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### Bus shooting in Houston leaves 1 dead

HOUSTON (AP) — A bus passenger was shot to death in west Houston this morning in front of 35 to 40 other passengers, according to police.

Police said an argument between two men erupted into gunfire about 11:40 a.m. The gunman was arrested, police said.

KPRC-TV in Houston reported that officials also said another passenger had a heart attack after the shooting.

### NATION

### Prosecutors fired over priorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight federal prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' former chief of staff says in remarks prepared for delivery to Congress on Thursday. Separately, the Justice Department admitted Wednesday it gave senators inaccurate information about the firings and presidential political adviser Karl Rove's role in trying to secure a U.S. attorney's post for one of his former aides, Tim Griffin.

## WORLD

### Dozens killed in revenge attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Shiite militants and police enraged by deadly truck bombings went on a shooting rampage against Sunnis in a northwestern Iraqi city Wednesday, killing as many as 70 men execution-style and prompting fears that sectarian violence was spreading outside the capital. The killings occurred in the mixed Shiite-Sunni city Tal Afar, which had been an insurgent stronghold until an offensive by U.S. and Iraqi troops in September 2005, when militants fled into the countryside without a fight. Last March, President Bush cited the operation as an example that gave him "confidence in our strategy."

## DEATH TOLL



Iraq since fighting began

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# Iran demands Britain admit trespassing

By SALAH NASRAWI ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) Wednesday that Britain must adentered Iranian waters in order to Mideast nation. resolve a standoff over their capture by the Mideast nation.

Associated Press came on a day of that will help us to end this issue."

escalating tensions, highlighted by an saying her group had "trespassed" in - Iran's foreign minister said Iranian waters. Britain angrily de- a summit of Arab leaders. nounced the video as unacceptable

entry into Iranian waters was a mis-Manouchehr Mottaki's state- take "this can be solved. But they

"Admitting the mistake will fa-Iranian video of the detained Britons cilitate a solution to the problem," he ment from the British to Mottaki's that showed the only woman captive said late Wednesday night in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was attending

It was the first time that Iran has mit that its 15 sailors and marines and froze most dealings with the publicly suggested a way to resolve the crisis, but British acquiescence Mottaki said that if the alleged appeared unlikely as the country has been insisting since the crisis began that its troops were in Iraqi waters service personnel. ment in an interview with The have to show that it was a mistake, and released documents on Wednesday to back up the claim.

statement. A call to Britain's Foreign Office in London was not answered early Thursday.

Mottaki also backed off a prediction that the female sailor, Faye Turney, could be freed Wednesday or Thursday, but said Tehran agreed to allow British officials to meet with

"We have accepted that (the British request), there is no problem.

There was no immediate com- Measures are underway (to arrange meeting.) They can meet them,"

> British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government announced it was freezing all dealings with Iran except to negotiate the release of its personnel, adding to a public exchange of sharp comments that helped fuel a spike in world oil prices.

Britain's military released a GPS

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# Bush demands Iraq money with no strings

By DAVID ESPO ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a veto showdown over Iraq on a replenishment of war funding with no strings withdrawal deadline for nearly all combat it into law." and Speaker Nancy Pelosi counseling him, troops of Sept. 1, 2008. "Calm down with the threats."

dom date of withdrawal would be disastrous" for U.S. troops in Iraq and he predicted that lawmakers would take the blame if the money House-Senate compromise measure almost ran short.

fund our troops on the front lines, the American groundwork for a veto showdown with the people will know who to hold responsible."

Bush spoke as the Senate moved toward passage of legislation that would require the beginning of a troop withdrawal within 120 for its completion.

Bush said imposition of a "specific and ran-billion to sustain military efforts in Iraq and

After passage, the next step would be a was June 1. "The clock is ticking for our troops in the said he finds objectionable, and the president's new Democratic majority later this spring.

Confidently predicting his veto would stop making political statements, and start The House approved a more sweeping providing vital funds for our troops. They

One key Democrat with longtime ties Both bills would provide more than \$90 to the Pentagon, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said Bush was exaggerating, and he estimated the real deadline for a fresh infusion of funds

> Gordon Adams, a former Clinton adminmilitary to maintain operations, he said.

Democratic leaders, determined to force be sustained in Congress, he said, "Funding Bush to change course in Iraq, also disputed his for our forces in Iraq will begin to run out contention that Congress would be to blame days, and would set a goal of March 31, 2008, in mid-April. Members of Congress need to for any funding difficulties in a war they have vowed to end.

"Why doesn't he get real with what's going Wednesday, the commander in chief demanding measure last week, including a mandatory need to get that bill to my desk so I can sign on with the world?" said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We're not holding up funding in Iraq and he knows that. Why doesn't he deal with the real issues facing the American

Pelosi responded to Bush with a blend of

conciliation and challenge. "On this very important matter, I would excertain to include conditions that Bush has istration official specializing in defense issues, tend a hand of friendship to the president, just said the Pentagon has authority to transfer to say to him, 'Calm down with the threats," field," he said. "If Congress fails to pass a bill to remarks seemed designed to lay the political existing funds between accounts. "So into she said. "There's a new Congress in town. We June, while it's painful, it's possible" for the accept your constitutional role. We want you to accept ours."

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### By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

### March 15

Lubbock police responded to a call of a terroristic threat in the 6000 block of Peoria Avenue. According to reports, an individual was standing in his driveway when a dog attacked him.

The victim eventually fought the dog off, only to be threatened by two approaching suspects. The suspects grabbed the dog and left the area. The victim refused medical attention for the small dog bite he suffered.

### March 16

Lubbock police received a report of weapon ammunition found inside a building in the 2400 block of Main Street. Police said an individual found a black semi-automatic magazine with eight rounds of .380 ammunition located on a sofa in a waiting room at the listed

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not found.

The owner of a local bar called in a report of a suspect failing to leave required information after a vehicle accident. Police said the owner of Sports Form Bar and Grill was inside the bar when he felt the building

When the owner walked outside, he observed a large commercial van driving off on the west side of the building, police said.

The owner located the damage done to his roof and side of building, but could not retrieve a license plate number from the suspect's commercial van.

According to reports, the damage to the outside of the building totaled \$1,000.

### March 17

Lubbock police received a report of aggravated assault in

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location. According to reports, the 500 block of Slide Road. the gun and the gun owner were According to reports, a female victim was slapped in the face during an argument between the female victim and two suspects.

Police said the victim was arguing with the suspect's sister in front of the suspect's apart-

The suspect quickly became involved and slapped the victim on the left side of her face, according to reports. After the assault, police said the victim left the area and went home to her own apartment.

### March 22

Lubbock police arrested a man for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and driving without a valid license.

The suspect was observed driving in the 1700 block of East 31st Street in a 1970 gray Buick four-door with an invalid motor vehicle inspection sticker.

Police said they found mari-

juana and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. Police transported the suspect to the Lubbock police Department holding

**NEWS** 

Lubbock police investigated burglary of a residence in the 3500 block of 49th Street. According to reports, an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole two DVD players, a gray stereo and a silver video camcorder worth \$800.

Lubbock police investigated burglary of contents in a vehicle in the 3300 block of 20th Street. Police said a victim's 2004 blue Ford Explorer was burglarized.

According to reports, the suspect stole the victim's golf clubs and bag worth more than \$2,000, a satellite radio worth \$175, two jackets totaling \$50 and the victim's glasses.

The suspect was caught and arrested by Texas Tech police.

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## SWINGIN' SAX



RUSSEL BARBEE, A music education major from San Antonio, practices his tenor saxaphone for the upcoming individual Junior Recital.

# Tech debate team finishes fourth at national competition

### By GLENYS BOLLS STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Speech and Debate Team placed in the top five

at a national competition for the first time in the team's history. Three teams of two people in the parliamentary debate squad placed fourth Sunday at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament. The

fourth-place finish was based on an

average of how the three teams did

in the competition. "It's nice to actually be there for the first time," said Mike Mitchell, a junior mass communications major from Lamesa. "It proves what we've been all along."

Out of the 240 teams that competed in the debate competition, Tech had three teams finish in the top 16. Tech's fourth-place finish placed the team above schools like Purdue University, Rice University

and the University of Notre Dame.

Kristen Owen, a junior communication studies and political science major from Houston, and Anthony Putnicki, a junior philosophy major from El Paso, won six out of eight preliminary-round debates followed by five elimination-rounds before losing the semifinal. They finished as the third-highest ranked team in the nation and were honored as two of the top 20 individual speakers at the tournament.

"We did extremely good," said Joe Gantt, director of forensics and coach of the team. "They start with almost 100 teams in the elimination rounds, and those are tough rounds. We're facing good teams with smart coaches and good arguments. When you get third at nationals, you can never complain."

Jacob Parks, a senior English major from Midland, and Tim West, a senior political science major from Amarillo, tied for ninth place with

Vamsi Vemuru, a senior political science major from Odessa. Each team had a 5-3 record in preliminary rounds and won three elimination rounds before being defeated. West was honored as the 13th best speaker

"This was one of our most competitive years," Vemuru said. "We had really talented people on the team this year. We had a lot of experienced debaters, and it definitely paid off at the tournament."

Gantt said he particularly is proud of beating Rice in the com-

"Rice is our biggest rival in the state," he said, "so it's really exciting to beat them. They have academic resources we don't have. To take a bunch of West Texas kids and perform at a capacity to beat Rice, Notre Dame and Berkeley, that's pretty amazing."

Although the tournament con-

fellow Tech debaters Mitchell and cluded the season for the Tech debate team, individual competitors will travel to Mankato, Minn., in April for the national tournament of individual events.

"Individual events are a whole different ball game than debate," Gantt said. "It's mostly giving speeches, some extemporaneous speeches and interpreting literature."

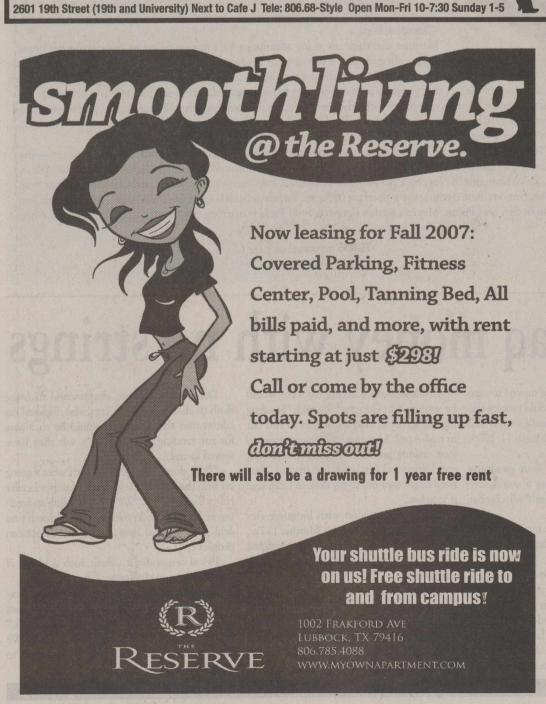
Individual competitors are Putnicki, Amador Juarez, a senior communication studies major from Laredo, Erin Wyatt, a senior communication studies major from El Paso, and Brian Horton, a freshman political science major from Navarre, Fla.

