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### STATE

#### Border patrol seizes cocaine worth \$13 million

HIDALGO (AP) — Federal agents patrolling the banks of the Rio Grande on Thursday seized 410 pounds of cocaine valued at \$13.1 million from a pickup truck, Customs and Border Protection said.

The driver and passenger fled into thick nearby brush. There were no arrests.

The seizure occurred about 6:15 a.m. after agents approached the pickup truck as it headed north from the river. The cocaine was found in the vehicle after the driver and passenger fled, authorities said. It was seized along with the truck.

### NATION

#### Ex-Aide: Gonzales signed off on firings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contrary to his public statements, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales was deeply involved in the firing of eight federal prosecutors, his former top aide said Thursday, adding that the final decision on who was to be dismissed was made by Gonzales and President Bush's former counsel. "I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions of U.S. attorney removals was accurate," Kyle Sampson, who quit this month as Gonzales' chief of staff, told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I remember discussing with him this process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign."

### WORLD

#### Market bombings kill at least 122

BAGHDAD (AP) — Five suicide bombers struck Shiite marketplaces in northeast Baghdad and a town north of the capital at nightfall Thursday, killing at least 122 people and wounding more than 150 in one of Iraq's deadliest days in years. The savage attacks came as a new American ambassador began his first day on the job, and Senate Democrats ignored a veto threat and approved a bill to require President Bush to start withdrawing troops.

### DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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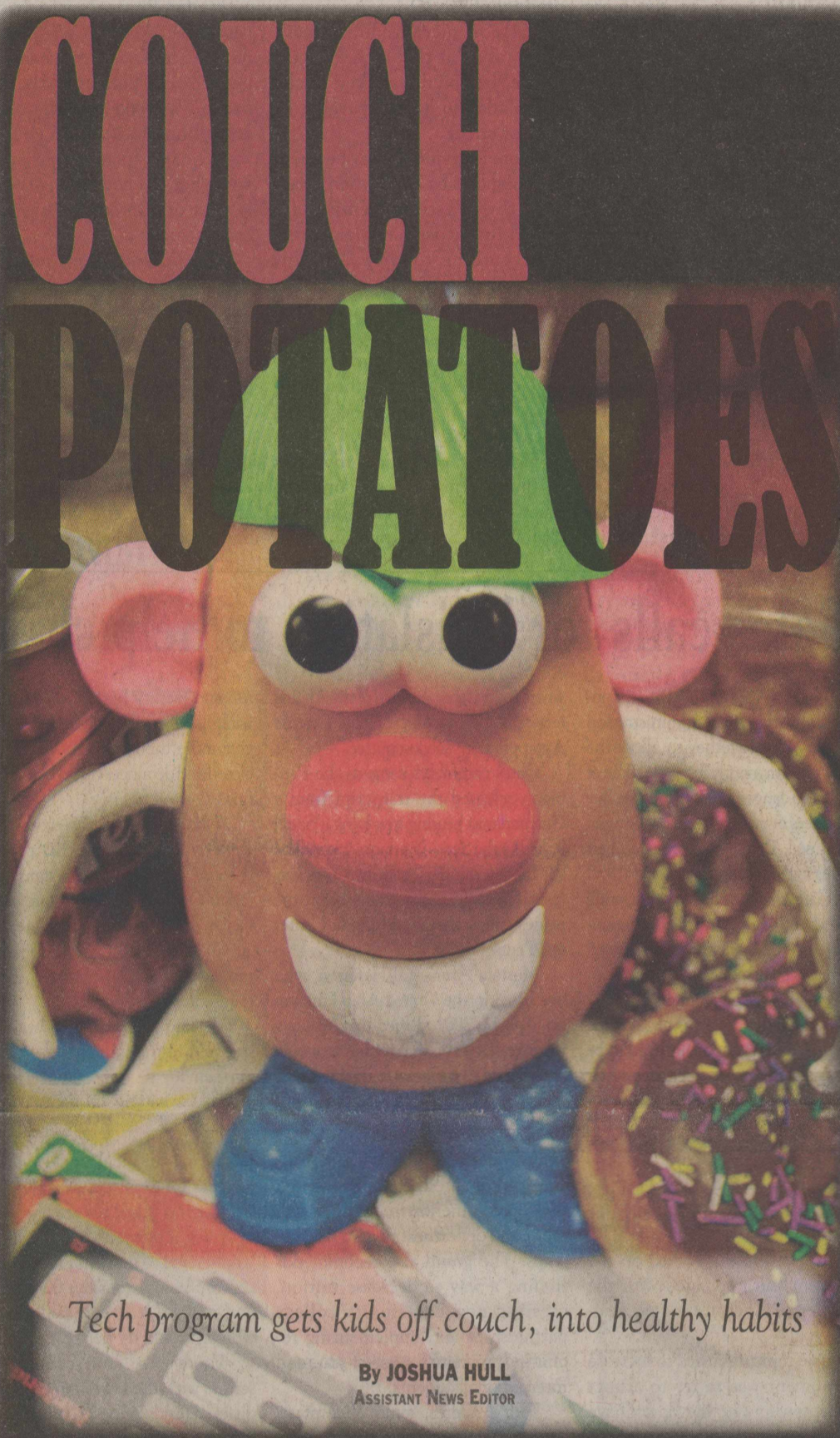
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# COUCH POTATOES

Tech program gets kids off couch, into healthy habits

By JOSHUA HULL  
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The Texas Tech F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health was recognized Thursday for a program designed to combat obesity and diabetes in West Texas schools.

Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president and director of the institute, accepted the Texas Department of State Health Services Outstanding Program in a School Setting award for the Coordinated Approach to Children's Health program. The CATCH program provided 64 rural school districts in West Texas with training and materials to implement a comprehensive curriculum focused on children's health.

Patterson said the program affects 26,000 students in the area through education about issues concerning overeating and lack of exercise.

"It fundamentally benefits people in rural towns," Patterson said.

With the CATCH curriculum, Patterson said students are provided a full range of educational and nutritional options, including classroom instruction, healthy eating choices in the school cafeteria, exercise programs and education for parents to help implement healthy habits at home.

The program is based on addressing health issues in the early stages of life by encouraging choices that will have positive life-long effects.

"Obviously, the best strategy is prevention," Patterson said. "This curriculum has been well-studied. We took a proven tool and implemented it."

Through the program, Patterson said data is being gathered for research which shows improvement in students who participate in the program compared with students who do not.

According to the Web site <http://www.cdc.gov>, obesity and Type 2 diabetes rates in children and adolescents have risen significantly since 1980.

In 2004, the percentage of obese children was highest for those between the

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## Democrats vote to begin withdrawal

By DAVID ESPO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A defiant, Democratic-controlled Senate approved legislation Thursday calling for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within a year, propelling Congress closer to an epic, wartime veto confrontation with President Bush.

The 51-47 vote was largely along party lines, and like House passage of a separate, more sweeping challenge to the administration's war policies, a week ago, fell far short of the two-thirds margin needed to overturn the president's threatened veto. It came not long after Bush and House Republicans made a show of unity at the White House.

"With passage of this bill, the Senate sends a clear message to the president that we must take the war in Iraq in a new direction. Setting a goal for getting most of our troops out of Iraq is not — not, not — cutting

and running," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., shortly before the vote. Passage cleared the way for negotiations on a compromise with the House.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky rebutted quickly. "Nothing good can come from this bill," he said. "It's loaded with pork that has no relation to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it includes a deadline for evacuation that amounts to sending a 'Save the Date' card to al-Qaida."

Several blocks away, the commander in chief stood with Republican House members and told reporters they were united. "We expect there to be no strings on our commanders and that we expect the Congress to be wise about how they spend the people's money," he said.

In private, Bush was at least as emphatic, according to participants at a closed-door session in the White

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## Regent members talk of raising enrollment, tuition

By BEN MAKI  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents conducted committee meetings to discuss several issues, including raising both enrollment and tuition, Thursday in the Administration building.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance created an academic task force charged with creating a plan to increase enrollment to 40,000 students by the year 2020.

"When Chancellor Hance said he was making this task force," Regent Windy Sitton said, "he hit the ground running, and the two (board members) who live in Lubbock — he has worked us to death."

