the Internet to attack Clinton, since it was she who has been using the Web so liberally in her campaign. She used the Internet to announce her intent to run for the presidency and has since been using live Web chats to share ideas with an almost limitless audience.

And Obama is certainly not safe either.

It took almost no time at all for a spoof of the spoof to appear, mocking Obama's support of the Chicago Bears and asserting his campaign will meet the same end as the Bears' Super Bowl dreams. While this later video holds even less substance than its predecessor, it's evidence of fire being fought with fire.

Other possibilities come to mind as well. If one guy can make this much noise in his spare time, what could this mean for political candidates who don't have the deep campaign pockets of Clinton and Obama? To me, it's feasible this kind of inexpensive publicity might one day help level the playing field for the political have-nots.

It's only a matter of time before the next video appears. The question is, how lasting will the effects be? Is it possible historians will look back on this election and credit Average Joe with shifting the tide using a home-made, dirt-cheap Internet video?

Maybe not in this election. But, at least it's not another pointless video diary or a clip of some kid pretending to be a Jedi Knight, funny though that may be. At least it's something causing people to think and making a difference, for good or for awesome.

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Cultural confrontations hinders open minds of students

By **JAMES DECHANT**
THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kids say the darnedest things. Working at a camp with high-schoolers last summer, I gained a new perspective on a younger generation. “Younger” by only a few years, sure — but contrary to popular belief, college really does expand your mind and help you mature.

In observing the dynamics of an age I myself so recently outgrew, my insights were not entirely positive. For instance, the campers would toss around racial stereotypes that could be playful or border on brutal insensitivity. To them, things like big Mexicans or golf-playing African-Americans were anomalies to be pointed out.

Before you stop reading, my misanthropic reader, know that I too was once in your position. Sure, thought I, this whole race issue is important. But we're light-years beyond that now, aren't we? Racism may exist in some parts of the world, but here in our little community we are surely too egalitarian to waste time worrying about dead issues of the past. Racial conflicts have been resolved, the world has learned its lesson, and our new generation will usher in an era of

humanitarian peace once we claim our place in society and brush aside the dying embers of our less-tolerant progenitors.

I held this mindset for my first two years on campus. If a column had nothing shocking to say about race or ethnicity in the first paragraph, I would probably skip over it. What more could be said? At my most close-minded, I even thought that if we all just left this supposed “issue” alone, it would eventually become moot and we would all come to a glorious understanding of our harmonious multiculturalism.

Wrong. In the months since my experiences last summer, I am rethinking the way in which we learn about other cultures. Because there most definitely are still things that need to be said. I'm not taking an overly cynical stand on the matter — MLK and others have not toiled in vain, and we are leagues beyond the segregation of fifty years ago. But in our age, as America blinks the dust out of her eyes and realizes she is not alone (for example, we are just now confronting the Arab world for the first meaningful time), compassionate minds are needed. Minds that won't see generalities. Back to the camp situation. The playful comments didn't bother me, but the arrogant presumptions of cultural awareness did. Campers assumed they knew all

about a race or culture, when in some cases they were obviously encountering such a person for the first time. The source of their behavior lies in a careless ignorance, something many of us can identify with. We assume what we've “heard” about an ethnicity applies to individuals, when we actually have no personal experience to guide our behavior.

An ignorant mind, in terms of race, probably means you're trying to comprehend generalities, when you should be focusing on particulars. The problem many people experience when trying to break out of their bigotry stems from not being able to see past the entrenched praxis that urges us to see things in broad strokes. When accused of using stereotypes, one's compensatory and superficial reaction often clings to the same kind of textbook totalities, only with an aim of compassion. Example: Don't know anything about black people? Just watch Dave Chappelle and take notes. No personal interaction necessary.

We are all guilty of this culture co-opting. Cultures are valuable, incredibly dense and dynamic organisms. Understanding one takes time, and we cannot honestly consider ourselves multicultural if we do not invest the time to learn. You cannot understand a race or a culture through the incomplete lens of fashion or tele-

vision or holidays, thank God (think St. Patrick's Day). Those important elements help broaden your horizons, but they are secondary to the integral demand of understanding individuals. The real cure is to try to learn about a culture from a person, not to learn about a person from a culture.