Gantt said the teams' performance at the event was the perfect finish to a strong year.

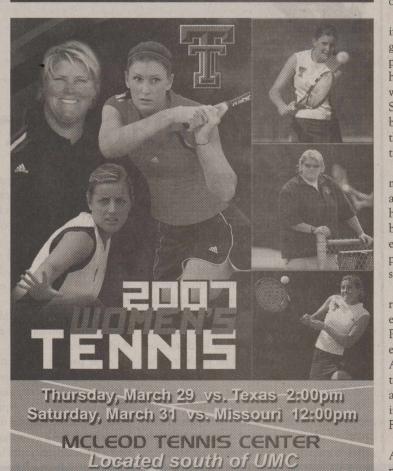
"We've been sixth four times and in the top 10 eight times," he said. "It's really exciting to finally

make it." ₩ glenys.bolls@ttu.edu









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# Saudi king denounces U.S. presence in Iraq

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - King Abdullah denounced the American military presence in Iraq on Wednesday as an "illegitimate foreign occupation" and called on the West to end its financial embargo against the Palestinians.

The Saudi monarch's speech was a strongly worded lecture to Arab leaders that their divisions had helped fuel turmoil across the Middle East, and he urged them to show unity. But in opening the Arab summit, Abdullah also nodded to hardliners by criticizing the U.S. presence

"In beloved Iraq, blood is flowing between brothers, in the shadow of an illegitimate foreign occupation, and abhorrent sectarianism threatens a civil war," said the king, whose country is a U.S. ally that quietly aided the 2003 U.S.-led invasion

U.S. allies at the summit are trying to win support from other Arab governments to promote an Arab peace initiative that Washington hopes could revive the peace process with Israel. Arab hard-liners fear Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan will bow to U.S. pressure to water down the land-for-peace offer in an attempt to win Israeli acceptance.

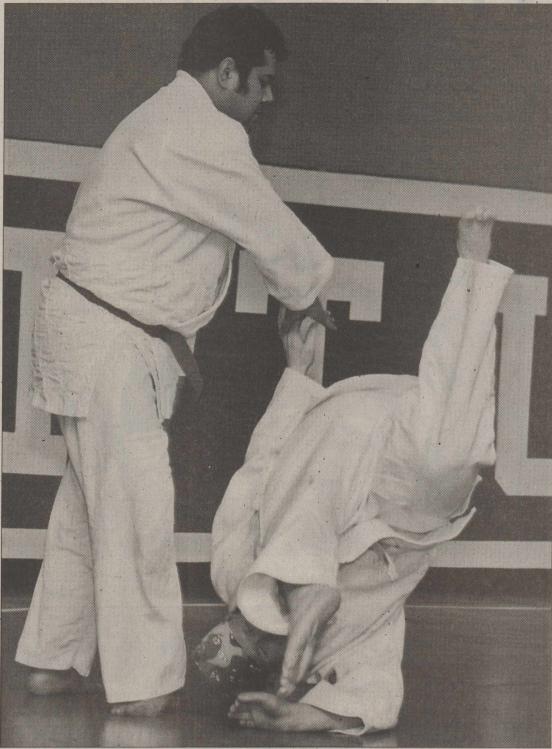
"In wounded Palestine, the mighty people suffers from oppression and occupation," Abdullah said. "It has become vital that the oppressive blockade imposed on the Palestinians end as soon as possible so the peace process will get to move in an atmosphere without oppression."

The United States has so far rejected calls to end the financial embargo imposed on the Hamas-led Palestinian government formed after elections last year. Saudi Arabia and Arab states have called for an end to the sanctions after Hamas formed a new government last month that includes members of the moderate Fatah party.

Abdullah insisted that only when Arab leaders unite will they be able to prevent "foreign powers from drawing the region's future."

## MARCH 29, 2007

## KARATE AI-KID-O



AIKIDO MEMBER MARIO Pitalua, a computer science graduate student from Tampico, Mexico, flips fellow member, Jason Sargeant, a physics faculty member during the Aikido club practice Monday evening at the Rec

# Trespass

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readout it said proved the Royal Navy personnel were seized 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi waters Friday. But Mottaki said Iran had GPS devices from the British boats that showed they were in Iranian territory.

A few hours later, a brief video as possible." of the captured Britons was shown on Iran's Arabic language satellite. television station, Al-Alam.

One segment showed sailors and marines sitting in an Iranian boat in open waters immediately after their

The video also displayed what appeared to be a handwritten letter from Faye Turney, 26, to her family.

Iranian people to apologize for us entering their waters," it said. The letter also asks Turney's parents in Britain to look after her 3-year-old daughter, Molly, and her husband, Adam.

The video showed Turney in checkered head scarf and her uniform eating with other sailors and marines. Later, wearing a white tunic and black head scarf, she sat in a room before floral curtains and smoked a

Turney was the only detainee to be shown speaking, giving her name and saying she had been in the navy for nine years.

"Obviously we trespassed into their waters," Turney said at one point, her voice audible under a

simultaneous Arabic translation. "They were very friendly and very did little to calm British anger. hospitable, very thoughtful, nice people. They explained to us why for Blair said any showing of British we've been arrested. There was no personnel on TV would be a breach harm, no aggression.'

In backing away from predictions that Turney could be freed Wednes-

as soon as possible."

He said earlier reports that he had said she could be freed Wednesday or bans subjecting prisoners of war Thursday were incorrect. "I was prob- to intimidation, insults or "public ably misquoted," he said.

Earlier in the day, Mottaki told AP on the sidelines of an Arab sum- the captives would not technically be "I have written a letter to the mit in the Saudi capital, "Today or classified as prisoners of war. tomorrow, the lady will be released." The Turkish television station, CNN-Turk, had also reported him saying Wednesday she would be freed "today" was completely unacceptable, wrong or tomorrow."

But the talk of releasing Turney

Before the broadcast, a spokesman of the Geneva Conventions.

After the footage was aired, Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said day or Thursday, Mottaki said Iran she was "very concerned about these will look into releasing her "as soon pictures and any indication of pressure on, or coercion of, our personnel. Asked when Iran would release ... I am particularly disappointed that Turney, Mottaki said in the interview a private letter has been used in a way with the AP, "We will look into this which can only add to the distress of the families."

The third Geneva Convention curiosity." Because there is no armed conflict between Iran and Britain,

Blair told the House of Commons that "there was no justification whatever ... for their detention, it and illegal."

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# **WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF**

# White House asked to reconsider Rove testimony

swer on whether President Bush's counsel, Fred Fielding. political adviser, Karl Rove, will

"We have not heard from you,"

Lawmakers prodded the White ate and House Judiciary committees' House Wednesday for a new an- chairmen, wrote to President Bush's

testify about the firings of federal no willingness to move beyond Bush's lawmakers. initial offer to let Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and your 'all or nothing' approach," Leahy Patrick Leahy of Vermont and their deputies to speak to committee and Conyers said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Conyers of Michigan, the Senmembers, but only in private, without being sworn and off the record.

Those terms — particularly Field-, ing's insistence on there being no The White House has indicated transcript — have been dismissed by

"We hope that you will reconsider

# Circuit City to cut more than 3,500 store and IT jobs

plan for layoffs at Circuit City is openly targeting better-paid workers, risking a public backlash

The electronics retailer, fac- week delay, the company said. ing larger competitors and falling

NEW YORK (AP) — A new replace them with lower-paid new hires as soon as possible.

The laid-off workers, about 8 percent of the company's total work by implying that its wages are as force, would get a severance package subject to discounts as its flat-, and a chance to reapply for their former jobs, at lower pay, after a 10-

Analysts and economists said the sales, said Wednesday that it move is an uncertain experiment would lay off about 3,400 store that could backfire for the chain. workers - immediately - and The risks: Morale could sink and as a whole."

customers could avoid the stores. Also, knowledgeable customer service is one of the few ways Circuit City can tackle competitors that include Wal-Mart Stores Inc., they

"This strategy strikes me as being quite cold," said Bernard Baumohl, executive director of The Economic Outlook Group. "I don't think it's in the best interest of Circuit City

# Children play during hostage crisis in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) sters took the ordeal in stride, eating to police. in the air while a boy licked an ice windows throughout the day. cream cone. Another girl casually finished a bottle of water while chatting with a classmate.

— A young girl waved a Barbie doll, pizza, smiling and waving from the

when 56-year-old civil engineer Jun and backpacks. Ducat was led to a Ducat, who staged the incident to Dozens of children were taken denounce corruption and demand hostage on a bus Wednesday by a better lives for impoverished chil-grenade may explode," said Gerome day-care center owner armed with dren, released the children, put the Agabon, father of 5-year-old hostage grenades and guns, but the young- pin back in a grenade and surrendered Joanne.

Jubilant parents were quickly reunited with their children as they The crisis ended after 10 hours filed off the bus clutching dolls, toys waiting police car and driven away.

"I was afraid all day that the

# Allies say they won't allow attack from their territories

ABOARD THE USS JOHN refusals of two allies to help could Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and States wrapped up a massive military exercise in the Persian Gulf Wednesday, putting on a show would not take part in any attack on the Islamic Republic.

The U.S. has denied any in-

C. STENNIS (AP) — The United affect U.S. military options or require the Emirates, has called on all its shifting of resources if tensions did members not to support any U.S. seriously escalate.

Qatar\_home to 6,500 U.S. troops of strength for Iran even as the and the enormous al-Udeid Air Base, 40,000 troops in the Gulf, including United Arab Emirates became the headquarters of all American air 25,000 in Kuwait, 3,000 in Bahrain, second Gulf nation to declare it operations in the Middle East — said 1,300 in the United Arab Emirates earlier this month it would not permit and a few hundred in Oman and an attack on Iran from its soil.

tention to attack. But the public a loose alliance of Kuwait, Qatar, Center.

action against Iran.

