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Texas attorney general sues RadioShack

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The state Attorney General's Office sued RadioShack Corp. on Monday for exposing customers to possible identity theft after records that included Social Security and bank account numbers were found in garbage containers behind a store.

Greg Abbott's office began its investigation after reports indicated that employees at a RadioShack store in Portland, just northeast of Corpus Christi, had dumped customer records in trash bins.

Abbott said someone just happened to be walking by a receptacle last month and saw about 20 boxes containing personal information. Once Corpus Christi media reported the problem, his office began its probe.

NATION

High court rebukes Bush on car pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rebuked the Bush administration Monday for its inaction on global warming in a decision that could lead to more fuel-efficient cars as early as next year. The court, in a 5-4 ruling in its first case on climate change, declared that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are air pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

WORLD

Iraqi bomb kills 15, wounds nearly 200

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide truck bomber, his deadly payload hidden under bags of flour, crashed into a police station in a Kurdish neighborhood in the disputed city of Kirkuk on Monday. At least 15 people were killed, including a newborn girl and a U.S. soldier, and nearly 200 were wounded. Several girls walking home from school were among those wounded in the bombing, a possible prelude to far greater violence to this oil-rich city 180 miles north of the capital.

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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Tsunami devastates Solomon Islands

At least 13 killed by magnitude 8 quake, prime minister warns death toll expected to rise

By GEORGE HERMING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (AP) — Tsunami waves churned by an undersea earthquake crashed ashore in the Solomon Islands on Monday, wiping away entire villages and triggering alerts from Australia to Hawaii, officials said. At least 13 people were killed, and the prime minister warned that the

toll would likely grow.

In the South Pacific nation's west, where the devastation appeared centered, there were reports of people being swept away as waves plowed up to a half-mile inland. The magnitude-8 quake that created the tsunami was followed by more than two dozen aftershocks, including at least four of magnitude-6 or stronger.

"It was just a noise like an underground explosion," said Dorothy

Parkinson, a resident of Gizo, where a wall of water swept through the streets. "The wave came almost instantaneously. Everything that was standing is flattened."

Some residents described a wave up to 16 feet tall.

"We ran for our lives, away from the waves," Arnold Pidakere, a schoolteacher in Gizo, told the British Broadcasting Corp. "When we looked back, we saw our house being

destroyed."

Pidakere was among thousands of residents of the town of 7,000 who fled to a nearby hill.

"There wasn't any warning — the warning was the earth tremors," Alex Lokopio, premier of Western Province, told New Zealand's National Radio. "It shook us very, very strongly and we were frightened, and all of a sudden the sea was rising up."

Along the coast "all of the prop-

erty was washed away to the open sea," he said. At least three islands near Gizo also reported widespread destruction, although the number of people affected was unclear.

In a televised address, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare warned that the number of dead was likely to rise: "I think we are expecting more."

"This is a very trying time for our

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ROLE REVERSAL



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TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT Jon Whitmore and Noel Bryant, a sophomore political science major from Katy, discuss their experiences of the day. Whitmore attended Bryant's classes while Bryant managed the duties of the president.

Student gets a look into the responsibilities of a president

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech President Noel Bryant had a busy day Monday.

Bryant, who won the President for a Day raffle presented by Mortar Board, is a sophomore political science major from Katy. Bryant and Tech President Jon Whitmore traded roles for

the day, with Bryant taking over the responsibilities of the president, while Whitmore attended Bryant's classes.

"It (was not) too bad, just tiring," Bryant said. "They had me going from meeting to meeting working with vice presidents and presidents for different organizations."

He said the list of people he met with included Tom Anderson, senior vice president of Administration and Finance, Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall and members of the Student

Government Association.

"I got here around 8 (a.m.), and President Whitmore gave me a tour of his office and from about 8:30 (a.m.) 'til about lunch, they had me in back-to-back meetings," Bryant said. "Then I got taken out to a 'presidential lunch' by (SGA officials) Ryan Worley, Mason Moses and Suzette Matthews, the future internal

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iTunes loosens restraints on downloaded music

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Fans of Coldplay, Pink Floyd and other artists under the EMI music label soon will have the option of downloading CD-quality music without digital-rights management from iTunes.

Monday, Apple Computers unveiled its plan to offer EMI's entire catalogue of music without DRM, a feature designed to prevent individuals from illegally sharing music files. The files will be available through iTunes beginning in May, according to an Apple press release.

"It will certainly make life a lot easier," said Ed Youngblood, an associate professor of electronic media and communica-

tions. "It opens you up to the possibility of using other devices and being able to use it with other players."

The DRM-free tracks will be offered at 256 kbps in Advanced Audio Coding format for \$1.29 per song, according to the press release. Apple also will provide customers who purchased current versions of EMI songs the ability to upgrade to the DRM-free version for 30 cents per song. iTunes will continue to sell songs in their current versions for 99 cents.

"The DRM is to make the vendors a little bit more comfortable with the idea of putting their music out there."