Don't view individuals as tools to help you gather knowledge, but when the opportunity arises; do try to meet diverse people and get to know them. Don't approach them assuming the article on Wikipedia about their culture will help you understand their actions; instead, learn about their background by interacting with them. I delineate the prefix to stress that understanding is a two-way street: it requires dialogue, not monologue. To work against the cultural ignorance that breeds hate, meet people. And please avoid stereotypes and generalizations, even ones said casually or “in good fun.” I know at least a few of the campers matured in this manner after actually talking to new people.

Primarily, try to open your mind and don't assume the struggle to end bigotry and stereotyping has ended. Many people still use stereotypes, learning about “the wholly other” from television rather than from a person. Try to change that — because after all, there is hope. You've got to admit, it's getting better ... a little better all the time.



Rendition: The outsourcing of torture in the ‘War on Terror’

By **LUCI STORELLI-CASTR**
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(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Recently, Americans for Informed Democracy hosted a showing of “Outlawed: Extraordinary Rendition, Torture and Disappearances in the ‘War on Terror,’” a movie that chronicles the U.S. policy of rendition. For all of those not familiar with the concept of rendition, it is the process by which suspected terrorists are detained by American officials and shipped off to be “interrogated” in countries notorious for their human rights violations.

Often held for questionable or outright botched-up charges, terror suspects under rendition are stripped of their basic human rights under international law and tortured for an indeterminate period of time. Rendition is viewed by many critics as one of the excesses to come out of the open-ended “War on Terror” campaign. Human rights organizations have been especially vocal in their protest of rendition, appropriately pegging it the practice of “outsourcing torture.”

It is worth noting that less than four years ago, the United States Supreme Court upheld a decision passed in 1980, which ruled that a U.S. court could prosecute a foreign official for committing acts of torture

within that foreign official's respective country. While it is certainly not commonplace to prosecute foreign officials for crimes committed within their countries, the United States was sending a powerful message — namely, that torture would not be permissible within any boundary.

In the landmark 1980s case, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit made it clear that “(t)he torturer has become like the pirate and slave trader before him hostis humani generis, an enemy of all mankind.”

However, as David Cole writes in The Nation, there has been a “new twist on American exceptionalism.” Cole relates the fate of Canadian citizen Maher Arar, an engineer whose life took a radical nosedive upon his return from Tunisia, where he had to change planes at Kennedy Airport in New York.

Arar was detained by U.S. officials and interrogated at length without the right to consult a lawyer. Moreover, the New York Times reported that American officials also denied Arar's requests to contact the Canadian Consulate in New York — a blatant violation of international agreements.

Without charging Arar of any crime or informing Canadian authorities, U.S. officials sent him to his homeland of Syria, where he

spent the next 10 months in jail. Under Syrian custody, Arar was repeatedly tortured with cables, electric shocks and other devices. Finding no terrorist connection, Syrian officials eventually released Arar and returned him to Canada, where he filed a lawsuit against the United States government for conspiring to torture.

Yet, as Arar quickly learned, the United States readily condemns torture carried out by foreign nationals, but wavers when its own officials conspire to torture. In addition, the United States turns a blind eye when other governments conduct

torture in the name of the war on terror. All these revelations surfaced with the recent decision by a federal judge in New York to dismiss Arar's lawsuit against the U.S. government.

The primary problem with outsourcing torture, a manifestation of what Cole has labeled “American exceptionalism,” is that it undermines the United States' reputation worldwide as a champion of human rights and liberty. By not holding ourselves to the same standards we set for others, we are ultimately committing credibility suicide.



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Student Union Building mechanic hard working family man

By **RICHARD CAMPANARO**
STAFF WRITER

He can be seen hustling through the hallways of the Student Union Building, and the words "copy that" can be heard over the squeal of his walkie-talkie.

Matt Hoelscher is the lead mechanic at the Texas Tech SUB. Four years ago, he started as a student assistant changing light bulbs in the former 100,000-square-foot University Center. Now he runs a crew of two part-time employees and four student assistants in the nearly 250,000-square-foot SUB. He is a full-time employee, part-time student and full-time husband.

Hoelscher said he grew up the son of a cotton farmer. His father decided to get out of the farming business and pursue a college career at Tech. At the time his father started at Tech, Hoelscher began attending a boarding school

in Itasca. After moving to West Texas and while in the seventh grade, he met the woman who would eventually become his wife.

"We enjoy each other," Hoelscher said of his relationship with his wife. "I think both of our parents still being together acts as a model for us."

He said his wife, Marissa, is finishing her graduate degree at the Tech Health Sciences Center and is set to graduate in May. Hoelscher said he needs 33 hours to graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics.