The United States has close to Saudi Arabia, according to figures The Gulf Cooperation Council, from the Dubai-based Gulf Research

# Stocks slide as Fed. Reserve chief testifies on inflation

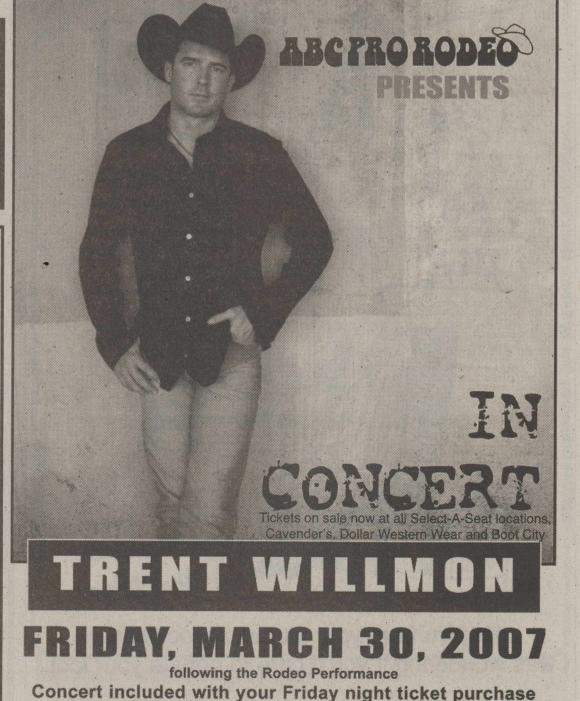
NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks expected rise in orders for large to the broader economy, though he chided investors who may have

fell Wednesday after Federal Re- manufactured goods compounded added the situation requires further serve Chairman Ben Bernanke investors' concerns Wednesday.

In Capitol Hill testimony, Bercerns about inflation. The Dow slowed modestly in the second half Jones industrials fell nearly 100 of 2006, recent readings remain points, the third straight session "uncomfortably high." He also said month high and a weaker-than-credit don't appear to have spread the economy continues to cool.

observation.

Stocks rallied last week after looked past long-standing con- nanke said while core inflation investors interpreted language from the Fed as opening the way to the possibility of a reduction in interest rates. But concerns about stubborn troubles among some mortgage inflation could reverse investors' A rise in oil prices to a six- lenders that cater to those with poor hopes for a reduction in rates, even as



# Sex, God and terrorism

By TOBY MITCHELL MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

has given them consolation and meaning in the past or they can religious belief is naive at best. This is more than a source of personal angst;

atheists and religious fundamentalists feel good. gives little reason to doubt that.

to be much room for compromise.

reason and religion coexisted in bital-satellite-laser weapons. relative peace. But it didn't last.

STAFF EDITORIAL

IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

Gerdin Business Building Wednesday—it's

day, week or month with so many of them

out there — in March there is American

Diabetes Alert Day, National Sleep Aware-

ness Week and National MS Education and

Awareness Month, just to name a few.

harm to careless students.

Awareness Day on the first floor of the in April 2006.

and other acts of God that might cause the wrong place.

dered if we really needed another awareness when severe weather arises.

Week, an effort to raise, well, awareness on estimated at \$150,000 — which could

question first.

Are we really to believe that the children of Rwanda, murdered after (U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. witnessing their own parents hacked — Every year thousands of new stu- to death by machete, were sent to a dents at the University of Michigan Hell a thousand times worse? Are face a terrible choice. They can the millions of Chinese or Indians either keep the childhood faith that who died without ever hearing of horrible than those of any human abandon it and join the world of dictator simply because they were from American Protestant abortionmature, rational thinkers to whom never Christians? Hitler would envy clinic bombers to Iraqi mujahedeen, a God so cruel.

The same goes for the bigotry the conflict between the secular of many modern believers. Corrupt modern world and traditional faiths Republicans have pandered to anti- ancient beliefs. Wilber argues the is the engine of the world's bloodiest gay bigots, those twisted citizens secular-religious conflict that college According to studies by the Uni- for their loathing of anyone with a that has driven religious warfare for versity of California at Los Angeles sexual life less joyless than theirs. Yet centuries. and Harvard Divinity School, only when confronted, America's religious 10 percent of college students are hypocrites claim they're the real is a new understanding between reaatheists and a full 36 percent of pro- . victims of anti-religious prejudice. If son and faith. First, religions need to fessors at elite universities are. The this is religion, it's not surprising that cease their hostility towards modern data seem to suggest that intellectual many college students abandon faith life and grant the same legitimacy refinement and faith are opposed. for sex, drugs and rock'n'roll -- gods to forms of faith that honor modern And the outlook of both committed that, by contrast, actually make you science and tolerance that they grant

On the one side is the atheist offer as a substitute? Science's an- inguniversities, need to acknowledge evangelism of scientists like Richard swers seem more solid, but they give that the moral and spiritual core of Dawkins, a biologist called "Darwin's only explanations, not meanings. To religion could actually be valid on bulldog" for his defense of evolution paraphrase astronomer Sir Arthur its own terms. and attacks on faith. On the other Eddington, science brings no light side is the proud irrationalism of to the cave -- it can only study the we're doomed to a world where religious leaders. There doesn't look shadows on the walls. Meanwhile, educated moderns mistake their own attempts to practice science without egos for God and religious believers It wasn't always this way. In the morality have led to such modern pray for the modern world to be deearly days of the Enlightenment, wonders as atomic bombs and or- stroyed so God can return. This truce

Educated people came to suspect Rather than being reduced to brain to superstition or the faithful need to that religion's pogroms, witch hunts chemistry, religious experience is swear fealty to Mammon. After all, and inquisitions exposed its moral- merely a product of culture and his- if there's one thing that both sides ity as a sham. When today's college tory. In extreme forms, this critique can agree on, it's that the modern students go through the personal leads to the narcissism of "The Se- world is hardly suffering from an Enlightenment of adolescence, it's cret" or "The Da Vinci Code," where overabundance of faith, hope, love these ethnocentric atrocities they the suppressed secret of spirituality is and tolerance.

Severe weather tips for everyone to know

idea came to it after a business student

lege of Business is hosting Severe Weather into their office during a tornado attack storm shelters — Bessey, Kildee, Science II

the dangers of thunderstorms, tornadoes have been worse, had a student been in tions located in entrances, hallways and

In the spirit of raising awareness, we'd

When we first read about it, we won- like to remind you of a couple of safety tips calm your nerves, but a little thunder isn't

Response Committee has its tips, but we

thought we'd give it to you straight.

However, the creators of the event, the closets make good shelter. Whatever you to check it out.

The College of Business Emergency of our advice.

all part of Iowa's Severe Weather Awareness struck and the cost to Iowa State was ensure these buildings are unlocked.

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — The Col- was injured and subsequently brought buildings on campus designated as main

College of Business Emergency Response do, don't run around outside or try to book

In September 2005, another storm State University Police Department will

- Take cover: Basements, interior Campus, the wise thing would not be to

hallways and offices, restrooms and utility run out between Curtiss and Beardshear

Committee, countered our doubts. The it all the way home.

actually some version of the insipid New Age maxim "you create your own reality.'

Yes, your own ego is in fact God Almighty.

Perhaps the worst consequence of the split between religion and modernity is terrorism. As the brilliant Jesus now victims of torture more American scholar Ken Wilber suggested, all modern terrorist groups, are motivated by a feeling of grievance and hatred toward a modern world that offers no room for their who find justification in the Bible freshmen feel is the same conflict

What the world desperately needs to the beliefs of the ancients. Second, But what does a college education secular-modern authorities, includ-

Without this mutual acceptance, between faith and reason doesn't The humanities are no better. mean intellectuals need to give in

Know where to go: There are several

and Hamilton. In the event of a storm, Iowa

- Take orders: Follow all posted instruc-

- Relax: Your mom may not be here to

Above all, just use that collegiate

going to kill you if you've followed the rest

head of yours. If a tornado is on Central

department bulletin boards.



# Bad adult behavior fuels teen violence

By SHANNON MCDONALD TEMPLE NEWS (TEMPLE U.)

(U-WIRE) PHILADEL-PHIA — Violence is commonplace, but the concept of teen jarring effect on society.

schools have opened adults' eyes to the fact that our future has available to them? leaders are solving problems

with brutality. process of being expelled from prisons. Germantown High before the tacked by three students as he to turn into virtual prisons. tried to stop them from jump-

the school. Shannon McDonald can be reached at shannon.mcdonald@temple.edu. The notion that schools are not a safe haven came about after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in 1999. After that, a string of other high school shootings forced people to realize that Columbine was not an isolated incident. Teenagers are becoming more violent and they are bringing that violence to schools.

Temple had its own set of attacks in February. They involved a non-Temple-affiliated teenage male who asked women for their cell phones, then groped and robbed them. Police arrested a juvenile suspect in connection with the crimes.

People may assume the problem is found only in inner cities and within lower income communities, however, the Columbine shootings (and those that occurred shortly after) took place in suburban schools, which means socioeconomics has nothing to do with teenage violence. So why are teenagers becoming increasingly more violent?

Kristi Brian, a Temple sociology professor, believes it is because teens feel that power is not equally distributed.

"They grasp for a feeling of power where they can get it," Brian said. "They see people in power using violence to solve. problems." When the people who have the most power in our country are using it to start wars and invade countries, teenagers may feel violence is

the best display of power.

violence with more security.

In recent years, shootings parking lots. But what about the way to get an education. and other attacks in high weapons that slip past metal de-

Last month, two German- hands to break a teacher's neck. be stopped. town High School students Security guards would have to attacked a teacher when he be stationed at every corner of need to be heard," Brian said. tried to take an iPod away from the school in order to stop such "Strong voices from within their them. The teacher was sent attacks. At that rate, guards communities, not from outside to the hospital with a broken would outnumber faculty mem- authorities, must assure young neck. The students were in the bers, making schools more like people that they are needed, that

In fact, if violence in schools incident occurred. Not long keeps increasing both in severity to listen to one another, violence after that, a West Philadelphia and frequency, the only measure would decrease. Schools that are High School teacher was at- left for schools to take would be

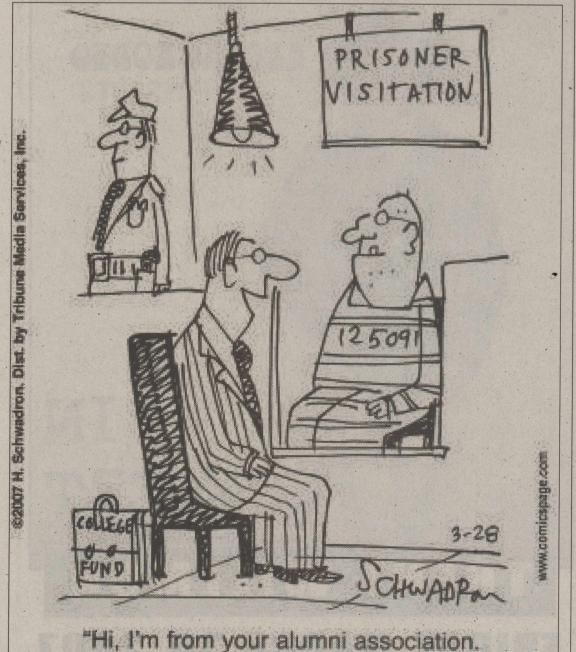
ing on cars parked in front of instituted, personal property such school violence, we must slow as cell phones and mp3 players down and listen.

would be banned and schoolbags After the Columbine incident, would be done away with so stuofficials told authorities and dents couldn't conceal weapons reporters they would combat the or drugs. Security guards would be visible in every area of the Metal detectors graced the schools, creating a tense environviolence seems to have a more entrances of buildings, and secument poorly conducive to learnrity guards patrolled hallways and ing. It may be safer, but it is no

> The best way to stop teenage tectors — the ones every person violence is to find the source. No one is violent without reason, so The students at Germantown by finding the source and creat-High used nothing but their ing a solution, the violence can

"Young people desperately their lives are not disposable."