Members of this task force include Provost Dr. William Marcy, Dr. Bernhard Mittermeyer, the interim president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Michael Shonrock, the vice president of student affairs.

According to Marcy's report, if Tech increased its enrollment to 40,000 students today, the projected requirements for salary of staff and faculty members would cost \$80 million. The added formula funding and tuition would generate more than \$86.5 million, more than covering the cost of salaries.

Marcy said he projects enrollment for the 2007-08 school year to increase almost 2.5 percent to 28,676 students from the current 27,996-student enrollment figure.

"At first, when I heard we had a goal of 40,000, I was skeptical," Marcy

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BOARD OF REGENT members Robert Black, Windy Sitton, and Mark Griffin look over their agenda Thursday afternoon.

## U.N. Security Council calls for 'early resolution' over capture of British sailors

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council expressed "grave concern" Thursday over Iran's seizure of 15 British sailors and marines and called for an early resolution of the escalating dispute, but Iran's chief international negotiator suggested the captives might be put on trial.

As the standoff drove world oil prices to new six-month highs, Turkey, NATO's only Muslim member, reportedly sought to calm tensions by urging Iran to let a Turkish diplomat meet with the detainees and to free the lone woman among the Britons.

Tensions had seemed to be cooling a day earlier, but after Iran angered British leaders by airing a video of the prisoners and Britain touched a nerve in Tehran by seeking U.N. help, positions hardened even more Thursday.

Iran retreated from a pledge by Iranian Foreign Minister Mottaki that the female sailor, Faye Turney, would be released soon. Mottaki then repeated that the matter could be resolved if Britain admitted its sailors mistakenly entered Iranian territorial waters last Friday.

Britain's Foreign Office insisted again that the sailors and marines were seized in an Iraqi-controlled area while searching merchant ships under a U.N. mandate and said

no admission of error would be made.

With Britain taking its case to the United Nations, Ali Larijani, the top Iranian negotiator in all his country's foreign dealings, went on Iranian state radio to issue a warning.

He said that if Britain continued its current approach, "this case may face a legal path" — a clear reference to Iran prosecuting the sailors and marines in court. "British leaders have miscalculated this issue," he said.

Gen. Ali Reza Afshar, Iran's military chief, blamed the backtracking on releasing the British woman on "wrong behavior" by her government. "The release of a female British soldier has been suspended," the semi-official Iranian news agency Mehr said.

# Student Wellness Center hosts grand opening

The Texas Tech Student Wellness Center hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday morning to announce its grand opening.

The recently-completed 44,000 square foot facility is a one-stop wellness resource for students, according to a press release. It combines the services of the Student Health Center and the Student Counseling Center, housing a clinic, counseling center, laboratory services, X-ray services and pharmacy.

"The building is just gorgeous," said Eileen Nathan, director of the Student Counseling Center. "It projects the professionalism of the services students can get here. It also sends a message to students about how important their health is to the administration."

The Student Wellness Center's location near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, at the intersection of Main Street and Flint Avenue, adds to the overall wellness concept, Nathan said.

"The wellness concept is the idea that all systems — mental, physical and emotional — have to be integrated for someone to have total wellness," she said. "One will achieve peak performance when feeling well in all respects."

Included in the center's Student Health Services are a variety of specialty areas ranging from primary care to sports medicine to dermatology.

"In student health, we see about 200 students a day," said Evelyn McPherson, director of Student Health Services. "We take appointments in



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MIKE ELICOTT, VICE Chancellor of facilities planning and construction, Student Regent Ebtessam Attaya Islam, and SGA President Ryan Worley cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Student Health Center.

advance, but we have same-day appointments available, too. I wouldn't advise just walking in, but if you call in the morning, we can probably get you in by lunchtime."

The Student Wellness Center opened its doors to the first patient Jan. 8, but the ribbon-cutting ceremony was delayed for several reasons, including some furniture not being in the building and scheduling conflicts among the center's organizers.

"We have worked at least five years on this project," McPherson said. "There were times I thought this would never happen. As I sat there at the opening, I just thought about how wonderful it was to finally see it finished."

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# Cultural Center makes passports available on campus

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Beginning Monday, Texas Tech students and residents from surrounding areas will have the opportunity to apply for passports on campus at the International Cultural Center.

The new Passport Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Thursdays, the office will be open until 7 p.m. to give more individuals the opportunity to come in and apply for a passport, said Elizabeth McDaniel, a passport agent at the Tech location.

The new office also will help students preparing to study abroad, but individuals who will need passports for summer trips should plan ahead, she said.

"It is taking a minimum of 10 weeks to get a passport if you do the regular processing," she said, "and a minimum of four weeks if you do the expedited processing, which costs \$60 extra."

Two different fees must be paid to get a passport — a \$30 processing fee payable to the Office of International Affairs

and a \$67 fee for adults or \$52 for children who are fewer than 16 years old made payable to the U.S. Department of State.

"The State Department sets all of those prices, so we don't have any control over that," McDaniel said.

Individuals getting a passport at the Tech location have to pay with either checks or money orders, and they also must bring proof of citizenship in the form of a certified original birth certificate or old passport and an original photo ID.

Passport pictures do not have to be taken at the Tech Passport Office, but pictures taken at the office cost \$6 a pair, payable by cash or check.

More individuals may be needing passports by 2008 when Phase 2 of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is implemented.

According to www.CBP.gov, Phase 2 requires U.S. citizens traveling by land or sea between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, South America, Central America or the Caribbean to have a passport beginning as early as Jan. 1, 2008.

However, the exact provisions in Phase 2 are not set; ongoing discussions are occurring, said Chief Ron Smith, public affairs

officer for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"Until the rule comes out as early as Jan. 1 of next year, there isn't a lot of specific information to put out," Smith said.

One change that has already been announced is the exemption of Phase 2 for children fewer than 14 years of age, he said.

Because more people will be involved, Smith said he expects the implementation of Phase 2 to be rockier than the implementation of Phase 1.

Under Phase 1, which came into effect Jan. 23, passports are required for U.S. citizens traveling between the U.S. and other areas in the Western Hemisphere by air, according to www.CBP.gov.

"The first stage was the air rule, and what has been going on since is a lot of informed compliance," Smith said.

Smith said citizens reentering the United States without passports have had their travel delayed slightly while their documents are checked, and they are informed of what they need to do to be in compliance.

"It hasn't been happening much at all," Smith said.

Instead, the compliance rate is around 99 percent, meaning each day about 200 passengers are not

in compliance, he said.

Individuals in U.S. Customs and Border Protection are working to inform citizens about the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative to help everyone stay in compliance, he said.

College students have been the target of some efforts.

"Our outreach folks here at headquarters have contacts with organizations on college campuses," Smith said.

Sandy Crosier, director of the study-abroad program at Tech, said there probably will be some type of publicity concerning Phase 2 of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative in the future.

"Actually, the State Department will send out a press release and we'll probably send out information when we get that," she said. "Probably in the fall."

This will give students and other individuals planning on traveling around Christmas break the opportunity to get a passport in time, she said.

The Passport Office will be a major help when it comes to this, Crosier said.

"We're very excited it's opening," she said. "We're really looking forward to working with people."

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# Gates calls for legislation to help close Gitmo facility

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the Bush administration should work together to allow the U.S. to permanently imprison some of the more dangerous Guantanamo Bay detainees elsewhere so the facility can be closed, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

Gates said the challenge is figuring out what to do with hard-core detainees who have "made very clear they will come back and attack this country."

He said it may require a new law to "address the concerns about some of these people who really need to be incarcerated forever, but that doesn't get them involved in a judicial system

where there is the potential of them being released," Gates told the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee.

Gates comments came as the Pentagon released the transcript from a Guantanamo hearing involving a Saudi linked to the Sept. 11 attacks. He said he got money transfers from two hijackers inside the United States hours before the planes struck the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, who was based in the United Arab Emirates on Sept. 11, 2001, denied that he was a member of the al-Qaida terrorist network and that he sent money to the hijackers. Lawmakers said Thursday the Guan-

tanamo facility hurts U.S. credibility with its allies. They asked that Gates give more thought to how it could be closed and detainees moved to a military prison.

"I hope that we can work to find some way to correct this problem, because as you say, it is a stain on our reputation and we can't afford it," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Of the 385 detainees at Guantanamo, fewer than 100 would be considered hard-core, Gates said.