"One thing my dad told us was to never stop," Hoelscher said. "If the mud is knee-deep and you just stand there, you're not helping yourself. Keep moving and eventually you'll get out."

Hoelscher said he wants to be a father.

"I've begun to lobby for kids," he said.

Hoelscher said he hopes even-

tually to become a teacher, coach and possibly an administrator for a 1-A school district in West Texas.

"I'm not looking to change the world," he said. "I grew up in small schools, and I want the opportunity to help kids."

He said he fell in love with six-man football and women's basketball at Tech. The achievements of Marsha Sharp inspired him to graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics.

Hoelscher said he would like to buy seven acres of land outside of Lubbock and settle down. He loves animals and he said although he does not have the aptitude to be a great farmer, he loves horticulture, nurturing life and watching it grow and mature.



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador
Matt Hoelscher, a senior economics major from Lubbock and lead mechanic of the SUB Department of Operations, stands next to a steam vent in the basement of the SUB.

Mike Glass, director of operations for the SUB and Hoelscher's boss, said he

considers Hoelscher a humble, dedicated and trustworthy worker, student and friend. He said his relationship with Hoelscher has developed over the last four years, and he has seen Hoelscher mature into a man.

"I can give Matt an assignment, and I trust that he'll get it done and I don't have to check it," Glass said. "I know he'll do it right. We've worked together for a long time. You don't just attain that relationship; it's developed over time."

Glass said Hoelscher — along with the rest of the SUB employees — works hard to maintain the image of the building, which he believes is the campus' center of activity. He said the staff members of the SUB are working diligently to find new ways to conserve energy and maximize efficiency.

According to Glass, in December 2005, the Student

Union's total utilities bill was near \$85,000. By October 2006, the total utilities' cost was reduced to less than \$35,000. Glass said one source of pride for him and his staff is the fact they were able to maintain the low-energy costs through January, especially considering the cold weather.

By implementing energy-efficient materials such as low-wattage light bulbs and shutting down equipment when the building is not in use, the SUB is saving students' money, Glass said. The building is not funded through state tax dollars; it is funded through student fees.

Hoelscher said he hopes the effort the staff has put into reducing the costs of energy eventually will reduce costs to students.

He said he does not consider himself a material person, and he finds happiness in the people he loves and the simple pleasures of life.

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Australian of the Year visits Tech campus

By **ADAM YOUNG**
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The 2007 Australian of the Year, Tim Flannery, spoke about the issue of global climate change as part of the Texas Tech Haragan Lecture series at the Lubbock Civic Center Wednesday.

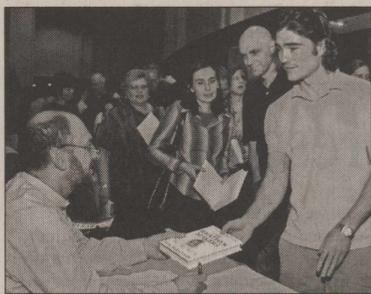
Flannery lectured about climate change as part of a one-month tour of the United States, Canada and Denmark promoting his book "The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth," which debuted on *The New York Times*' best seller list.

"I tried to give as objective an account of the science as of 2005 as I could without the hysteria and screaming," Flannery said.

Flannery was voted Australian of the Year because of his involvement in researching global climate change and working with the nation's political administration, he said.

"That wouldn't have happened two years ago because our prime minister was in denial about climate change," Flannery said. "That's no longer a viable position for any politician in Australia."

Flannery said Australia is experiencing severe drought because of the



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Tim Flannery hands back a signed copy of his book "The Weather Makers" to Michael Branlian, a sophomore international business major from Dallas.

effects of climate change on rainfall and evaporation from the ground because of rising temperatures. A poll conducted in February showed 70 percent of Australians think global climate change should be addressed — even if it comes at a significant cost to the economy.

"There's an international dimension to this as well," Flannery said. "The debate here is just as important as it is in Australia and Canada because it's a global issue."

Flannery said the political and social climates in Australia have changed from skepticism about climate change

to being active to control it. Incandescent light bulbs have been banned in Australia because they are not as efficient as other sources of light.

"Australia does probably have more to lose in the short term because the water crisis is having a very severe impact on us," he said. "But I think in the next couple of decades the impacts on everyone are going to be very substantial."

He said because he organized committees that included leaders in the energy industry, forestry and other groups in Australia, he started to see solutions to climate change.

"If we continue as we are, we'll suffer pretty significant disadvantage in the U.S. and in Australia," Flannery said.