If people would take the time filled with violence encourage it because those who use brute force Uniforms would have to be often get what they want. To stop



was wondering if you'd care to donate your loot."

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## NICE RAK-U



SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR, Klark Sweitzer, from Farmers Branch, places an art piece into a pile of newspaper to provide a reduced oxygen environment for the glaze to set in; this technique is called Raku.

# Tech to participate in community clean-up day

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students will be given a chance to improve their local neighborhoods during Tech Lubbock Community Day April

for the Center for Campus Life, parks or alleys. said Tech students participating in TLC Day will have an opportunity to give back to the Lubbock com-

"Every year the Texas Department of Transportation hosts a campus clean up is for the main positive one. campus and we have such a great students to clean up."

TLC Day participants will gather outside the Student Union will serve breakfast. Martinez said members of the Lubbock City Council have been invited to City community. participate in the event.

grouped together and given a clean-students are very interested in conup area, Martinez said. The university tributing to Lubbock and being a collaborates with TxDOT and Keep partner with the community," Huff Lubbock Beautiful for the clean-said. "A lot of times, Tech can have a up day. Organizations assigned to bad rap, and we think Tech Lubbock highway areas will go out to pick Community Day is a great opportuup trash, and other groups will be nity to change those views." Jobi Martinez, assistant director assigned to specific public areas like

> has a list of host sites for us for our, participate in the event. She said students to go out to," Martinez said. close to 200 students volunteered "They kind of know the needs of Lubbock a little better than we do."

campus clean up, and our version is a way to mend the relationship gardens and cleaned up around the of that is Tech Lubbock Com- between Tech and the Lubbock premises," Matthews said. "It is just munity Day," Martinez said. "The community, which is not always a to show that Tech cares about the

"Tech students are just being ground maintenance crew, there Tech students," Martinez said. "We aren't really that many areas for do a number of pro-active programs largest community clean-up day in to try and kind of help with that Texas. reputation."

Chris Huff, the SGA external Building April 14, and the Stu-vice president, said he thinks TLC dent Government Association Day is an important event to help create a stronger relationship between Tech students and the Hub

The student volunteers will be munity to show Lubbock that Tech

Suzette Matthews, SGA internal vice president elect, said any "Keep Lubbock Beautiful actually student or student organization can last spring.

"Last year we went to TxDOT She said she believes TLC Day and we de-weeded their flower surrounding community and that we are here to help."

Martinez said TLC Day is the

Any student wanting to participate in TLC Day can pick up an application at the Center for Campus Life Office and turn it in by April 12.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon April 14.

"It is a way for the Tech com- mag8240@hotmail.com

# Board of Regents to discuss new degrees, location of Business Administration building

By BEN MAKI STAFF WRITER

will discuss a variety of topics at committee meetings today and Department of English.

a university studies degree and a bachelor of arts degree in technical communication through the College of Arts and Sciences.

The university studies degree will be overseen by the Office of the Texas Tech's Board of Regents Provost, while technical communication is a specialization within the

Student Government Asso-The Academic, Clinical and ciation President Ryan Worley is Student Affairs Committee of the scheduled to present a report on the Board of Regents is expected to approposed fall break to the commitprove two new bachelor's degrees: tee. The Board of Regents still has to approve the date of the break.

> The Finance and Administration Committee is expected to ap-

ing fees and regulations. State law the Texas Tech University Health allows universities to regulate their Sciences Center. The board has students and faculty members.

A report on tuition and fees for the 2008 fiscal year is expected to but Mittemeyer must present a be presented.

Tom Anderes, vice president

The board is projected to ap-

prove revisions to traffic-and-park- prove the assessment of fees for property for the safety and welfare of authorized Bernhard Mittemeyer, president of the HSC, to establish waivers for tuition, rates and fees, global fee document for approval.

The Facilities Committee is of Administration and Finance scheduled to deliberate about a for Tech, is scheduled to deliver revision to the campus master plan possible fees and optional tuition concerning the location of the new Business Administration building. ▶ benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

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# 3 dead in multi-story office building fire in Houston

injured Wednesday afternoon tenants in the building. when a fire broke out in a sixstory office building in northeast Houston, fire officials said. The injured included at least three firefighters.

District Fire Chief T.J. Dowdy said firefighters found the three bodies on the building's fifth

The fire broke out at the end of the business day and flames could be seen coming out of the building's top floors. Heavy smoke blanketed a nearby 10lane freeway during the busy evening rush hour.

Television footage showed fire personnel guiding people down ladders placed against the structure and a firefighter on a stretcher being put in an ambulance as the flames broke through the glass.

Roy Anderson and Larry Gill, who work at Rail Crew Express on the sixth floor, says they were outside the building when they heard an explosion and then glass shattering.

They say a person driving by ran into the building and manually pulled the fire alarm, while they called authorities. Both say before then, the fire alarms hadn't sounded and the sprinklers hadn't gone off. Jim Jimenez, owner of J Sys-

tems on the fourth floor, smelled smoke and then saw the fire from the building's atrium. He left and saw the fire raging as he looked back, Jimenez said.

"It looked like the entire suite was on fire. It just took seconds,"

There was no word yet on what started the blaze, but the fire was contained to the fifth and sixth floors, Dowdy said.

The six injured were believed to be suffering from smoke inhalation, Dowdy said.

people died and at least six were eral medical clinics are listed as ing, declined to comment on

An engineering firm and sev- Corp., which manages the build-Wednesday and said a statement Boxer Property Management would be issued Thursday.



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## SOFTBALL HUNT



FIVE-YEAR-OLD Shelby Snead of Lubbock returns with a foul ball during the Texas Tech softball game against the North Texas Wednesday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field. Snead and other members of her girl's softball team were acting as ball girls during the game.

# Convicted killer of carjacked Air Force officer executed

jacking 10 years ago was executed in the Alamo city. Wednesday evening.

here because of what happened."

number of relatives and friends and rez was 18. expressed love to them.

you need one?" he said, laughing.

Gutierrez, 28, never looked at through a window. But he had two spare Gutierrez were planned. big smiles and laughter for his parwalked into the death chamber.

He said a brief prayer and was began to flow.

nation's busiest capital punishment member. state. Another execution is set for

shooting death of Capt. Jose Cobo, from death row. "So, I've made the best until he left for work.

Antonio man convicted of killing and dumped on the shoulder of Interan Air Force officer during a car- state 410 during a morning rush hour create havoc in Texas.'

A Bexar County jury also decided ing — and expressed no remorse In a brief final statement, Vin- Gutierrez' companion, Randy Arroyo, everybody I'm sorry the situation his death sentence was commuted to jail for another robbery. happened. My bad — everybody is life after the U.S. Supreme Court two for the fatal shooting. He thanked a was 17 when Cobo was killed. Gutier-

"Where's a stunt double when Appeals late week turned down an County assistant district attorneys appeal to halt Gutierrez's execution. prosecuting Cobo's accused killers. The Texas Board of Pardons and as they stood a few feet away looking his sentence to life. No late efforts to an Air Force officer.'

ents and other relatives when they Gutierrez's lawyer, Alex Calhoun, to the passenger side of his car. When

pronounced dead at 6:23 p.m., ing, Gutierrez had been released from Gutierrez, who was in the back seat seven minutes after the lethal drugs a two-month stint at a prison boot of the Mazda sports car as Arroyo camp for a burglary conviction. It was drove. Gutierrez was the 10th prisoner the latest in a string of burglaries and to die by injection this year in the thefts by the acknowledged street gang errez chose Cobo's car because Gutier-

He was one of two carjackers dead by now," he recently told the San off, at dawn March 11, 1997, outside condemned for the March 1997 Antonio Current, a weekly newspaper, Cobo's apartment, where they hid

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A San whose body was shoved from his car of it while I was here. I think I did." And he warned if he got out, "I'd

He acknowledged the Cobo shoot-

— saying he fired at the military officer cent Gutierrez said, "I'd like to tell should receive lethal injection, but because he didn't want to go back to The Colombia-born Cobo, 39, was years ago ruled people could not be a 13-year Air Force veteran who was

It was unclear from his state- executed for crimes committed when chief of maintenance training at the ment whether he was apologizing they were under the age of 18. Arroyo Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Lackland Air Force Base. "It's such a sad case," said Bert The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Richardson, who was among the Bexar

"He put himself through school. He relatives and a friend of the victim Paroles refused this week to commute had the American dream. He became Cobo was abducted at gunpoint "At this point, it's basically over," outside his apartment and was forced he tried to bolt from the vehicle in Just two weeks before the shoot- slow rush-hour traffic, he was shot by

> Authorities said Arroyo and Gutirez had the same model and needed "If I wouldn't have gotten locked some parts. Gutierrez's roommate, up, I would have probably really been Christopher Suaste, had dropped them

# Naturalization rate for immigrants hits 25-year high

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The immigration data. number of immigrants who became American citizens reached an all-time high in 2005, and the percentage of those who did so reached its highest level in a quarter-century, according to a study released Wednesday.

well as a greater tendency among foreign-born residents to embrace U.S.

The nation's 12.8 million naturalized citizens made up more than half of all legal immigrants living in the United States two years ago, compared with a low of 38 percent in 1990, Pew immigrants who qualify for citizenresearchers found. The percentage of ship are applying for it more quickly the study and by others in the field Growth in legal immigration, as immigrants becoming citizens in 2005 was about the same as in 1980.