He said he assumes there would be room in the military prison system for them.

But he said he did not know if us-

ing the military brigades would allow the U.S. to keep the detainees over the long term.

He noted that the U.S. is struggling to return several hundred of the detainees to their home countries, but those nations do not want them.

Al-Hawsawi is one of 14 "high value" detainees who are likely to be considered more dangerous.

They were transferred to Guantanamo last September after being held in secret CIA prisons abroad.

The hearings are being conducted to determine if they are enemy combatants who can be held indefinitely and prosecuted for war crimes.

## Regents

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said. "The more I worked on the problem and interacted with the task force, it became a more realistic goal."

One topic discussed to increase enrollment was to try to attract students whose families do not have much money.

Regent Frank Miller III said he would not have a problem accepting students who come from a "tough background" because he believes those students would work for everything they get, but he does not want to ignore students who

come from more affluent families.

According to the report, the task force recommends increasing both merit and opportunity-based scholarships. The group also recommends finding a way to decrease tuition, creating new community college partnerships and implementing recruiting programs for out-of-state and international students.

Tom Anderes, senior vice president for Administration and Finance, presented a report on possible tuition increases dependent on additional funds from the state government.

The first scenario he proposed involved Tech receiving an additional \$38 million which would allow for a 4 percent increase in salary adjustments while not increasing tuition.

Hance said he believes it is unlikely Tech will receive that much

money in additional funds beyond the formula funding. He said a member of Congress asked him to give her an estimate of the amount of funds Tech would need to prevent an increase in tuition. Hance told her \$38 million, and said he was told the congresswoman would try her best.

There were four scenarios presented with the lowest amount of additional funds being \$10 million. The increase in salary adjustments would fall to 2 percent and tuition would increase 6.9 percent (\$243.50).

Several members mentioned they would not be against further raising tuition to ensure deserving faculty members received raises they earned.

The Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee approved the appointment of Eileen Johnson, W. David Nes and William Casto

to the position of Paul Whitfield Horn Professor, the highest honor a faculty member can be given by Tech. Johnson is a professor at the museum; Nes is a professor of chemistry and biochemistry; Casto is a professor of law.

These appointments bring the number of Horn professors still working at Tech to 30 and the total all-time number of Horn professors to 69. The Board of Regents established this honor in 1966.

The Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the location of the new Business Administration building, which was originally scheduled for 8 a.m. today, has been canceled.

The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet at 8:30 a.m. today to discuss other matters.

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## Recent rainfall boads well for local cotton farmers

Lubbock could reap the benefits of one of the best cotton crops in years, and one researcher said farmers have the rain to thank.

Steve Oswald, research associate with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said the rainfall's timing is perfect for local cotton farmers. Oswald said Lubbock has not had this much moisture prior to planting in more than a decade.

"Based on moisture alone, it's probably the best prospect we've had in years," Oswald said. "It's as wet as it can get. None of the farmers will have to pre-irrigate, which will save millions (of dollars) in pumping costs."

He said 2007's crop could bring millions of dollars to the local economy on top of the savings from not having to irrigate. Oswald said the rainfall also reduces reliance on the Ogallala Aquifer — Lubbock's main water source.

According to the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's Web site, www.npwd.org, the Ogallala Aquifer formation in Texas is the southernmost extension of the major underground water source in North America. The aquifer covers areas of South Dakota, Wyoming, most of Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and West Texas.

Oswald said dry-land farmers were not able to plant a crop in 2006 because conditions were too dry. He said this year, every acre of cropland should be planted. He said the rainfall does come with a downside though.

If the rain persists, it could delay planting or cause the growth of soil-born organisms that could damage crops — something that has not happened since the 1980s. This year's crop will not be planted until the first two weeks of May.

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## 2007 rainfall most in Hub City since 1911, students concerned with city drainage system

By RICHARD CAMPANARO  
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Local weather experts said El Nino is most likely responsible for the recent increase in rainfall, which has revealed shortcomings in the city infrastructure.

It has been more than 96 years since Lubbock has seen such heavy rainfall.

According to the National Weather Service, 5.68 inches of precipitation have fallen at the Lubbock International Airport in March.

The previous March record, set in 1941, was 3.56 inches of rain.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center issued a statement identifying a possible transition from El Nino to La Nina conditions in the next two to three months.

Based on data from the last 100 years, the center predicts precipitation in the Lubbock area for March through May will fall into the "very-wet" category — between one and 20 inches of precipitation.

Heavy rainfall predictions are based on evidence showing an anomalous drop in the temperature of the northern Pacific Ocean.

El Nino is typically characterized by a warming of the Pacific Ocean; the drop in upper-ocean temperature is consistent with La Nina, which will bring drier conditions in the next few months.

Shawn Ellis, a meteorologist with the Lubbock area National Weather Service, said current data shows the climate shift will not heavily affect the Lubbock area.

He said La Nina would be typically weak in comparison with previous episodes.

"The three-month outlook shows pretty much normal conditions," Ellis said. "There is a 5-percent to 10-percent chance of slightly above-normal temperatures."

Richard Peterson, a professor of geosciences at Texas Tech, said when the warming of the Pacific Ocean persists through the winter months, it tends to be unusually wet the following spring, which explains the recent increase

in precipitation. Humid air also allows for frequent funnel formations.

"Usually with drier air, you have to have a strong drop in (atmospheric) pressure to form a funnel cloud," Peterson said. "Throughout the environment, we have air that tends to rotate; we just don't see it. Whirling columns of air in our environment caused by buildings, wind conditions and humidity make funnels easy to form."

Some of the problems the rain caused Hub City residents can be attributed to the lack of drainage in the city.

Every month, Lubbock Power and Light charges each customer a \$4.99 flat-rate residential storm drainage fee.

Michael Keenum, a storm-water engineer for the City of Lubbock, said the fee pays for \$75 million in storm-drainage construction around Lubbock.

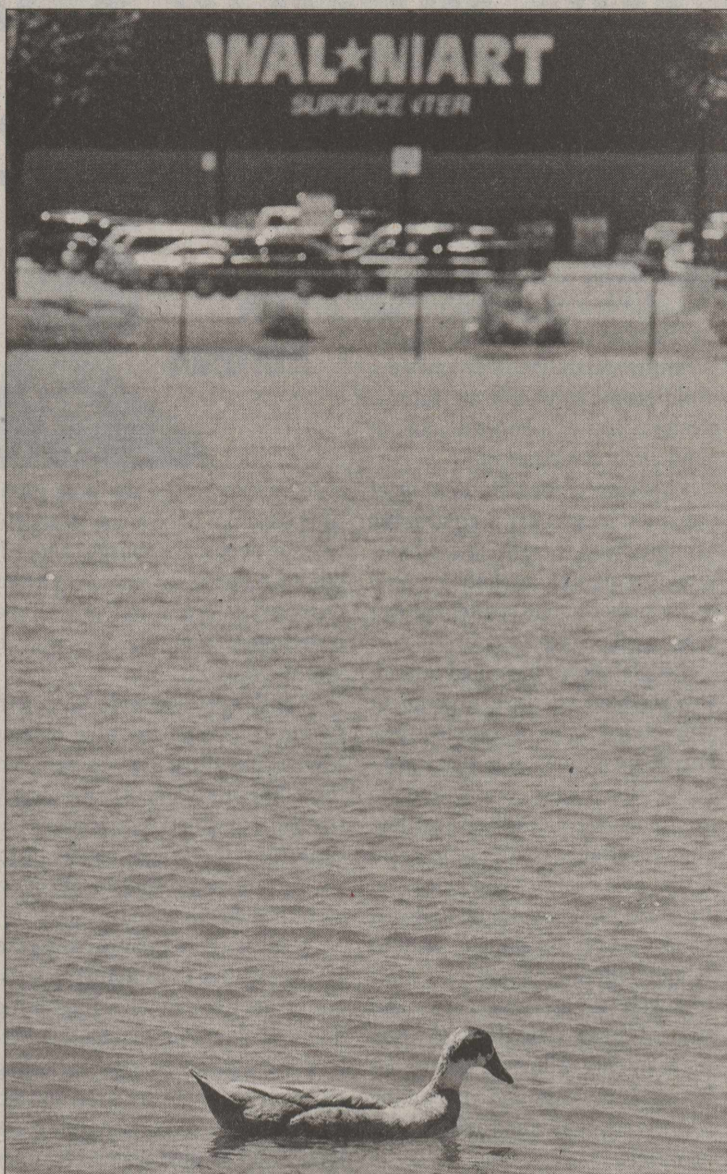
The main area of construction is the \$27 million 98th Street project. He said the drainage system is working as it should, and people should be patient in waiting for the streets to clear.