The Haragan Lecture series began in 2002, said Lou Densmore, Tech's Department of Biological Sciences chairman, in honor of Donald Haragan, a former president of Tech and current professor in the Honors College.

Densmore said Flannery was asked

to speak at the lecture because Haragan wanted someone to speak about climate change. He said he believes Flannery was a good choice because he is a well-known biologist and climate-change expert.

"It's their world he's talking about," Densmore said. "If I'm still alive in 50 years, I'd be breaking some records, but it's your world and this is going to be affecting it."

Elizabeth Purnell, a freshman biology major from San Antonio, said she attended Flannery's lecture because she wanted to learn more about climate change.

"I learned a lot about why global warming is happening and what we really need to do about it," she said. "It was important to me because he said a lot of people say it's just a natural cycle going on with our planet, but the earth is supposed to be going through a cooling change right now."

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Resignation

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A motion was made by John Leonard, councilman for District 5, and seconded by Linda DeLeon, councilwoman for District 1, to resolve the lawsuit filed by Ellerbrook against the city.

The lawsuit was filed by Ellerbrook, Lubbock's solid waste manager, for reasons such as treatment he received in the past as an employee of the city.

According to the mediation agreement, Ellerbrook and his attorneys will be paid a total cash payment of \$250,000.

According to the mediation agreement, \$200,000 will go toward attorney's fees, \$30,000 will cover case expenses and court costs and the sum of \$20,000 will be "for annuity(s) for the children of the plaintiff, \$10,000 each."

The motion carried with a 6-0 vote, with mayor pro tem Jim Gilbreath, councilman for District 6, absent.

In the mediation agreement,

it was stated, "the City agrees not to retaliate against Ellerbrook based upon his assertion of any local, state or federally protected right" and Ellerbrook will remain employed by the city.

Ellerbrook will "dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice together with any and all grievances now pending," according to the mediation agreement.

The council members did not discuss the lawsuit or anything related to it after the motion was carried. However, Anita Burgess, city attorney, and Bob Craig, attorney for the city, both made brief statements.

"The ongoing discussions the lawyers have had, I think there have been some changes since Monday to today," Craig said.

At the Monday council meeting, a motion was passed not to make any decisions on the case until depositions had been made for all council members, both past and present.

Burgess said to her knowledge, the motion being carried is the end of the lawsuit and related matters.

"As far as I am concerned, this matter is closed," she said.

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Tech students' band showcased tonight at Jake's

By **HALEY DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock band The Seventh Cycle will be rocking out tonight at Jake's Backroom along with Black Obsidian, This Soul Divided and Negative 263.

The Seventh Cycle, which has been around for about three years, is comprised of four members, three of which are Texas Tech students. Cy Reichert, David Chapman, Ernest Falcon and Joe Dan Newbrough make up this rock band.

Cy Reichert, the band's lead guitarist, said the way the band members got together purely was fate.

"The bass player lived in the dorms, and we met randomly," said Reichert, an Arlington native. "Joe Dan was friends with Ernest. It's really cool — we're all friends and we hang out."

According to the band's Myspace Web page, www.theseventhcycle.com, The Seventh Cycle has opened for bands such as Eighteen Visions, SOiL and

Bless The Broken.

Reichert said his musical influences are wide-ranging and include a vast array of different bands and singers.

"Korn, Flaw, Pink Floyd, Jimmy Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan — those are musicians I look up to," Reichert said.

One of Reichert's band mates, bassist Chapman, said for the most part, Metallica, Pantera and Deftones are his musical influences.

Although the group has garnered influence from many different types of music, Reichert said The Seventh Cycle's sound is all its own.

"(It's) hard rock — not death metal, like Deftones, Chevelle. It's melodic, but still has that edge," Reichert said.

Along with playing regularly at Jake's Backroom, Reichert said the band has started to make a lot of progress in the past year and recently has started traveling to Odessa.

Traveling more is one of the adventures Chapman said he would love for the band to explore.

"It would be really great if we could get signed with a big label," he said. "You know, make a career out of it. As far as the near future — more out-of-town shows."

Chapman described what concert-goers can experience at the band's live shows.

"It's very energetic — a lot of people," the graduate student from Odessa said. "Everyone starts going crazy and starting mosh pits."

Chapman said along with performing on stage, his favorite part of the live shows is the energy.

"We feed off of (the fans') energy as much as they are feeding off of our energy," he said.