"Today's immigrants are interested citizenship, accounts for the trend, in becoming U.S. citizens, and that's the Pew Hispanic Center said in its showing up in the increased percentreport based on federal census and age of those who are eligible taking long-term residents have become

advantage of it," said Jeffrey Passel, the citizens. study's lead researcher. "It's reached a point where the majority of those eligible to naturalize have done so."

The analysis also showed that who apply for citizenship. who had been in the United States for more than 20 years were naturalized. Now, about three-quarters of such.

Experts said the reasons why the naturalization rate has gone up are probably as varied as the individuals

than in the past. A decade ago, about include uncertainty generated by imafter 2001. With their countries of two-thirds of the eligible immigrants migration reform and stricter national origin in political turmoil and facing security policies, interest in voting and 'suspicion after the terrorist attacks other benefits of citizenship, and an of Sept. 11, 2001, they may be more increased acceptance of dual nationality in Mexico and other countries.

> Although European immigrants are among those most likely to seek world where Americans are getting

the nonpartisan Pew Center found.

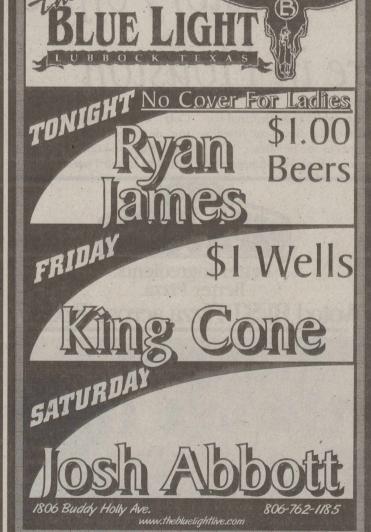
The number of naturalized citizens from the Middle East, for example, Some of the theories proposed in grew 156 percent from 1995 to 2005, with the most rapid growth occurring eager to secure their rights and ability to remain here, experts said.

"There's a sense that we're in a

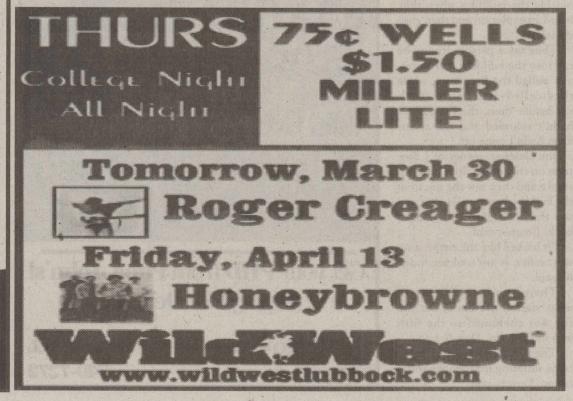
citizenship, naturalization rates have more and more concerned about been rising faster for other expatriates, legality, citizenship status, security - it's better to be on the right side of that line," said Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow with New York's Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank. "But I hope people are feeling they want to belong. We want a democracy where everyone participates.'

> To become a citizen, legal permanent residents who are adults, have lived in the United States for at least five years and can speak English must pass a test demonstrating knowledge of the Constitution, undergo a background check and take an oath of allegiance.

> Along with the ability to participate in the immigration debate at the ballot box, citizenship also offers the right to bring relatives still abroad to the U.S. Immigrants who elect to become full members of society do so because "they see the consequences of having a voice," said Mark Silverman, of the pro-immigrant San-Francisco group Immigrant Legal Resource Center.



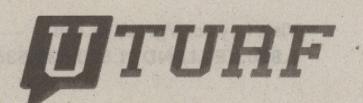




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# How to behave at elegant dinner

By HALEY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

No elbows on the table.

While this command may be no's" at an elegant meal setting, the job market. Tuesday night's etiquette dinner offered students more advanced lessons in proper meal-time be-

Texas Tech's Center for Campus Life and the Career Center costudents, faculty members and job came last semester and enjoyed it. right. recruiters in attendance. Career Center staff members were on hand to meet and greet attendees entering the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Stephanie Wehmeier, assistant director for the Career Center, said she had a few things in mind she hoped participants gained from the coach for the evening: Brenda reach for it. etiquette dinner.

"We'd like them to be prepared to interact in a professional dinner at an interview session," she said. "We want this to give them a good confidence level in a formal situation."

Wehmeier said she believed the etiquette dinner was especially important for students wanting to handling oneself at a professional land their dream jobs.

"I think more and more employers are inviting students to dinners

and lunches to get to know them," or hostess per table. The host/hostlearn a lot about a person."

Wehmeier said the dinner was intended to give Tech students an among the most elementary "no edge over their peers competing in to anyone at the table who is un- the taste of food and insults the

> "We want our students to be comfortable in business settings," help students be the best they can place the napkin on one's chair. be. Plus, it's fun."

sponsored the educational dinner, business major from Dallas, said hang one's purse on the chair. which was free-of-charge for the she attended the event because she

> Zimmerman said she felt the most interesting technique learned chewed in public. Tuesday night was how to extend a proper handshake.

The dinner started with Career the table. Center Associate Director Jay Becknall. Throughout the night, Becknall stood at a podium, which was next to a table setting, teaching the audience the proper way to not heard. handle oneself and one's food at a professional dinner or lunch.

The following are some tips for it will cool down more quickly.

she said. "In a social situation, you ess will lead before the other guests. in case someone asks you some-Do not sit down or eat until the thing. host/hostess has done so.

- Never put the napkin on the table until completely done acceptable. she said. "This is another way to with the meal. If excusing oneself,
  - Girls leave handbags Ginger Zimmerman, a senior between feet during dinner. Never a light eater, it is OK to trade plates
    - Always pass things to the
    - Gum should never be
    - Rest wrist on the edge of a table. No elbows or forearms on after the dessert has been served.
- Killough introducing the etiquette the table, stand up a little bit and correct him or her in public.
- while dinner was being served, 'simply dispose of the packet be- break.
  - neath the bread plate.
  - Dip soup away from you.
  - cool it down. Instead, stif it, and
  - left, and drinks are to the right.
  - It is wise to have resting meal. There should be one host stages to talk between bites.

- Always take small bites
- Never order soft drinks. Always introduce oneself Carbonation of soft drinks distorts chef.
  - Only water and tea are
  - It is never appropriate to order alcoholic drinks.
  - If someone at the table is with them and finish their meal. Don't order food that is
  - difficult to eat. Turn off one's cell
  - phone. Exchange business cards
- If someone at the table To reach something on has improper etiquette, do not
- It is not appropriate After using sweetener, to leave the table for a cigarette
- Blot mouth once with Soup should be seen and napkin before placing it on the
- When getting up from Don't blow on soup to the dinner, strong handshakes are
- The worst thing to do is The bread plate is to the to get up and leave the table before everyone is finished with the
  - haley.davis@ttu.edu

# McClatchy to provide international news to Yahoo

will begin providing international a partnership that further underscores the media industry's shifting balance of power.

The deal announced Wednesday is the latest example of a long-established media outlet teaming up with an Internet leader in search of a wider audience and chief of news, finance and sports. more revenue.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo al- disclosed. ready has been working to sell more online advertising with an alliance of major publishers that own more than 200 newspapers across the country. Sacramentobased McClatchy hasn't joined

Baghdad, Cairo, Jerusalem and until the mid-1990s.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) · Beijing. Many of the stories will also - McClatchy Co., the nation's appear in McClatchy's newspapers third largest newspaper publisher, as well as their respective Web sites.

McClatchy's correspondents also news coverage and commentary to will provide exclusive information online powerhouse Yahoo Inc. in and commentary to Yahoo in less formal blogs.

> Yahoo expects McClatchy's contributions to supplement the international news coverage that it already receives from The Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Press, said Neil Budde, Yahoo's editor in

> Financial terms of the deal weren't

The new package will be branded "Trusted Voices" in tribute to McClatchy's long history in journal-

With roots dating back to 1857, McClatchy is trying to overcome perceptions that it has become part Beginning in the second quar- of a dying breed, as more people shun ter, McClatchy will provide news newspapers in favor of online sources from four international bureaus like Yahoo, which didn't even exist

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# 'Reign' fails to get over its own mundane plot

By JACOB WORREL TUFTS DAILY (TUFTS U.)

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass. Mike Binder's latest release "Reign Over Me" explores the aftermath of Sept. 11 in a country still deeply shaken by the terrorist none other than Adam Sandler.

Sept. 11 widower, Charlie Fineman introducing him to therapy. (Adam Sandler), who lost his wife

# Weiland's wife says bipolar disorder caused her rowdy

behavior

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scott Weiland's wife said an imbalance of medications for bipolar disorder caused rowdy behavior that left hotel rooms trashed and led to her, arrest for allegedly torching the Velvet Revolver rocker's clothes.

Burbank police said the couple argued Saturday afternoon at the luxury Graciela Hotel, leaving two rooms damaged. Mary Weiland was later arrested for allegedly burning her husband's clothes outside their Toluca Lake home, investigators

"The weekend's difficulties were brought on by a reaction to an imbalance in medications used to treat my bipolar disorder," she said in a statement released Tuesday by the couple's spokeswoman, Bryn Bridenthal.

"Reports that we were fighting at the Graciela Hotel are untrue," she said. "Scott was simply trying to help me calm down. I want to make it very clear that he did not hurt me in any way.'

"For lack of a better expression, I was unstable and just lost it," she

Weiland, 31, was booked for investigation of felony arson vandalism after officers responding to a "female burning clothes" call Saturday night found a trash can full of smoldering clothes, Sgt. Mathew Ferguson said.

The 39-year-old rocker told police his wardrobe was worth \$10,000.

case of post-traumatic stress.

Any mention of the tragedy has suppressed his memories and attacks. Unfortunately, the film is off all ties to his past life. He a victim of its own melodramatic quit his medical practice, stopped premise that cannot go beyond the seeing his in-laws and spends his out the charming and humorous meatier role. cliches of a shameless tearjerker. time playing video games, buying It's too bad because the acting is vinyl records or cruising around all-around quite good with a surthe city on his motorized scooter. ing scenes that would get a stone prisingly excellent performance by Alan responds by embarking on a statue to burst into tears. The personal mission to save Charlie by quirkiness and genuine sadness he The film tells the story of a slowly getting him to open up and

and three daughters in one of the his hilarious portrayals of lowlife in contrast. planes that crashed into the World clowns in "Billy Madison" (1995) Trade Center. When Alan Johnson and "Happy Gilmore" (1996), (Don Cheadle), his roommate but his recycled act has grown from college, bumps into him on tiresome and unfunny after playthe streets of New York City, he ing the same part throughout his to amount to anything more than attempts to rekindle their friend- entire career. In recent years, his filler. Alan struggles with the

that Charlie suffers from a severe been in his dramatic, rather than superficiality of his job as a dentist, comedic, roles.