"It's been tough, but what's interesting to see is overall, the system has worked pretty well," Keenum said. "Yes, the streets will be inundated during heavy rainfalls, but after the rains have stopped for about an hour, the streets clear up."

Ron Oswald, a senior electronic media and communications major from San Antonio, said he believes drainage in Lubbock is non-existent.

He said he would like for problem areas — like the Wal-Mart near the intersection of Fourth Street and Frankford Avenue — addressed.

"I think it should have been planned out better from the start," Oswald said. "I don't see where the (storm drainage fee) money is going."



A DUCK SWIMS in the over filled Playa lake in front of WalMart Thursday afternoon.

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## Lubbock resident crashes car into Reserve apartments



VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

RESIDENTS AT THE Reserve apartments and a Lubbock police officer look over the damage caused after a car hit the side of the building Thursday night. No injuries were reported from the driver or anyone in the complex at the scene.

By GABE MARTINEZ  
STAFF WRITER

A Lubbock resident drove her vehicle into an apartment Thursday night at The Reserve Apartments leaving a hole in a renter's room and window.

At around 9 p.m., Lubbock Police responded to the accident. No injuries were reported.

Alexis Duponer, a South Plains College student and driver of the vehicle, said she was shaken up, but relieved her car did not have considerable damage. She said pressed the wrong pedal at the wrong time when she lost control of the vehicle.

"I was coming back from my mom's, I took a wide turn, and pressed the gas instead of the brake," Duponer said, "and now we are here."

David Kineman, a Lubbock Christian University student and renter of the damaged apartment, was not present at the time of the incident. He said after reviewing the damage he found the situation humorous.

"There was no one home, but I was shocked," Kineman said. "But it is kind of funny, but you know — it happens."

The insurance companies for the apartment and the driver will handle the damages the respective damages.

Lubbock Police were not available for comment at the time of the incident.

Justin Crawford a South Plains College student and Duponer's boyfriend, said the incident was not as bad as it seemed.

"I'm just glad it was not my room," he said. "You never think someone will drive into your house."

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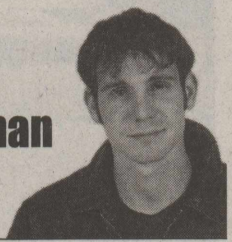
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## 'War on Drugs' needs more competent policies

Competent policies on drug use are becoming increasingly important in modern society. Because of advances in organic chemistry and the globalization of the world economy, people are gaining greater access to a larger number of mind-altering substances.

**Will Harman**



Creating a sensible system of regulation is necessary to combat the harmful effects these drugs can have. When trying to formulate potential policy, however, one unalterable fact must be taken into account.

People always have had and always will have a desire to experiment with altered states of consciousness. This desire is innate to the functioning of the human brain, and no governmental policy will change that. The universality of this is apparent in that every society and culture in the world has known drug users. It is a fact people are going to want to try mind-altering substances. People worldwide will find access to various types of drugs. One drug, alcohol, has been part of human culture for thousands of years, and eliminating it in the modern era proved all but impossible.

In current U.S. drug policy, most mind-altering substances are illegal, and violators are subject to harsh penalties. The goal of this policy is to reduce the number of harmful drug users and to alleviate the negative social consequences of drug use. Many instances exist that legitimize having this goal because some drugs are destructive to the people who use them and to society.

Despite this, our current policy has undesirable social consequences as bad as or worse than the problems drug addicts cause directly. Organized crime is the inevitable and unavoidable consequence of America's current policy. Many individuals exist and will always exist — who are willing, though illegally and at a

cost, to experience the drug high. This creates a huge financial incentive for people to smuggle and sell drugs. Competition between different organized groups, as well as with the government, can and does lead to violent crime.

Another problem with the current system is because the drug market operates illegally, it is unregulated and these drugs are not held to the quality standards to which legal pharmaceuticals are subject. Poor-quality drugs can have a very damaging affect on users' bodies.

There is a better way to reduce the number of drug users in this country, and it does not involve illegalizing drugs. Look at Amsterdam, Netherlands, as a model of competent drug policy. It is easy to see even though many drugs are more accessible there than in the United States, countries like the Netherlands have significantly fewer problems with drug-related crime and have a smaller percentage of drug users.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Public Services, in 2001, 36.9 percent of people in the United States 12 years old and older had experimented with marijuana, and 5.4 percent had used it in the past month. According to the Trimbo Institute, in 2001, 17 percent of people in the Netherlands 12 years old and older had experimented with marijuana, and 3 percent had used it in the past month. Similar trends exist for other drugs like heroin and cocaine.

One aspect of Amsterdam's strategy comes in the form of separating

the markets for hard and soft drugs. Marijuana, alcohol and other "soft-drugs" are widely available. People who casually use these soft drugs have to go out of their way to find dealers of harder drugs. This effectively limits the myth of the gateway drug.

Programs of support and rehabilitation are also widely available for hard-drug users in an effort to educate, cure addiction and eventually reintegrate users back into society.

In the United States, all soft drugs, such as marijuana, should be legalized to separate the larger markets for these drugs from the markets for harder drugs like heroin and cocaine. In addition to replicating the effects of easy access in Amsterdam, this significantly would reduce the amount of money drug dealers would be able to make and thus limit the amount of organized crime.

Another competent policy is the decriminalization of all drugs. People who use drugs do not directly hurt other people with their drug use. They do not belong in prisons with rapists and murderers. To put them in prison is cruel and unusual punishment. More importantly, decriminalization in Amsterdam did not result in higher rates of use for any drug.

The billions of dollars spent on the failed, impossible-to-win and increasingly difficult "War on Drugs" should be reallocated to an expansive support system to educate and rehabilitate drug users. We should persuade the people to stay drug-free and help those who want to clean up. We should not strip them of their freedom to make their own choices and exact cruel and unusual punishments to people who have done nothing to harm anyone.

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## Don't overlook sex crimes

By **MEREDITH BARNHILL**  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — April provides a choice to either ignore the subculture of sexual predation that manages to exist within our society, or to actively work against it. This coming month has been named Sexual Assault Awareness Month, recognized by the nation, the state and, in 2004, the University of Texas.

For those wanting some level of reward for Student Government, look no further than 2003, when SG resolved full support for SAAM. The question now becomes to what extent our individual commitment, as students, citizens and fellow human beings, remains for prevention and healing four years later.

We can no longer afford to allow the stigma associated with sex crimes to prevent a public discussion of what steps we, as individuals, a campus and a society, should take to stop them.

To start, the State of Texas Penal Code Chapter 22, Section 22.011 explains sexual assault, in part, as when a "person intentionally or knowingly: causes the penetration of the anus or female sexual organ of another person by any means, without that person's consent; causes the penetration of the mouth of another person by the sexual organ of the actor, without that person's consent; or causes the sexual organ of another person, without that person's consent, to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus or sexual organ of another person, including the actor."

The code goes on to clarify the nature of sexual assault as it relates to a child, the definition of force and how force cannot revoke consent. The blunt legal definitions staring at us help put context on the vulgar, raw nature of the act divorced from emotion. Neither codes decrie the intrusion in niceties, nor does it make the situation seem unconquerable. Perhaps by facing the enemy, we might gather the strength next month to actively and visibly oppose it.

The law possesses weaknesses, however. Until 1994, no statute existed within Texas for the prosecution of marital rape. Even now that the law exists, prosecutions of

the crime remain exceptionally rare. With a controversial law only 12 years old, it remains likely that few judges, police officers or even legislators would truly treat such a crime with the seriousness that a survivor of marital rape might expect.

In Texas, the nature of consent appears to lack adequate definition, based on recent trials around the country. Recently, Maryland became embroiled in a crisis of this very nature when the courts ruled back in November that a person could not revoke consent once penetration had occurred. Several states have faced the question and ruled that consent may be withdrawn at any time.