Along with the show tonight at Jake's Backroom, The Seventh Cycle can be heard at 7:30 p.m. today on the show "Local Lix" featured on KFMX-FM or sampled on the band's Myspace page.

According to one of the band's blogs on its Myspace Web site, Reichert wrote he believes the band has some of the best fans, and the band members will continue to try as hard as they can to



COURTESY PHOTOS/The Seventh Cycle

The Seventh Cycle is slated to perform tonight at Jake's Sports Cafe.

do bigger and better things.

Reichert said the band tends to appeal to a wide demographic. The lead guitarist said he has high praise for his band mates despite

their unlikely majors.

"We aren't music majors, but we can put on a great show," Reichert said.

Doors open at 8 p.m. tonight at

Jake's Backroom; tickets cost \$10 for those 21 years old and up and \$13 for those who are less than 21 years of age.

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Internationally known family violence researcher to visit Tech

By **ALLISON LOWE**
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Family violence, a heavily researched issue under constant debate, will be the topic of discussion 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Room 1 of the English building.

Luis Ramirez, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, said students in the School of Nursing as well as students taking classes in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the Department of Psychology will have the privilege of hearing Murray Straus, director of the family research lab at the University of New Hampshire, speak on issues concerning family violence. Issues discussed will include dating violence, spanking, corporal

punishment and new approaches to discipline.

All Tech students are invited to Tuesday's campus-wide lecture given by Straus on why family violence occurs and what people can do about it.

Straus has been in the field for 30 to 40 years and was one of the first people to study family violence, Ramirez said. Because of this, Straus is able to talk about the evolution of the field over the last few decades.

"You could even make the claim that he is one of the founding researchers in the field of family violence," Ramirez said.

Straus developed a measure widely used today called the Conflict Tactics Scales, Ramirez said. The scale measures violence between intimates and

violence between partners and looks at physical violence, psychological aggression and how couples negotiate.

Ramirez said students interested in researching family violence or going to graduate school will benefit from attending the lecture because Straus has worked with a large number of students who specialize in their own areas of family violence. He said it is good for students to understand why family violence, more commonly referred to as intimate-partner violence, occurs.

"If you want to stop it, it's good to understand why it's occurring," he said. "A lot of the behaviors that people develop in their dating relationships will also show up in later relationships."

Attending the lecture also will

benefit students who have been victims of violence or know someone who has been a victim. He said with increased understanding of the issue, which can be gained from the lecture, family violence can be stopped.

"A lot of people will kind of idealize their relationship where they'll have blinders on, and they'll make excuses and say, 'That really doesn't happen in my life,'" Ramirez said. "It sometimes takes other people to show them that there's something wrong here and that your partner shouldn't be grabbing you, pulling your hair or calling you names. It sometimes takes an outsider to point things out and say that something needs to change."

Straus said his interest in researching family violence came about in 1979 when he was teaching a class

in sociology and the topic of spanking and corporal punishment arose. He said he asked his students two questions: "Have your parents ever spanked or slapped you? Has it happened in the past year?"

Straus said he began to think when he discovered 96 percent of students said they had been spanked or slapped by their parents, and 25 percent said their parents had spanked or slapped them the year before they came to college. He said because of the way academic minds work, he started researching, and this led him to begin studying violence between parents.

"Being hit by parents (is something) no one considers violence," Straus said. "People don't realize what we call spanking is a euphemism for

hitting."

Students should attend the lecture because family violence is a topic that affects 1/3 of students directly, he said. Roughly 1/3 of students will have a bad experience, such as being hit or hitting, with a dating partner, and it is important to address these issues because they will affect behavior in future relationships.

Ramirez said Straus has influenced dozens of other researchers and how they view, approach and study family violence.

"What's really interesting about him is some will agree with him and some will not," Ramirez said of Straus. "But again, the main idea is to try to get a better understanding of family violence."

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Wal-Mart publicizes employee bonuses for first time

(AP) — Wal-Mart made its annual bonus for store employees public for the first time in two decades Thursday, saying that about 80 percent of hourly workers in its stores would split more than a half-billion dollars.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is the target of union-backed critics who decry its pay and benefits. The Bentonville, Ark.-

based retailer said it was making the bonuses public as a new way to honor its employees, not in response to critics.

Based on the numbers Wal-Mart released, the mathematical average payment would be \$651 per worker but Wal-Mart said the individual amounts varied. It declined to provide a range or the specific level of payments, citing

competition with other employers.