Youngblood said. "It was a real concern that if you're putting it out there in a digital format that was compressed and

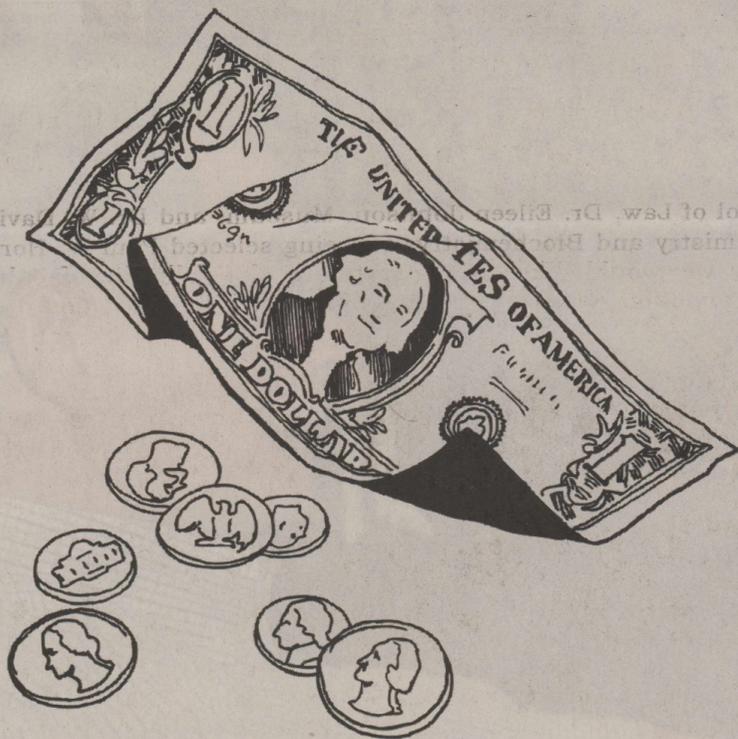


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Tech police blotter: Car break-ins on rise

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

March 30

Texas Tech police investigated two incidents of criminal mischief to a vehicle in the S-1 parking lot. In one of the incidents, a vehicle's driver's side window was broken out of the vehicle, but nothing was stolen. In the other incident, unknown suspects broke the front passenger's side window and stole personal property inside the vehicle.

Tech Police Maj. Gordon Hoffman said a recent robbery trend includes several reports of stereo equipment being stolen out of students' vehicles.

Hoffman said he believes the thieves target merchandise that can easily be sold for narcotics, quick cash at a pawnshop or even money at the Web site www.ebay.com.

"That's why we advise people to use those electric pens to engrave their driver's license number on the back of the stereo," Hoffman said. "This way the stolen merchandise can be easily traced and returned to the owner. Also, it would not hurt to have your valuables insured, and always file a police report, that way it can be on record."

He said most burglary incidents

have similar circumstances.

"They target dark areas away from residence halls," he said. "We believe most of them are coming from off-campus and sometimes scout out locations."

He said the suspects' methods of entry are typically the same.

"They usually walk around in parking lots and find an opportunity," he said. "Once they do, they mostly break a window to get in the vehicle and are in and out in less than a minute."

Hoffman said the thieves normally have a friend waiting for them in a get-away car close by.

Hoffman's advice includes using common sense to decrease the odds of a vehicle burglary.

"Try to park in well lit areas and if you have a removable face plate for your stereo, take it with you to class or lock it in your trunk," he said.

March 30

Tech police investigated a theft at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion when several items were stolen from two victims' purses. Police said a Cingular cell phone, a phone charger, a Sony digital camera with memory chip and \$40 were stolen from the purses.

A Tech student was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor

in the Z-3E parking lot. Police issued the student a Lubbock County citation and released the student.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the third floor of Bledsoe Residence Hall. According to reports, a fire extinguisher was discharged.

March 29

Tech police arrested a student for three Lubbock County citations, four outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Office warrants and two Lubbock Police Department warrants following a traffic stop in the 1400 block of Indiana Avenue. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and her vehicle was towed.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency in a room of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. According to reports, a student dislocated his knee and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

March 28

Tech police arrested a non-student in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center after police received reports of the student being aggressive to cafeteria personnel. According to reports, the non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning.

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2 killed in U. Washington campus shooting

SEATTLE (AP) — A man and a woman were shot to death in the University of Washington's architecture building Monday in an apparent murder-suicide, university police said.

Officers responding to reports of gunfire found the two and a handgun in an office on the fourth floor of Gould Hall, Assistant University Police Chief Ray Wittmier said.

The female victim, a 25-year-old university employee, had a restraining order against the man, who "almost certainly" shot her and took his own life, Wittmier said.

About six shots were fired, and the only people involved were the woman and the man, who was in his 40s, Wittmier said. There were no eyewitnesses, he said.

Lance Nguyen, a researcher at the Runstad Center for Real Estate Research, which has offices on the

building's fourth floor, said he was a co-worker of the woman and that she had said she was worried about her former boyfriend. The woman, a research specialist, changed her telephone number and e-mailed a photo of the man to friends, asking them to watch out for him, Nguyen said.

"She said it's a psycho from her past," Nguyen said.

King County Superior Court records show the woman was granted a temporary restraining order on March 6, after saying the man had threatened her, her sister and their dogs.