Texas needs to address the nature of consent further, define the ability to withdraw consent and avoid the unfortunate effects of having its law written by the courts. We need a codified

right to withdraw consent so that all participants may understand the law and appreciate its consequences, and future legislative sessions would do well to heed this call.

These matters and more need remembering as SAAM progresses — and we ought to pursue them beyond. However, April asks you to prioritize some time and make a stand.

The University of Texas enrolls 46,993 students. In 2005 (the most recent complete year available), the FBI Unified Crime Report listed 93,934 cases of reported forcible rape. Nearly twice as many people were raped in one year across this country than attend class at UT.

While the numbers continue to decrease, making the choice to show your voice next month and beyond rather than ignoring the ongoing threat is the only way to aid that trend.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Caliva,  
I could not have conceived a more poignant comparison for Charles Dickens' introduction to "A Tale of Two Cities." Lubbock is indeed a city of disagreement and denial. Broader than just the City Council, the contradiction lays also in conflict between the Texas Tech campus and the rest of the city, and between South and East Lubbock, which the city sees fit to ignore. In fact, I think your metaphor of Lubbock's current state extends deeper, into the heart of Tech itself. The red lights controversy applies to the Tech Administration's decision to sign a five-year contract with Red

Raider Mobile Campus without contacting students. Though the benefits can not be contested, the ideology it represents is a governmental entity that has no obligation to its citizens' opinions. The decision to build a \$1.3 million visitors' center at the expense of increasing the budget to benefit public facilities and domains pertains to the decision to build a \$7.3 million leisure pool, although members of the Student Government Association claimed they cut the West Fourth Street bus route because of a lack of funding. To make Lubbock and Tech appealing to those who live outside Lubbock County is to make these entities worthy of respect. Lubbock has culture unique to itself,

and embracing this identity could make Lubbock a city worth visiting. Tech is a well-regarded school, and if we focused on our academics, increased scholarships and sought activities which brought intellectual esteem to our university, we would not need a leisure pool to draw students. We could rely on our law school, our Honors College, our Engineering programs and our best attribute — one-on-one attention from advisers and a university system that genuinely cares about its students.

Christina Jones, senior advertising major from Austin



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## WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

### Alleged al-Qaida member denies giving money to hijackers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Saudi accused of arranging financing for the Sept. 11 terrorist plot participants told a hearing he got money transfers from two hijackers inside the United States just hours before the attacks, said a transcript the Pentagon released Thursday. But Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, who was based in the United Arab Emirates on Sept. 11, 2001, denied that he was a member of the al-Qaida terrorist network and he also denied that he sent money to the hijackers.

He is one of 14 "high value" detainees who were transferred to Guantanamo last September after being held in secret CIA prisons abroad. The transcript of his Guantanamo hearing contained no referencé to his detention; a portion in which he explained how he was captured in Pakistan in 2003 was censored by the Defense Department.

The hearing, held to determine whether he is an "enemy combatant" eligible to be charged with war crimes, was conducted March 21.

### Spring storm brings severe weather to Plains

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A tornado as wide as two football fields carved a devastating path through an eastern Colorado town as a massive spring storm swept from the Rockies into the Plains, killing at least four people in three states, authorities said Thursday.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska on Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

One twister killed an Oklahoma couple as it blew their home to pieces. A Texas man was found dead in the tangled debris of his trailer, and a woman died of her injuries early Thursday after the Colorado tornado threw her into a tree.

The massive storm system stretched from South Dakota to Texas on Thursday morning, threatening flash flooding in central Nebraska and Kansas and more severe weather farther south.

Winter storm warnings were still posted for most of Wyoming, where heavy snow was blamed for interstate pileups, forecasters said. In central Wyoming's Wind River Mountains, 58 inches of snow from the storm was recorded by Thursday morning.

### Shark overfishing may be endangering scallop populations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overfishing of powerful sharks — a top predator in the ocean — may endanger bay scallops, a gourmet delicacy. With fewer sharks to devour them, skates and rays have increased sharply along the East Coast and they are gobbling up shellfish, particularly bay scallops, researchers report in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

Ecologists have known that reducing key species on land can affect an entire ecosystem, but this study provides hard data for the same thing in the ocean, said lead author Charles H. Peterson of the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of North Carolina.

Co-author Ransom A. Myers of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Peterson were studying different ends of the food chain, Peterson said in a telephone interview.

"Myers was working on great sharks and I was working on conownose rays and their impact on bay scallops and other shellfish. We realized that separately we had interesting science, but together we had an absolute revelation," he said.

She was also a cheerleader on ESPN, appeared in a Lexus commercial, had a recurring role on Spike Feresten's "Talkshow" and had a role in a JP Morgan Chase Bank commercial.

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## Health

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ages of 6 and 11 years old at 18.8 percent, compared with 4 percent in 1980.

Black females ages 12 to 19 have the highest obesity rate at 25.4 percent.

The percentage of children diagnosed with diabetes rose to 1.2 percent nationwide. Females generally have a higher risk with 1.3 percent compared to 1.2 percent in males. The diabetes rate for children in 1980 was .6 percent.

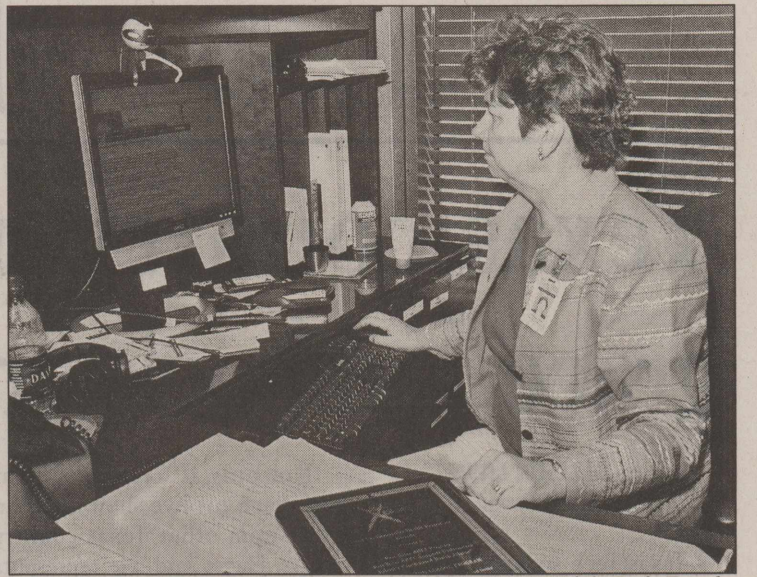
Dr. M.J. Bourgeois, a physician in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Pediatrics, said the rise in Type 2 diabetes among children is parallel with the rise in obesity. Unlike Type 1 diabetes, which is caused by a natural lack of insulin to control blood sugar levels, Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body is no longer able to regulate blood sugar with insulin because of obesity.

Bourgeois said he believes Type 2 diabetes could be regulated if parents closely supervised their children's diet and exercise habits. A high intake of calories, which Bourgeois said is often coupled with too much time in front of the TV, results in more children being at high risk for health issues.

"The problem has to be addressed at the family level," Bourgeois said. "We have kids that are generally more sedentary than previous generations."

Common effects of diabetes include blindness, liver disease, strokes and heart disease.

Because the effects of diabetes can take years to become critical, Bourgeois said this creates a unique situation with children because they often are unable to understand the long-term effects of their lifestyle choices.



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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM IN a School Setting award recipient Dr. Patti Patterson works at her desk after receiving the award, Thursday morning.

"It's something they have to think about 10, 20 years away," he said. "It's hard to get young people to think in those terms."

While the Lubbock Independent School District has been using a CATCH program like the one offered by the HSC, Patterson said smaller communities often do not have the resources to support such an initiative. The HSC program primarily was funded by federal grants and state general revenue.

Lela Taubert, curriculum director for the Hale Center Independent School District, said she first heard about the program through Patterson, who is a Hale Center native. She said there was a positive reaction from the Hale Center community after the district conducted several of the parental-training sessions offered through the program.

"(Parents) wanted more training and more parent-awareness sessions," Taubert said. "They want more student involvement in classes."

Though the district has not fully

implemented the program, Taubert said plans are under way to utilize the material during the next school year.

"I think (the program) has a lot of potential," she said. "It's a very strong program."