In 2002, he showed the world sparks a violent fit of rage and grief he was more than just a buffoon that only deepens his old friend's with his brilliant acting in Paul isolation and instability. Charlie Thomas Anderson's "Punch-Drunk qualities of Charlie's eccentricities, while also performing movdepicts in his character carries the film, but also makes every scene Adam Sandler is best known for without him considerably boring

The story focuses around Charlie and Alan's friendship, but incorporates other subplots that lack originality and don't seem ship. However, he quickly learns most impressive performances have banality of married life and the

often envying the freedom and independence Charlie's life has to offer. However, the film never delves into his personal life deep enough for the audience to care Love." Once again, Sandler shines about his relatively unimportant thoughts of his family by cutting as a disturbed yet lovable character issues. Don Cheadle delivers a with a lot more depth than Bobby good performance but remains in Boucher or Little Nicky. He brings the shadows of Sandler's much

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# Worst-reviewed movies of all-time

Hollywood has released in the last few years sort of feels like watching two uglets (ugly people) use their tongues to explore one another's ears. It's very unsettling.

Recently, the Web site http://www. rottentomatoes.com, a site that compiles movie reviews from more than 100 films throughout the year. Whether I worst-reviewed films of all time.

There are 60 films on the list that considered for the list.

Looking at the list, one has to wonin value? So far, there have been eight is decreasing. movies released this year that made the worst-reviewed list.

As a movie critic, I see a variety of Number 23," "Norbit," "Premonition" the worst of all time. Where the hell

Revnolds

critics in the nation and then gives each want to or not, I always drag myself to film a percentage score based on those the theater, and I've only walked out reviews, has released the top-100 list of on two movies in my short career. I understand many people view critics as a pretentious bunch who couldn't identify have been released in theaters since a good flick if it jumped into bed with 2003; direct-to-video movies were not them and whispered sweet nothings in

Still, critics are not always pretender if movie reviewers are more critical tious, and after seeing as many films as control. of films these days, or, on the other I have these past few years, I definitely hand, is the quality of flicks decreasing can say the quality of production value

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and "Happily N'Ever After."

Movies from 2006 that made the Shore movies? list include: "Date Movie," "Deck the leased in 2006 that made the list.

say Lindsay Lohan is the worst actress critics enjoying it. to ever fall butt-first off the stupid tree, but producers still continue to cast her - just look at all the crap she's made.

We say it's not funny or uplifting to watch a parent try to cope with 12 children ("Cheaper by the Dozen"), yet studios continue to make these films, which are nothing more than public-service announcements for birth saying I have no idea what constitutes

I didn't think belonged, such as: "The a perfect score. The most common Fog," "White Noise," "The Number complaint about critics is we don't judge Films from 2007 that made the 23" and "A Man Apart." I'm not saylist include: "Because I said So," "The ing these are good films, but they're not

are all the Adam Sandler and Pauly

I would've put "Click" on the list as Halls," "Material Girls," "Zoom" and one of the worst reviewed, but the list "Crossover"; there were 13 movies re- is not based upon one person's opinion; it's based on hundreds of opinions, and Studios these days seem to care sadly there were a few who liked "Click." little what critics say about a film. We The film left theaters with 32 percent of

> "Catwoman," the No. 100 worst reviewed film of all-time, made the list with 9 percent of critics liking the movie — proof it clearly takes an awful film to make the top 100. All the top-10 films on the list featured positive reviews by less than 2 percent of the critics.

I've had people e-mail in the past a great film; one reader wrote me to say There were a few movies on the list she thought I should have given "Click" a movie based on entertainment value, and what's a half-assed attempt at and I agree with that.

> I base my reviews on how much a movie entertained me. I even gave "Slither" a perfect six-out-of-six score, of all-time based on reviews of although most critics across the nation critics across the nation: agreed with me on that.

> Even though I don't believe critics 10. "Half Past Dead" are pretentious, I think most of the re- 9. "Master of Disguise" viewers out there need to judge a movie 8. "Twisted" based on how much it entertained them. 7. "National Lampoon's Gold Still, that doesn't change the fact the Digger" worst films in history have been released 6. "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses in the last five years.

I don't think anyone can say "Be- 5. "King's Ransom" cause I said So" is even a decent film or 4. "Pinocchio" (2002) "Envy" was a piece of comedic genius.

The list of worst-reviewed films of 2. "Alone in the Dark" all-time might surprise a few people, but 1. "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" no one should argue the list is unjust. We critics might not always judge a film on Reynolds is The DT movie pure entertainment value, but we still critic. E-mail him at jeremy. know what constitutes a great movie n.reynolds@ttu.edu.

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FROM LEFT, MATTHEW Broderick, Kristen Davis, Kristin Chenoweth and Danny DeVito starred in the movie "Deck the Halls."

making a buck.

Top 10 Worst Reviewed Films

3. "Crossover"

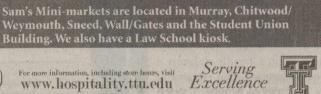


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# Fake news programs becoming new standard.

By KAITLYN EDSALL THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - This Week's Word: "The News." The way we hear the news has Stephen Colbert. definitely changed. Sure, I get the (I'm a betting girl ever since my we'd cry. bracket's been kicking serious butt)

news broadcast "The Daily Show" newspaper columns). in 1999, and never looked back.

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Rob Corddry, Steve Carrell and there are WMDs in Iraq. Stewart's little Republican brother,

for news comes Monday through can people. We laugh at his digs And yet the Democrats don't

that's where you're getting your our frustration at the government. Our parents carried signs and Jon Stewart and Stephen Col- staged sit-ins; we listen to wisebert' are cultural phenomena. cracks (and then regurgitate them Stewart started anchoring the fake in sarcasm-soaked blogs or college more liberal than that.

The show — which owes most of the truth of the "The Colbert Reits success to young Americans' port." Now, you may think you're disdain for certain political figures laughing at Stephen Colbert and elected in 2000 and to Stewart's his blatant, politically incorrect ability to be self-deprecating, ultra-conservatism. But you're re-

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charming and intelligent all at ally laughing at the figure that he once — has garnered huge audi- stubbornly supports and pokes fun ences and launched the careers of at, to the point of insisting that

Comedy Central knows we like laughing at this certain political Every evening I tune in to figure (thus its attempt at "That's Washington Post and The New "The Daily Show" to laugh at the My Bush" — whoops). It's like York Times delivered daily to my real news and watch Stewart take watching only the political-satire over-its-20-MB-limit Georgetown seriously clever jabs at both the sketches from SNL -- (here's hope-mail account. But my real source nation's leaders and the Ameri- ing for "Dick Cheney in a Box").

Thursday at 11 p.m. on Comedy because they're painfully true, seem to get that "The Daily Show" Central: And I'm willing to bet and because if we didn't laugh, and "The Colbert Report" are good for them — like those people who It's how we young liberals vent think Stephen Colbert is actually promoting a Republican agenda.

He just became a Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor — "Americone Dream" — and there's nothing

This week, a wag of the finger Then we stay tuned to laugh at goes to House Democratic Caucus Chairman Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.) for entirely missing the point. According to The Hill, Emanuel told fellow Democrats to stay clear of appearances on "The Colbert Report," specifically the "Better Know a District" series, in which Colbert profiles different members of the House.

This is clearly a bad move. The Democratic Party needs to reach out to our generation, for all the obvious reasons, and these shows are the ideal way to do it. Better advice would be for Democrats to go on the show and laugh. Don't take Colbert seriously, and we'll take you seriously. Show a little humility and learn to deal with being the butt of a joke (you'd think Democrats would be used to that by now) and we'll like that you can laugh at yourself.

Some people might be horrified that fake news/political satire shows are the way that America's youth gets its news and political information, but the actual news isn't much better. I'm not even talking about Fox News. No, I'm talking about the likes of Katie Couric, who has resorted to gimmicks. Like this week's CBS special report (advertised incessantly while the Hoyas beat down the Eagles), which was on two soulmates who finally got to be together after waiting 40 years. Seriously, Katie? That's like the cute little article you read every day in the lifestyle section of your local newspaper, right next to the obituaries. Couric, consider yourself on notice.

So while America might be catching up on the life and death of Anna Nicole and the latest nonconclusive details of the Plame Game over on CNN, I'll be tuning in to Comedy Central for some news mocking.

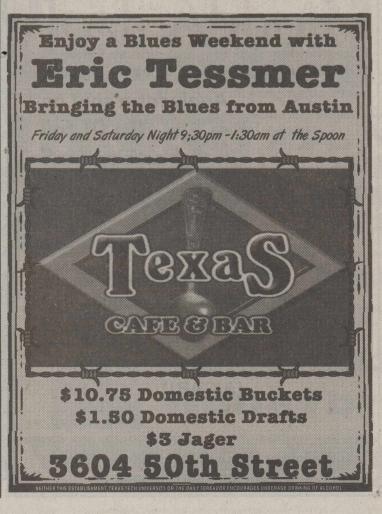
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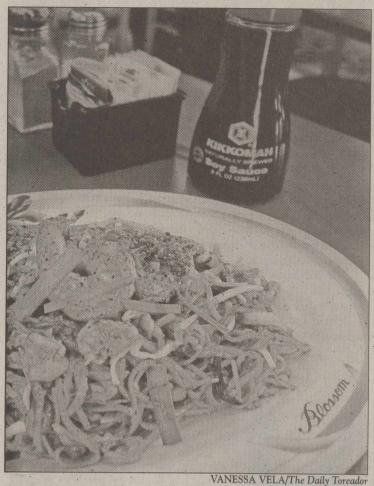
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# WEEKLY RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Thai Pepper offers little atmosphere, plenty of good food



released more than 30 figure vari-

ants of Leonardo alone. These

included such greats as T.D.