In the past, the bonus has been \$1,000 for full-time workers and up to \$500 for part-timers, according to former Wal-Mart managers who declined to be named because the information is competitive.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sarah Clark declined to provide individual figures but said the payments varied based on two main benchmarks: whether an employee's store met profit and sales targets for the year and whether an employee is full time or part time.

Adele Phillips, whose contact information was provided by Wal-Mart, said her bonus was "substantially over \$1,000" and more than last year. The

full-time administrative assistant at a Wal-Mart store in Moreno Valley, Calif., declined to be more specific.

"Most of the stores are having a barbecue or some kind of special lunch today because everybody's worked hard for this," said Phillips, who has worked for Wal-Mart since 1982.

The company said it awarded more than \$529.8 million in bonuses to a total of 813,759 Wal-Mart store and Sam's Club hourly workers in the U.S.

The company employs more than 1.34 million people in the U.S. Of those, just over 1 million are hourly workers who would qualify for the bonus, Clark said.

Clark declined to provide comparative numbers for the previous year.

Wal-Mart, which refers to its employees as "associates," said in a news release announcing the bonuses that it was designating Thursday as Associate Celebration Day. It also announced new programs intended to recognize service

and performance.

The bonus program was started in 1986 by founder Sam Walton as a way to give workers a stake in the company's success, Clark said.

An employee gets a check if the store where he or she works meets a benchmark for sales and profit goals for the year. Progress toward those benchmarks is usually charted on a big poster, typically hung in each store's break room.

Michael Bergdahl, a former Wal-Mart human resources executive who has written about the company, said he believed Wal-Mart released the figures this year in an effort to counter negative publicity drummed up by its critics. "There is so much negative media about Wal-Mart. This is just an example of how they really treat their people well and they're putting it out there to let the facts speak for themselves," said Bergdahl, author of "The 10 Rules of Sam Walton."

Union-backed WakeUpWalMart.com said the payments were a pittance compared to executive bonuses.

Chief Executive Lee Scott's compensation for 2006 was \$15.7 million, excluding restricted stock awards.

Arrest warrant issued for rapper Foxy Brown after beauty shop scuffle

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — An arrest warrant was issued for rapper Foxy Brown on Thursday after she failed to appear in court on charges stemming from a scuffle in a beauty supply store.

Brown was applying beauty products in the bathroom of Queen Beauty Supply when an employee told her the business was closed and it was time to leave, according to the arrest report. She refused and threw hair glue at the employee, then spat at the man as he called 911, the report said.

She later struggled with a responding police officer, the report said. She was released on a \$1,500 bond.

She was charged in February with battery and resisting arrest without violence. Judge Joel Lazarus issued the bench warrant after she did not appear in court in Fort Lauderdale, The Miami Herald reported.

Brown's lawyer, New York state Sen. John Sampson, was participating in the legislative session and was unreachable, an aide said.

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Tech women's golf returns to Arizona once again

By **JESSICA HENDERSHOT**
STAFF WRITER

Coming off its second lowest three-round score in school history, the Texas Tech women's golf team is set to participate in the Mountain View Collegiate in Tuscon, Ariz., Saturday. The tournament will be the second for the team in Arizona and the fifth of its eight scheduled contests this season.

Tech recently competed in back-to-back tournaments before spring break. March 11, the team finished fifth at the Rio Verde Collegiate Invitational in Rio Verde, Ariz. Freshmen Rosalyn Kim and Ulrika Van Niekerk tied for ninth with a 54-hole score of 223. Kim and Niekerk were the only Red Raiders to finish in the top 20, although sophomore Gloriana Soto was able to finish with a score of 230 and junior Megan Dowdy finished with a tie for 43rd with a score of 232. Competing for the first time this semester for Tech were sophomores Tracy Standford and Brynn Anderson. Standford tied for 69th with a 238, and Anderson finished 79th with a

score of 241. Tech coach Stacy Totman and crew resumed tournament play the following day at the UNLV Spring Invire in Las Vegas. The team managed to record its second-lowest three-round score in Tech history with an 891.

Tech's low score can be contributed to the desert setting of the course, Totman said. She said her players' strengths make them a perfect fit for the arid desert courses.

"It is to our advantage to play longer hitters," Totman said. "We are a very good ball-striking team, and they are pretty accurate with their irons."

Van Niekerk finished two over par in 19th place with a score of 218. The Capetown, South Africa, native now has placed in the top 20 in three tournaments, including the March 11 Rio Verde Collegiate Invitational and the Feb. 7 Baja Invitational. Kim was just two shots behind, landing in 22nd place with a three-over par 219.