Patterson said she believes the program is mutually beneficial to both the community and the HSC because it allows Tech to use its resources to have a positive impact on the people of West Texas which helps the university grow.

"Universities should be beneficial to the region," she said. "We have a lot of smart people. We're just bridging our resources and expertise."

Patterson said she believes the program is a small step in a large cooperative effort between the university and the community that benefits all West Texans.

"Anytime you can strengthen relationships is good," she said. "The thing with working with rural is you have to work together."

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## Withdrawal

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House East Room with the GOP rank and file. "He said he will veto a bill that comes to his desk with too many strings attached or too much spending," said one official in attendance, speaking on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed to the press.

While both sides have spoken

positively about a need for compromise, there also was strong political pressure within both parties for a veto fight.

Democrats are under pressure to challenge Bush on the war following their victories in last fall's elections. At the same time, Republicans say Bush will blame anti-war lawmakers if money begins to run short for the troops in the field and will accuse them in any event for ceding ground to the terrorists in the Middle East.

Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Defense Appropriations Committee during the day that a delay in funding would have a chain reaction that could keep units in Iraq longer than planned. He said if the bill is not passed by May 15, the Army will have to cut back on reserve training and equipment repairs, and possibly delay the formation of units needed to relieve those deployed.

The House-passed measure re-

### Wall Street ends higher as investors weigh oil surge

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended higher in volatile trading Thursday as investors weighed fears about mounting tension in Iran against a report that indicated better-than-expected U.S. economic growth.

The major indexes bounced around, and spent most of the session looking for direction as crude prices surged to a six-month high. Investors remain nervous about the West's response to British sailors held captive in Iran, and oil prices crossed the \$66 mark.

This offset the Commerce Department's final measure of fourth-quarter gross domestic product, which showed growth of 2.5 percent. That could help quell concerns the economy is slowing too quickly. At the same time, strong economic growth could make it harder for the inflation-wary Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates.

Investors also bought-and-sold stocks to window dress their portfolio ahead of Saturday's end of the first quarter. The modest advance snapped a three-day losing streak for the Dow Jones industrials.

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Ceremonies installing the new chapter and inducting the new members are free and open to the public on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 4 p.m. in the Allen Theatre.

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# LA VIDA

## Texas country music to grace Lubbock once again

By ALLISON LOWE  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students who cannot get enough Texas country music can hear Roger Creager perform at 10 p.m. today at Wild West.

Creager currently is touring to promote his "Live Across Texas" album, and his street team manager, Kristen Hager, said states visited on the tour include Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Hager said the "Live Across Texas" album was released in 2004, and Creager has been touring with his Texas country music for about 10 years. She said Creager, along with musicians such as Pat Green, is a pioneer of the Texas-country wave.

Not only is Creager a great performer, his live show sets him apart from other Texas country artists, Hager said. He represents a fresh new look and approach to major country music.

Mike Nelson, Creager's tour manager, said the tour will be going on most of April and May, and Creager and his band will be touring Europe in July and August because they received the chance to play in one of the largest European festivals.

Nelson said he likes Creager's music because it is real, and there is nothing "Hollywood" or fluffy about it.

"He doesn't sing stuff because people tell him," Nelson said of Creager. "He sings what he's thinking, and he's got a real mes-

sage to his songs."

Nelson said the tour is going well so far, and the band mates, who have been to Lubbock multiple times, always have witnessed the audience members having a good time.

He said they love to see fans who love country music and are having a blast and singing along, but the band mates also like to see people who are not as familiar with the music Creager plays.

Gracie Walling, a freshman speech language pathology major from Victoria, said she has been listening to Creager's music for about five years, and she enjoys all Texas country.

"I think that his songs are good," Walling said. "(They) have a lot of really good lyrics that you can relate to."

Walling said she has been to a Creager concert before and really enjoyed it because Creager lets the audience members participate by singing verses and choruses together in unison. She said Tech students should go to the concert because it will be a lot of fun and will provide great time to interact with friends.

While the show begins at 10 p.m., fans ages 18 years old and up who want to ensure they get a spot near the stage should show up when the doors open at 8 p.m.

"(The people who come to the shows are) everything for these guys," Nelson said. "They come out because they enjoy watching everyone have a great time and rocking out with them."

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## 2 musicians to illuminate Lubbock music scene

Many of us are looking for that one uplifting moment to bring us out of the halfway slump that falls between spring break and the end of the spring semester. Some of us are looking to wind down after a few hard weeks with a beer and some close friends, both of which will be readily on hand at KTXT-FM's spring concert series featuring Jason Anderson and Richard Buckner.

Anderson will be stopping through Lubbock once again to bring his guitar sing-along therapy for those in attendance. The best way I can think of to describe Anderson is as a one-man tornado of emotion and power performing while standing on top of a chair in the middle of the room.

He is able to transform the entire crowd — big or small — into a backing vocal track to every song he sings, from his original songs to random covers. I have heard him go from singing "Christmas" and then break into a Whitney Houston cover.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Friday, and the show will be hosted at a home located at 1625 Ave. Y with the local

David  
Ward



a good show and how they just want to get out and let loose, well it looks like you have two opportunities for this weekend — at a fairly affordable price.

opener the Rubberband. Admittance will cost attendees \$6 to remember what its like to be in a campfire sing-along — with more adult themes and nostalgic flashback covers.

This weekend's lineup also will include Richard Buckner, who will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday at Jake's Sports Café. He will be performing with Six Parts Seven, and the show costs \$8. If you are looking for a good place to go this weekend and check out some mellow folk/Americana, this is going to be your hot spot.

Bucker recently signed with Merge Records, which touts a discography by the likes of the Arcade Fire, Dinosaur Jr. and Neutral Milk Hotel, so if I were you, I definitely would trust the label's judgment.

When I talk to people from the outside world about the necessity of

For those who wish Lubbock constantly could pull in the big-name bands such as the Shins, Modest Mouse and Death Cab for Cutie, there are matters of money to bring in, but also stories of apathy coming from the audience members to sit and complain rather than go and participate. While these artists probably are people you have never heard of and — in some cases — you feel like you wouldn't cohesively fit, just give the shows a fighting chance.

When artists like Jason Anderson and Richard Buckner come through the Hub City and have a good time, this co-relates into them networking to other artists and labels about what a great place for music Lubbock can be. If you are an active member in the music scene here, you know how true that is.

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## L.A. prosecutors want Paris Hilton's probation revoked

LOS ANGELES (AP) — City prosecutors said Thursday they will ask a judge to revoke Paris Hilton's probation in a reckless driving case, a move that could lead to a jail term.

The decision followed an investigation into whether the hotel heiress and reality star violated terms of her probation by driving last month with a suspended license.

"We're confident we have sufficient

evidence to prove that her license was suspended and that she had knowledge of that suspension," said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for the city attorney's office. He declined to elaborate on the evidence, citing an ongoing investigation.

Hilton could face up to 90 days in jail if a judge finds she violated her probation, Velasquez said. A hearing was scheduled for April 17.

In January, Hilton pleaded no con-

test to alcohol-related reckless driving stemming from a Sept. 7 arrest in Hollywood and was sentenced to 36 months' probation, alcohol education and \$1,500 in fines.

Hilton was pulled over on Sunset Boulevard on Feb. 28. Police said they saw her blue Bentley Continental GTC speeding with its headlights off. She was ticketed for misdemeanor driving with a suspended license.

## Suburban homes being turned into marijuana greenhouses

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — In Coldwater Creek, a middle-class housing development outside Atlanta, the neighbors mind their own business and respect each other's privacy — ideal conditions, it turns out, for growing marijuana in the suburbs.

Police this month raided an utterly

ordinary-looking red-brick house on the block and broke up a pot-growing operation with 680 plants arrayed under bright lights.

"You'd never know from the outside. I guess that's the idea," said Doug Augis, who lives with his pregnant wife and a toddler in Coldwater Creek. "That doesn't

give you a really good feeling." Around the country, investigators are increasingly seeing suburban homes in middle-class and well-to-do neighborhoods turned into indoor marijuana farms. Typically investigators find an empty home, save a mattress, a couple of chairs, some snacks in the fridge and an elaborate setup of soil-free growing trays.

Grow houses have been a problem for years in California and Canada, but investigators are now seeing scores of them in the South and New England.