Tossin' Leo, Lieutenant Leo and

the ever-popular Classic Rocker

Leo. As interest began to wane,

The TMNT property was

Fans of the original cartoon

can appreciate the updated rep-

THAI PEPPER SPECIALIZES in Thai cuisine such as the featured platter, Pad Thai, considered to be the most popular item on the resturaunt

Turtle toys through the years

By NATE HOGAN THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The perhaps unfamiliar names Groundchuck, Walkabout and Dirthag all have one thing in Playmates toned their production common. They are all the names down, yet continued to steadily of obscure characters from the release figures based on the 1987 original line of Teenage Mutant cartoon through 1997. Ninja Turtles action figures. When the TMNT cartoon came reinvigorated with the release out in 1987, it captured the of a new cartoon in 2003, after hearts of American youth and a failed revamp in 1997 known simply screamed merchandising. as the next mutation. Of course In the following year, Playmates a new line of figures was released Toys released the first line of a to accompany the 2003 cartoon. long chain of action figures for These new figures were the same the TMNT cartoon and beyond. old characters, but with a much This release featured the classic edgier look. The increased archaracters anyone of our gen- ticulation, superior paint jobs eration associates with the Ninja on characters and weapons and Turtles. This would be the classic increased detail in both the acfour — Leonardo, Donatello, Mi- cessories and expressions hooked chaelangelo and Raphael - plus' kids of a new generation on the their master, Splinter. Their characters. Not only was the carcompadre and confidant April toon better looking than ever, but O'Neil was also included. The the figures looked as if they were Shredder, a Foot Soldier, Bebop lifted straight from the televiand Rocksteady rounded out the sion and put in the arms of the line by providing a basis of vil- imaginative viewers. lainous characters to pit against

the gnarly four. These figures possessed great resentation of their favorite clasdetail for the time and came with sics in plastic, while recalling a numerous accessories that added time when figures opened their to their playability. Shredder and playtime up to the whims of the Splinter even featured cotton imagination. Cowabunga, dude! capes, which one could take the liberty of removing and giving to more worthy characters if one so chose. (The fashion trend in "The Incredibles" of not wearing capes does not apply to action figures, as a cape makes any figure infinitely better.)

As the cartoon gained popularity, Playmates capitalized by continuing to release new figures. Characters from the show earned their immortality in plastic, such as the Cajun-accented Leatherhead, the Rat King and vigilante sports enthusiast Casey Jones. Jones featured what were arguably the greatest accessories ever: A golf bag which could go over his shoulder, complete with a golf club and two baseball bats for beating criminals into submission as he attempted to rid the world

of bad sports. At this point, Playmates decided to branch out a little and began providing their young market with a plethora of creative stimuli. In addition to selling characters from the show, they released the original four with outlandish outfits as well as completely new characters who never even saw screen time. This opened the doors for imagination, allowing the owner to create the back story and personality of the figure, since no one actually paid attention to the canned history on the back of the figure's card. As mentioned before, Playmates released variants of the original turtles in every costume imaginable. To put this in perspective, , from 1988 to 1995 Playmates

In an office complex beside Covenant Hospital on 19th Street is a small but popular restaurant by the name of Thai Pepper.

Driving into the parking lot, I found I would have to wait for someone to pull out to get a space. A friend and I entered the restaurant a few minutes after 6 p.m. and sat ourselves at one of only two open tables.

experienced in busy hours.

I had my first taste of a wanton very much to my liking. chip — after one, I could not stop kept me wanting more.

rolls and a plate of pad thai, one or less. of the restaurant's top-sellers.

the best I've ever had: One was egg rolls were small, but the taste chicken with a great curry flavor, was phenomenal. and the beef and vegetable varieties also were delicious; of course, Thai Pepper can expect the the sweet-and-sour sauce added a restaurant to be busy, but they

Anne M. Shepherd

for the \$5.99 price was outstand-A server promptly took our ing — not to mention the taste. orders for drinks and placed a The plate was large enough for bowl of wanton chips and sweet- me to share with another person and-sour sauce at our table. The and still receive my fill. Though I servers all seemed to be in a mad ordered medium-spicy seasonings, rush — apparently they are well- I found the plate to be perhaps more on the mild side but still

There are many noodle and eating them. The sweet taste of soup choices on the menu I the sweet and sour on the chips would be willing to go back and try - especially since most of I ordered an appetizer of egg the meal prices were around \$6

The three-egg roll appetizer The egg rolls were some of cost \$2.75, a little pricey as the

Those interested in trying needn't expect to wait long for Within 10 to 15 minutes, my their food; my service was very plate of pad thai was brought out. fast, especially considering the

rant. I noticed quite a few people were coming in for take-out orders, as well. The atmosphere was nothing remarkable, but I was satisfied with my delicious food and fast service.

Laid-back college students who like Thai food undoubtedly will-enjoy Thai Pepper — the taste of the food is even better

than its price tag. ■ Shepherd is a freshman creative writing major from Killeen. E-mail her at anne.m.shepherd@

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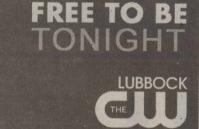
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# Jackson to star in collegiate all-star game

By JAY LANGLEY NEWS EDITOR

Jackson is one of 21 seniors who of Arkansas-Little Rock. Joneswill participate in the National Jennings led the nation in re-Association of Basketball Coaches bounds this season, averaging 13.1 All-Star game Friday night at the rebounds per game. Phillips Arena in Atlanta.

on the American team alongside points per game. All-Pac 10 selection Aaron Brooks Strawberry.

scorer with 2,221 career points. In in Indianapolis. 2006-07, he passed Ronald Ross,

game will be three players Jackson State University in Atlanta. The paymie.langley@ttu.edu

and the Raiders faced during the 2006-07 campaign: Dan Nwaelele of Air Force, Kansas State's Cartier Texas Tech senior guard Jarrius Martin and Rashad Jones-Jennings

Expected to star in the back-Jackson, who led Tech with court with Jackson is Trey Jackson 19.9 points per game during the of Jackson State, who finished 2006-07 season and was an All-Big the 2006-07 season second in the 12 First Team selection, will play nation in scoring, averaging 27.1

LSU's John Brady will coach and All-ACC performer D.J. the American team and Jim Larranaga of George Mason will coach Jackson finished his career as the National team. Both men led Tech's second all-time leading their teams to the 2006 Final Four

In addition to the all-star game, moving into first on the Tech list Jackson is scheduled to compete 3-point contest is scheduled to for games played with 133 in his in the 19th Annual Midas Touch air at 8 p.m. Thursday on ESPN, Joining Jackson in the all-star onship Thursday night at Georgia Championship game.



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Men's 3-Point Shooting Champi- immediately following the NIT

National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Roster

American Team: Agron Brooks (Oregon) Justin Doellman (Xavier) Sean Denison (Santa Clara) Caleb Green (Oral Roberts) Jarrius Jackson (Texas Tech) Trey Jackson (Jackson State) Carl Landry (Purdue) Dan Nwaelele (Air Force) D.J. Strawberry (Maryland) Kyle Visser (Wake Forest) Jamaal Tatum (Southern Illinois)

National Team: Bobby Brown (Cal-State Fullerton) Zabian Dowdell (Virginia Tech) Adam Haluska (lowa) Coby Karl (Boise State) Cartier Martin (Kansas State) Torrell Martin (Winthrop) Ivan Radenovic (Arizona) Courtney Sims (Michigan) Rashad Jones-Jennings (Arkansas-Little Rock) Blake Schilb (Loyala-Chicago)

# **GREATEST TECH ATHLETE POLL**

From March 26 through April 2, The Daily Toreador will give readers the chance to pick the greatest athlete in Texas Tech sports history. To vote for your favorite athlete log on to www.dailytoreador.com/apoll.

## Cameron Blair, baseball (2004-2005)

Cameron Blair played short-

In his first year at Tech, Blair season with three.

In the summer of 2004, Blair played for the Fairbanks Gold-League and was named the league's player of the year.

His senior year in 2005; Blair stop for Texas Tech in 2004 and hit 17 home runs, the most by any 2005 after transferring from shortstop in the nation that year. Grayson County Community He again was named Third Team College. In those two years, he All-American and First Team Allcompiled a .360 batting average Big 12, the first Red Raider since with 173 hits, 31 home runs, and Josh Bard to be placed on back-toback All-American teams.

Although undersized, the 5was named the Big 12 New- foot-10, 166-pound Blair was comer of the Year, Third Team selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates All-American and First Team in the sixth round of the 2005 ama-All-Big 12. He set the school teur draft. Last season, while playrecord for most grand slams in a ing for the Pirates' single A affiliate, the Hickory Crawdads, Blair batted .248 with 90 hits and 42 RBIs. This year Blair is expected to move up to panners in the Alaskan Baseball the Pittsburgh's single-A affiliate, the Lynchburg Hillcats. wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

# Tech women's team takes on No. 40 Longhorns

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

After a 3-3 split with Nebras- Tech coach Cari Groce said. ka over the weekend, the Texas Tech women's tennis team looks ence wins under our belt so that "We are both aggressive playahead to a full slate of Big 12 we can get a decent seed in the ers, and that's what you need beginning with No. 40 Texas 2 said. "Texas has a long history good communication, which is Complex.

a.m. Sunday.

With Big 12 foes Missouri and

best chance of earning its first their 10th win of the season. conference win of the season,

"We've got to get some confer-Conference matches this week, conference tournament," Groce in doubles, and then you have p.m. today at the McLeod Tennis of excellence, and I think every always key." given year we have to get a little the statement we're creating."

Tech's doubles team of Janet urday and Sunday, respectively, Drift have been the Red Raiders lenge this season.

Tech (7-6, 0-3 Big 12) has its most consistent duo, looking for

derstand each other on the doubles court," Durham said.

Tech will take on Missouri at bit better and a little stronger eter and Maria Jose Andres both 2 p.m. Saturday and Kansas at 10 and make our statement about come into the Texas match with exciting, I pretty much enjoy an 8-5 singles record.

Andres said adapting to Big Kansas coming into Lubbock Sat- Durham and Samantha van der 12 play has been a difficult chal-

"What I have seen with my teammates and coach is that it's "I think Sam and I just un- a very hard level," Andres said, "and you have to give everything every match."

Potgieter said conference play has been a challenge mentally

"Personally, I felt a little bit more pressure just because it Underclassmen Kerryn Potgi- is conference matches," Potgieter said. "But it's been kind of playing under pressure. It's been enjoyable."

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## Josh Bard, baseball (1997-1999)



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado

ter for Texas Tech from 1997 through 1999, Josh Bard led the ent professional teams during Red Raiders to two Big 12 regular his career. In his major league season championships in 1997 and debut Aug. 23, 2002, with the 1998 and one Big 12 Tournament Cleveland Indians, he went 2championship in 1998. Tech also for-4, including the game-winmade three NCAA appearances ning home run in the bottom of during Bard's tenure.

The Cherry Creek, Colo., native finished with a career bat- Padres, Bard batted .338 with a ting average of .366 and is tied .537 slugging percentage and 40 for second in all-time in home RBIs. He recently signed a oneruns at Tech with 43 and RBIs year \$1.05 million contract with with 232.