Tech's three other competitors were Dowdy, Soto and Standford. Dowdy carded a 226 and placed

55th. Soto fared her worst finish of the season with a score of 232 and a tie for 76th place.

Participating in consecutive tournaments is not only rough on the golf game, but it can take a toll on schoolwork as well, Kim said.

"It's been a blast but a lot of work," Kim said. "You have to prioritize. You kind of have to be ready for a day that started at 5 a.m. and goes to 2 a.m."

Kim said her first season in fall 2006 provided her with a chance to test the waters, but the spring has been more up-tempo.

"You really have to be on top of your academics and practice and what not," she said.

Upon their return from Arizona, the Red Raiders will have only one tournament remaining before the Big 12 Championship April 16 in Waco. The team's prior tournaments should be helpful in preparing for conference opponents, Totman said.

"We have been playing against the best teams in the country," she said, "so we know where we need to work on our game."

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Tech softball drops two games against Oklahoma

By **JEREMY REYNOLDS**
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The Texas Tech softball team almost had to postpone its home opener once again because of rain.

But after just an hour rain delay Thursday night, the Red Raiders took the field in front their home fans for a pair of games against No. 3 Oklahoma.

The home-field advantage, however, was not a factor as the Raiders dropped both games to the Sooners, 7-0 and 7-3.

"We've stayed with all the top 10 teams in the nation, but we need to learn to beat them," Tech coach Teresa Wilson said. "Our kids, at times, did a good job with sticking with our game plan."

Wilson credited her team's inability to finish out close games against top-10 teams to the youth of her squad.

"It's a step that we're on, but I'd like to move past that step," she said.

In the second game of the evening, Tech's (17-15, 0-2 Big 12) Ashley Parker led off the first



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ASHLEY PARKER SLIDES into second base during the Red Raiders game against Oklahoma Thursday.

position, but needs to improve on batting those runners in.

"We need to capitalize on the opportunities we're given," she said.

In the first game, Tech and Oklahoma (35-2, 2-0) played a scoreless contest through the first five innings. In the sixth, Amber Flores led off with a single. Susan Ogden followed her after Devin Zaragoza dropped a fly ball in left field.

Freshman Lindsey Vandever drilled a line-drive double down the third base line, batting in Ogden and Flores. Jade Prather was put in to pinch run for Vandever and later scored in the inning off a single by pinch-hitter Stacia Aleman.

In the following inning, clean-up hitter Samantha Ricketts knocked a three-run shot over the left field fence, scoring Dickson and Fox.

Tech was not able to amount an offensive attack in the game as it was held to just five hits.

Oklahoma pitcher Lauren Eckermann advanced to a perfect 20-0 for the season with her win in the first game, while Tech freshman pitcher Ashly Jacobs fell to 13-8.

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Arm wrestling: Tech baseball will rely on pitching to take down Baylor

By WES SKIPWITH
STAFF WRITER

After coming off a series win over No. 16 Nebraska to open the Big 12 season, the Texas Tech baseball team will travel to Waco this weekend for its second Big 12 opponent, Baylor, for a three-game series.

Tech coach Larry Hays said his starting pitching rotation will be the make-or-break factor in determining his team's success against the Bears.

"We're depending on our starting pitching to develop and throw solid innings in order to burn up as many of them as possible," Hays said. "If we do that then we might

have a chance."

The Red Raiders (17-8, 2-1 Big 12) have struggled in finding consistent performances from all three of their starting pitchers. The staff ace, sophomore A.J. Ramos (5-1), put up solid numbers in his first five starts but struggled March 16 in Tech's win against Nebraska, pitching six innings and giving up five earned runs. Senior Aaron Odom (3-2) also had a rocky start against Nebraska. Saturday he pitched fewer than five innings, allowing six earned runs in Tech's 13-1 loss to the Cornhuskers.

Senior Colt Hynes (2-1) has come on strong in his past two outings after poor performances earlier this season. He was named

Big 12 Pitcher of the Week after his performance against No. 23 TCU March 11. He pitched a complete game, allowing just one run while recording a career-high 11 strikeouts. In his last start against Nebraska Sunday, Hynes pitched a solid eight innings giving up five earned runs.

"Every weekend we'll have one or two starters pitch real well," Hays said. "Last week Hynes did good, and the other guys struggled. We need all three to have quality starts and remain consistent."