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# Tech softball hits the road to face Nebraska

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

After dropping four games at home, the Texas Tech softball team will hit the road once again for a pair of games against Big 12 rival Nebraska.

Tech's (17-17, 0-3 Big 12) opponents have outscored the Red Raiders 25-8 in the team's last four games. Nebraska (24-11, 0-2) has outscored its last four opponents 11-5, including shutouts against Drake and Colorado State.

Wednesday, the Red Raiders lost their non-conference game at home against North Texas 4-1. Tech was kept scoreless until the fifth inning when Heather Parker scored on a double off the left-field fence.

Tech remains winless at home but boasts a record of 17-13 on the road, including a tournament championship earlier this season.

Last year, Tech played Nebraska in a 10-inning, four-hour affair at Rocky Johnson Field, ending in a 10-4 loss to the then 17th-ranked Cornhuskers.

In its last game, Nebraska beat Colorado State 3-2 in a come-from-behind victory capped off by senior Jamie Waldecker's walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning. It was Waldecker's first time to see action on the field in 25 games because of a broken hand suffered on Feb. 23.

The Cornhuskers are 4-0 in its last four games after going through a four-game losing streak. This season, Nebraska, like Tech, is still in search of its first Big 12 victory.



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL is 0-3 in Big 12 Conference play and looks to notch a win against Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb.

Megan Mullin, who holds a .316 batting average, leads the Cornhuskers offensively. Molly Hill (9-6, 1.22 ERA) and Ashley DeBuhr (11-5, 1.51 ERA) lead the Cornhuskers' pitchers.

In her last game, DeBuhr struck out the 800th batter in her career — the fourth Cornhusker pitcher to do so. In the game, she recorded at least two strikeouts every inning.

Tech is led offensively by Ashley Parker (46 hits, 14 RBIs), Jennifer Corkin (29 hits, 27 RBIs), 5 home runs) and Devin Zaragoza (35 hits, 8 RBIs).

Freshman pitcher Ashly Jacobs (13-10) leads the Raiders' pitching staff with a 2.20 ERA.

Tech will play Nebraska at 2 p.m. Saturday and then at noon Sunday. Nebraska leads the all-time series with Tech 20-3, and Tech coach Teresa Wilson is five wins shy of her 800th-career victory.

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# Tech track hosts lone outdoor meet of the season

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After starting the outdoor track season with 13 regional qualifying marks, the Texas Tech track team looks to expand on its impressive start at the Texas Tech Open — the Red Raiders' first and only home meet of the season — all day Saturday at the R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Tech coach Wes Kitley said his team and coaches are anxious about the start of the 2007 outdoor season.

"I think we are a much better outdoor team than we are indoor," Kitley said. "We don't focus on indoors quite as much because we are never peaking during indoors."

Despite the quick start to the

season Saturday at the Arizona Invitational, Kitley said his team is not content with just 13 regional marks in the first meet.

"Everyone's excited," Kitley said. "We had a good start, and let's try to get about 13 more this week."

He said his team is geared up for the home meet and wants the recent rainy weather to stay clear of R.P. Fuller Stadium.

"That's what I'm really hoping for," Kitley said. "If we get good weather, the kids are going to feel good, and then you're going to see some good marks."

Senior hurdler Bryan Scott earned the Big 12 Athlete of the Week award for his performance at the Arizona Invitational. During the meet, Scott finished the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 49.78 seconds, marking a new

personal best and his first regional mark of the outdoor season. Kitley said he wants Scott and the rest of the Red Raider seniors to be successful in their last meet at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

"I'm hoping that they can go out on a good note," Kitley said, "also set some records here and leave some history here for us."

Scott also helped the 4x400 relay place ahead of the pack. Scott ran the second leg to help the team earn a regional mark with a finishing time of 3:07.60.

Rodney Mims, Tim Foster, Brandon Washington and Scott make up the relay team that gained its first regional mark of the outdoor season.

"We ran 3:07 in the first meet," Kitley said. "I was real pleased with that 3:07 — that's a great start, and

we won."

Junior Red Raider Julianne Kennedy could be the secret weapon of the 2007 outdoor season, Kitley said. During the meet in Arizona, Kennedy reset her own school record in the heptathlon, which is a combination of 100-meter hurdles, high jump and the javelin throw. Kennedy set a new personal best in the 100-meter hurdles with a finishing time of 14.42. She cleared a height of 5-9 1/4 in the high jump and threw the javelin a distance of 116-4, beating her previous best by 22 feet.

"She broke her own school record last week," Kitley said. "I think you'll see her at Texas Relays breaking it again. So, she's got off the year on a good start with that."

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# Rangers relief pitcher Gagne will start season on DL after surgery

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Eric Gagne will start the season on the disabled list for the Texas Rangers, a move the team is making to give the closer more time to come back from elbow and back operations.

The Rangers said Gagne hasn't had any health setbacks. The 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner has pitched only 15 1-3 innings over the past two seasons.

"I feel pretty good, but I think this

is going to help the team," Gagne said after throwing 15 pitches in a minor league game Thursday. "We are here to have a successful season and make the playoffs."

This is the third straight season since his dominating run as the Los Angeles Dodgers' closer that Gagne will be on the disabled list before pitching.

Gagne had elbow surgery in June 2005, then another operation last April to remove a nerve from his pitching

elbow. He had surgery last July to repair a herniated disk in his lower back.

Akinori Otsuka, who converted 32 of 36 saves last season, will handle the closing duties until Gagne returns.

The move will be retroactive to Wednesday, meaning Gagne could rejoin the Rangers on April 13 for the start of a series in Seattle. Gagne will pitch for Double-A Frisco and Triple-A Oklahoma until then, and will make back-to-back appearances before joining

the Rangers.

Manager Ron Washington said Gagne, who also threw in "B" and minor league games before the Rangers broke their Arizona camp Thursday, will pitch six more innings in the minor leagues.

"We all decided it. It's in his best interest," Washington said. "He threw only seven innings down here. We didn't want him to go out before 50,000 people and try to air it out. It's all for the best."

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# Purple haze: Tech looking to improve Big 12 standings against Kansas State

By WES SKIPWITH  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team looks to improve above .500 in Big 12 play as it travels to Manhattan, Kan., to face conference foe Kansas State today for the first of a three-game series.

This is the second Big 12 road trip for the Red Raiders (19-10, 3-3). Last weekend, they lost two out of three games to Baylor in Waco; the pitching staff gave up 27 runs to the Bears over the three-game series. The Tech pitching staff is currently last in the Big 12 in ERA, and Tech coach Larry Hays said the team's success this weekend against Kansas State (18-7, 1-2) will be based on the consistency of the hurlers on the mound.

"We're in a league where its tough at times when you don't pitch well," Hays said. "When you pitch well it really stabilizes things. When you don't pitch well, it's hard to look good."

Tech bounced back from the series loss to Baylor Tuesday with 10-3 victory at home over New Mexico State.

Tech catcher Matt Smith said the reason Tech played so well in Tuesday's victory was because the team was able to stay calm and not press too much.

"Relaxing is the key factor, I think," Smith said. "If we can stay consistent with that and have fun, we should have a good series this weekend."

A.J. Ramos will start on the mound today for Tech. In seven starts and one relief appearance this

year, Ramos is 5-1 with a 3.38 ERA. His 53 strikeouts lead the Big 12. In his last start against Baylor Saturday, Ramos had a sub-par outing, throwing five innings and allowing three earned runs while hitting two batters.