America team every year he was a catcher because of the departure Red Raider. He was placed on the of Mike Piazza. All-Freshmen team in 1997 and wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

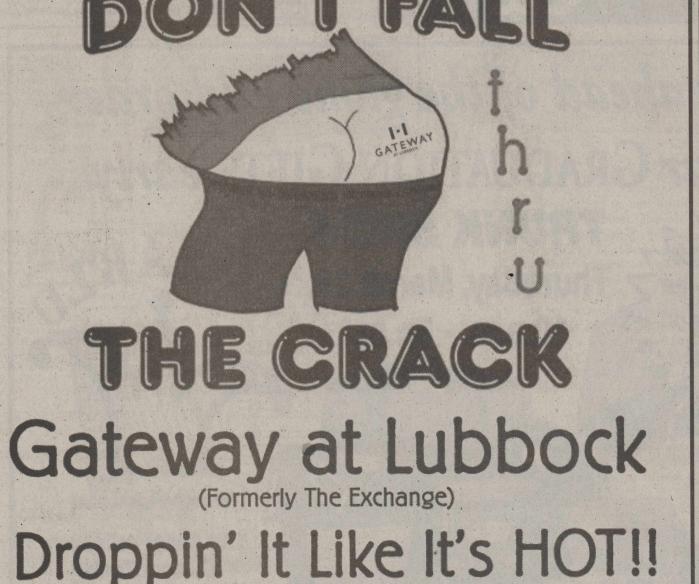
the All-America Third Team in 1998; he was a first-team selection in 1999. He earned Big 12 Tournament MVP honors in 1998 and was named a finalist for the 1999 Rotary Smith Award given to college baseball's most outstanding player. Bard also was named to the USA Baseball team in 1997 and 1998.

Drafted in the third round by As catcher and clean-up hit- the Colorado Rockies in 1999, Bard has been with four differthe ninth inning.

Last season for the San Diego the Padres and is in position to Bard was selected for an All- become the ball club's starting







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# Oklahoma star Courtney Paris is an All-American again

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growing up.

"Ever since eighth grade, I was always annoyed when a girl would -special.' score five points one game and then 20 the next," Paris said. "I always wanted to be consistent, so when last year. I got to Oklahoma, I considered it my job."

just that, racking up 61 straight games with double-figure scoring and rebounding and becoming the first player selected her first two years for The Associated Press All-America school well." team in women's basketball.

lege career. It's something she learned you dream of getting to college and becoming an All-American. To know people voted you in is really

honor to be a part of the All-America The Oklahoma center has done team again this season," Latta said. of the 50 ballots from the national 20 and 188. "To be considered among the best players in the nation is an exciting privilege, and I'm glad I have been able represent my team and my

"It's a big honor to me," said sophomore Candace Parker, who was now without my tremendous team-Paris, the 6-foot-4 daughter of for- a second-team selection last season; mates."

(AP) — Courtney Paris has been mer NFL lineman Bubba Paris. "I'm Duke senior Lindsey Harding, who the model of consistency in her col-really excited. When you're younger helped lead the Blue Devils to a perfect 29-0 record in the regular season, and Ohio State senior Jessica

> also was a first-team repeater from Coale said. "Across the spectrum you couldn't pick her." got your guards, a swing, your posts, "It's definitely a tremendous that team would be fantastic."

> > Parker was a first-team pick on 49 media panel that votes in the weekly voting was done before the start of the NCAA tournament.

"It's a huge honor," Parker said. Also chosen were Tennessee "I wouldn't be where I am right

was the lone voter not to select the Her coach quickly put into perspec-Tennessee star.

"She is a very good player and was one of several I considered for first "I wouldn't want to play against team," Deas said. "I chose by position North Carolina senior Ivory Latta them," Oklahoma coach Sherri and although she is very versatile, I

Paris had 46 first-team votes and 242 points, while Harding had 44 and 234, Latta 38 and 218 and Davenport

Top 25, receiving 248 points. The day one, of being an All-American and making that team," Harding said. 'I've worked so hard to get there."

> Harding's college career ended when she missed two free throws last national team. "We're really trying Saturday with 0.1 seconds left with to prepare these young players so we Duke trailing Rutgers by a point in can get them ready."

Tommy Deas in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Greensboro Regional semifinals. tive the impact of her star guard.

"She's carried us all year long," Blue Devils coach Gail Goestenkors said. "I've watched her grow as a player, she deserves every award. She was a consummate leader for us and I know she'll use the misses as motivation."

Parker, who played on the U.S. team that won a bronze medal last "It's a goal I've always had from year at the world championships, will be joined in the national pool by Harding, Davenport and Paris.

> "It bodes well for the USA," said Goestenkors, an assistant on the

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# Mean green: Tech softball falls at home to North Texas

By JEREMY REYNOLDS STAFF WRITER

After having its last game canceled because of inclement weather. the Texas Tech softball team returned to the field Wednesday night for a non-conference contest against North Texas at Rocky Johnson field.

Tech (17-17, 0-3 Big 12) dropped the game to the Lady Eagles 4-1, bringing its overall record against UNT to 1-2 and its 2007 home record to 0-4.

Designated player Montana Patin said she considered the loss a disap-

"It's definitely a disappointment, but it's over, and you learn from your mistakes and you move on," Patin said. "We need to come out with a vengeance."

Pitcher Sarah Losleben had stronger feelings about the game.

"(North Texas) shouldn't even be on the same field as us," she said.

Much like a few of the previous home games this season, Tech allowed the first run in the contest.

The Mean Green (12-22) jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the third inning with a single by Susan Waters that drove in Katya Muller, who reached base on a single to left

In her next at-bat, Waters hit a three-run shot over the left field fence in the fifth inning — her 10th of the season — stretching UNT's lead to 4-0.

Tech had its chances in the game but could not muster any runs. In the first inning, Ashley Parker led off with a single, followed by a walk by Devin Zaragoza and a single from Patin. With the bases loaded, UNT pitcher Ashley Lail fought her way out of the inning, forcing Tech to strand three runners.

"We weren't aggressive enough," Patin said. "We need to go back to playing aggressive like we were at the beginning of the season."

Tech was kept scoreless until the fifth inning when Ashley Parker doubled to the left field fence, scoring her sister Heather Parker.

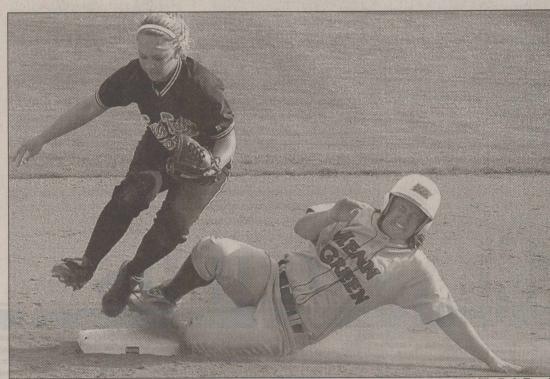
Tech pitcher Ashly Jacobs, who ranks 6th in the Big 12 in strikeouts, started the game, but was pulled after 2 1/3 innings of work and was replaced by Losleben.

"I was disappointed in the way I played," Losleben said. "I did my job, executed my job in certain aspects, but I didn't do every little thing to help my team stay in the game."

UNT has been on a roll recently. After starting its season 3-17, the team has gone 8-5 in the last three

Lail received the win, improving to 8-8 on the season, while Tech's Jacobs fell to 13-10.

Tech finished the game with six hits but allowed nine to UNT. Last year, Tech swept the Mean Green in Denton, which marked the first time the two teams played one another. → jeremy.n.reynolds@ttu.edu



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

North Texas' Kristina Fowler winces as Texas Tech's infielder Jennifer Bowers makes the last out of the third inning during the game Wednesday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field.

# Gillispie among canidates for Arkansas position

kansas athletic director Frank Broyles said he's offered the Razorbacks' basketball coaching job to someone, and a school official confirmed that Texas A&M's Billy Gillispie is among the candidates.

Broyles wouldn't say who got

"We could have a quick announcement," Broyles said in Wednesday's editions of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "Or it could fall through. I've offered the job, and we're waiting to hear."

Speculation has centered on Gillispie, who took the Aggies to the Sweet 16 this year. Arkansas fired Stan Heath on Monday.

Stanley Reed, chairman of the University of Arkansas System

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Ar- Board of Trustees, confirmed that Gillispie is a candidate, but said he's not the only one.

> "As far as I know, he's definitely a candidate. But there are some others out there," Reed told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I know we've tried to make contact with him. We're kind of waiting on him to call us back."

Broyles said he has not talked to any coaches, but that "the one I'm trying to get knows I want him to have the job."

No matter who ends up coaching Arkansas, it will be time for the Razorback Foundation to open its checkbook again. The school's private fundraising arm will be indebted to three different basketball coaches once the Razorbacks hire a new one.

With Heath's firing, his contract must be bought out, and Arkansas' financial obligation to Nolan Richardson — fired in 2002 - doesn't end until next year.

And the new coach will be compensated in part with money from the foundation in addition to the salary paid by the university, as has been the case with every major coach for several years.

Chuck Dicus, the foundation's president, says his group has no say in personnel matters such as Heath's firing.

'We don't involve ourself in decisions about hiring or firing. That's purely a university matter," Dicus said. "We know what our contractual obligations are. We're willing to follow through on those when someone is terminated.

# Nowitzki leaves Mavericks game with hurt left ankle

before leaving again.

Nowitzki got hurt with 3:42 left second half, then moved gingerly back to the locker room. "I really don't see anything dif- coach Cari Groce said.

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowit- in the first half after he appeared to while playing only 64 seconds. On zki hurt his left ankle late in the step on the foot of Milwaukee's David Milwaukee's first possession to start first half of the Dallas Maver- Noel while moving under the Dallas the half, Nowitzki stumbled under icks' game against Milwaukee on basket. Nowitzki bent over and put the basket. He told coach Avery Wednesday night, then played his hands on his knees, then left the Johnson he was OK, but the All-Star only about a minute after halftime court and went to the locker room. forward missed a short jumper at the He came back out to start the other end, then came out and went

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Sophie Fankam from LaNerthe, Drift from DeZilk, Holland. With the array of cultures the

ferent," DiBlasi said. "They adapt to France, and Samantha van der here don't have cars, so I think they adapt pretty well."

athletes are used to interacting some ways to the men, but for the their degree is the most important with, Tech senior Teddy DiBlasi women, academics are more of the at the end of their time. They're said the foreign athletes fit right focus and a key motive to foreign going to go on to be stars on a difin with the Americans on the players making the move from one ferent surface."

"One of the big advantages things, I think, a lot faster. A lot of that I've seen is just academically," the guys come here, and they don't Groce said. "Our international have many things. A lot of the guys players are no trouble. They're some of our strongest student athletes overall — 99.9 percent of the The women's team is similar in players that come through here,

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