Ramos is scheduled to start today with Odom and Hynes taking the mound Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Hynes said overall, the pitch-

ing staff has been performing well because the pitchers have been preparing all season to get ready for conference play.

"We've really been working to get more fine-tuned before the Big 12 season," Hynes said. "We really analyzed our outings and what we need to do better."

One Red Raider who has remained consistent at the plate is freshman lead-off hitter Chris Hall. He leads Tech hitters with a .369 batting average and a .465 on-base percentage.

"As a lead-off guy, I just try to get on base," Hall said, "because I know my teammates will drive me in and do their job."

Hall will be first up against a



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TEXAS TECH'S CHRIS Hall slides into third base.

Baylor (13-10, 0-3) pitching staff that has posted a combined 3.41 ERA this season. Jeff Mandel (2-4) is scheduled to start against for the Bears today. In six starts this season, Mandel has posted a 3.60 ERA and a team-leading 38 strikeouts. Staff ace Randal Linebaugh (2-2) gets the start Saturday. His 3.12 ERA is the lowest among Baylor starters.

"This will be a normal Baylor team that relies on their pitching," Hays said.

Baylor's offense is led by Aaron Miller, who is batting .317 with a slugging percentage of .463 and 20 RBIs.

The Bears' offense is looking for its first conference win after being swept 3-0 by Texas last weekend. Tech will be looking for its third conference win after taking two from Nebraska last weekend. Junior catcher Matt Smith said

coming out victorious against Baylor will build the Red Raiders' confidence.

"We can't let the Nebraska wins get in our heads," Smith said. "We just got to concentrate on going into Baylor and competing."

Absent from today's lineup will be sophomore Willie Rueda. According to a statement released by the team, the sophomore outfielder will miss the remainder of the 2007 after suffering an injury to his right elbow during the game against TCU March 11. He will undergo surgery Tuesday to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right arm.

The injury ends a 2007 campaign in which Rueda was batting .111 with five hits and three, a significant drop off from last season when he batted .307 and was named second team All-Big 12. wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

Tech tennis teams take on Nebraska

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Nebraska is the next obstacle for both the Texas Tech men's tennis team and the women's team to obtain their first Big 12 Conference wins of the season.

While the men will continue their road trip against the Cornhuskers 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Lincoln, Neb., the women host Nebraska 10 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

No. 75 Nebraska will be the men's seventh-consecutive road opponent and the first ranked Big 12 opponent out of the six the men will face. In the Blue-Gray Invitational last week, Bojan Szumanski injured his ankle, and Michael Breler missed with an undisclosed illness. Breler will be back against the Cornhuskers, but whether Szumanski will play or not is a match-time decision.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the team struggled without Szumanski, and if the junior is unable to play, his athletes will move up a spot on the roster.

"Teddy DiBlasi will move in at No. 6 like he did in Alabama, and everyone else will move up a spot," Siegel said. "We're coming off a tough weekend. We missed Michael Breler. He was sick the whole time we played, and Bojan (was out with) his ankle. Anytime you're not at full strength, it's a lot more uncertainty."

The men will go into the match with a 9-5 record and a No. 31 ranking. Szumanski is ranked nationally in singles at No. 33 with a 16-8 overall record.

Dimitrio Martinez is looking to get his name atop the Tech record books in overall singles victories as

he is tied for first place with 63 wins with current Tech assistant coach Petar Danolic.

Siegel said the Big 12 conference matches will be a test for Tech, but they are necessary for Tech to get into the NCAA Tournament.

"Every team is nationally ranked, so when you have six of the top seven teams that are top 40, it's a very strong conference," Siegel said. "We're going to need to win some matches for sure to ensure ourselves to get into the tournament."

The women will be looking for their first conference win after losing two straight conference matches to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Tech coach Cari Groce said after the team had some time off, it is prepared to face its third Big 12 opponent.

"We got a little bit of time off, so the girls could heal from the first half of the season, and I think that was real good for them," Groce said. "They've come back fresh, and they've worked hard ever since, and they're ready to compete again. We're ready to finish the second half of the season."

Nebraska will come to the Hub City with a 7-5 record and a 1-4 record in Big 12 conference play.

Groce said every Big 12 match makes a strong statement about where the team stands.

"They're conference matches, they're conference opponents and every one of them is a rival if they're in your conference," she said of Nebraska and the Big 12 competition. "You want to get out there and make a statement about how you feel you stand in the conference." adam.coleman@ttu.edu



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