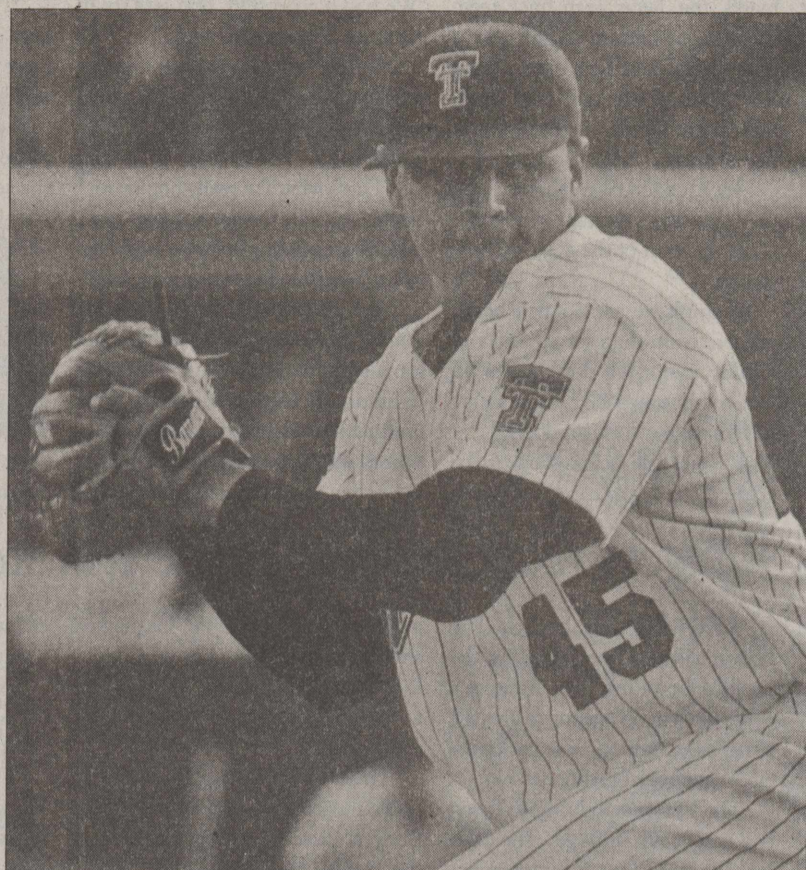
Ramos said he has been working on slowing down his delivery and not giving up as many walks or hitting batters like he did in his last start.

"In the past few games, I've been kind of slacking off a little bit," Ramos said. "This game, I don't want to give too many free passes away; I want to get back to my mechanics and start from strike one."

Ramos will be matched up against Kansas State's starting pitcher Brad Hutt, who is 5-1 on the season and is sixth in the Big 12 with a 2.45 ERA. If the Red Raiders can get past Hutt, they will have to face a Kansas State bullpen that has combined for an 8-3 record with a 3.52 ERA and is 10-for-10 in save opportunities this season. Closer Daniel Edwards has not given up an earned run in nine appearances on the mound this season and leads the Big 12 in saves with seven.

"Kansas State's pitching is experienced," Hays said. "They have a good guy coming out of the pen. We are going to have to get a lot of run scoring before late in the game because he has had good success so far."

Leading the Wildcats is Byron



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TEXAS TECH PITCHER A.J. Ramos is slated to start against Kansas State this weekend.

Wiley, who is batting .380 with 30 hits and 18 RBIs. He is among four Wildcats with .300 averages or better.

Tech also has four batters with .300 batting averages or better. Chris Hall is at the top, batting .351, followed by Roger Kieschnick at .347, and Taylor Ashby and Geoff Byrns, who are both batting .308. Kieschnick leads the conference with 16 doubles and is tied for second in triples with four.

Last season, Tech split the first two games against Kansas State, including an 11-1 tie in the last game

of the series. Tech leads the all-time series 21-10-1.

With a series sweep of Kansas State this weekend, Tech could pull out from the middle of the Big 12 pack and claim a top spot in the conference.

Hays said he is not worried about standings; all he is concerned with is today's game.

"We got to worry about Friday night and not look past it," Hays said. "We don't get involved in things we can't control. The only thing we can control is Friday night."

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# Knight to receive Naismith award

By JAY LANGLEY  
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Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight has been selected as the 2007 Naismith Men's Outstanding Contribution to Basketball recipient. Knight will receive the award, along with the women's recipient Kay Yow of North Carolina State, Thursday at the annual Naismith Awards Banquet at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The award, which was created in 1982 and is chosen by the Atlanta Tipoff Selection Committee, pays tribute to men and women who have made a significant impact on the game of basketball.

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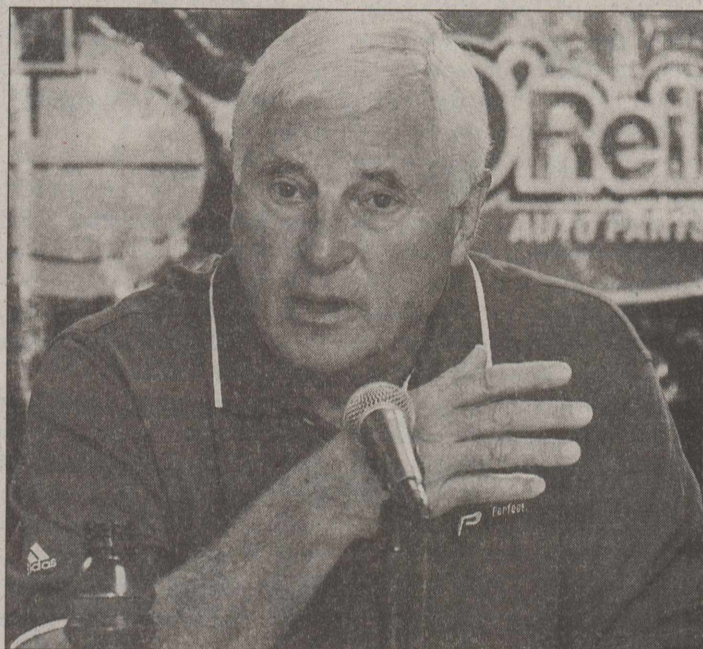
On Jan. 1, Knight became the all-time winningest coach in men's college-basketball history, earning career-win No. 880, passing former

North Carolina coach Dean Smith. The Raiders finished the season with a 21-13 record, improving Knight's his career-coaching record to 890-363. The 2006-07 campaign marked the 28th season in which a Knight-coached team made the NCAA tournament — the most NCAA tournament appearances of any coach in college basketball.

Knight came to Tech after 30 years of coaching at Indiana where he led the Hoosiers to three NCAA titles and one NIT championship. In 1976, the Hoosiers went 32-0 on their way to an NCAA title. That team is the last team in Division I men's basketball to finish the season undefeated. Knight is the only coach to win the NCAA championship, the NIT championship, and an Olympic Gold and a Pan-Am Gold medals.

Yow missed much of the 2006-07 season after it was discovered the cancer she had been diagnosed with in 1987 was progressing. She returned to the Wolf Pack bench Jan. 22, leading N.C. State to the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament. In 32 years at North Carolina State, Yow has averaged 20 wins per season, and she has led her team to 20 NCAA tournament appearances.

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- Tours to be
- Hits the road
- Christmas or Easter, e.g.
- Mystique
- 26-time champs
- Make well
- Postpone sleep
- Small vipers
- Summoned, old-style
- Tabula
- Faded to the extreme
- 1950 MVP
- Graph starter?
- Stage performer
- Aussie Rod
- 1977 World Series MVP
- Handing
- Pumpkin or squash
- Adorable
- Gilbert and Teasdale
- Meeting of Cong.
- 2005 MVP

**DOWN**

- Edible tuber
- Volga tributary
- Cotton cleaner
- Mich. neighbor
- Shish
- Actress Renee
- Irish county
- Part of USTA
- ballerina
- Called back
- Carry to excess
- Jury pool
- Verdugo and Firsova
- 18 Econ. degree
- Jerk
- Corned-beef dish
- Cosmo rival
- Snitch
- Sikkim antelope
- Assessed
- Cause friction
- AEC, today
- Uncertainty
- Physicians' org.
- Gun lobby init.
- Ballpoint pen inventor
- Coup d'
- Deception
- Practice - punching
- Romes and pippins
- North Africa, mostly
- Short-billed wading bird
- Finger Lake
- Legally bars
- Alphabetizes
- Islands near Sumatra
- Table scrap
- Current units
- Manitoba tribe
- South
- American tuber
- Prickly husk
- DDE's command
- Highest alert

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

OPTS	ALBUM	GLIB
BRAT	NORSE	RIDE
IOTA	ORIEL	AEON
EVENKINGS	OVULE	
DYNE	SUE	
TEAPOT	ROOTLETS	
ATEAT	SOAP	LOA
MUSTOBEYTHELAWS		
EDO	INCH	NATES
SEPARATE	LONELY	
GAS	AULD	
SHEET	OFGRAMMAR	
LAWN	CLOAK	AIDA
AVEC	AERIE	SCAR
VERY	NOEND	SERA

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