In applying for the order, she wrote that on Jan. 5, the man threw glass candlestick holders at her in a drunken rage, then tackled and punched her. The two were living together at the time.

"I forgave him because he was drunk but now I see that was wrong

and he has threatened to hurt me again," she wrote, adding, "I cannot find him but he can find me."

She wrote that he called her in February and threatened suicide "because he couldn't see me. I never called him back."

Wittmier said campus police were not aware of the restraining order against the man. He also said he did not think the man had permission to carry a handgun on campus, where firearms are banned.

Student Meghan Pinch, 27, was in a first-floor classroom when she heard several loud bangs. She said she did not think they were gunshots at first but then police told everyone to evacuate.

"No one wanted to really think it was real," Pinch said as she waited outside to learn if the victims were people she knew.

Fighting in Somalia has killed nearly 400 people in 4 days

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Fierce fighting between Ethiopian-backed government forces and Islamic insurgents in Somalia's capital has killed nearly 400 people

— mostly civilians — in the past four days, a Somali human rights group said Monday.

The fighting abated long enough Monday to allow thousands of

people to flee the ruined coastal city on foot and in donkey carts, cars and trucks. Some 47,000 people — mainly women and children — have abandoned their homes in the last 10 days, according to the U.N. refugee agency. Since February, nearly 100,000 people have fled the violence, the agency said.

Monday's lull appeared to follow a truce between Ethiopian forces and insurgents, brokered by the capital's dominant clan. But Deputy Defense Minister Salad Ali Jelle said the accord was "null and void," and warned residents to go because the fighting could resume at any time to "clean al-Qaida elements from Mogadishu."

Ethiopian troops were seen reinforcing close to insurgent strongholds in the southern part of the city. Around 4,000 Ethiopian troops are in Mogadishu, said Western diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity because the information related to security matters.

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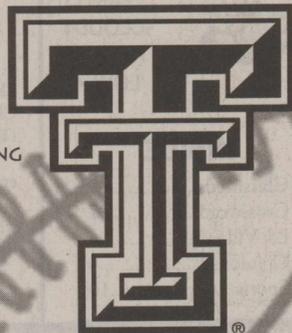
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ConocoPhillips creates scholarship program

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

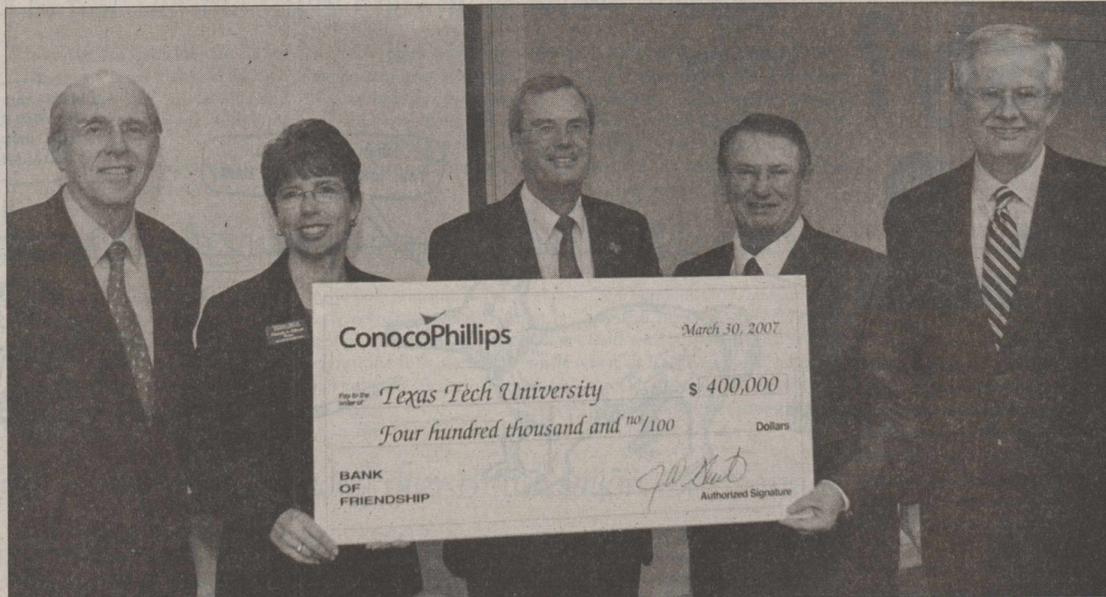
ConocoPhillips donated \$400,000 to Texas Tech to establish a new scholarship endowment and support the university's current academic enhancement programs.

Alicia Knight, a development officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement, said \$150,000 of the donation will support the creation of the ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholars Program at Tech. The remaining \$250,000 will be divided among other academic activities at Tech.

"Texas Tech really cherishes this kind of support," said Cory Chandler, a senior specialist in communications and marketing. "Especially as tuition rates have been an issue. It's good to have partners who help the students."

The SPIRIT Scholars program will provide financial assistance for business and engineering students seeking a career in the energy industry; the program already exists at six other universities, including four in the Big 12: Texas A&M University, the University of Texas, Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma. ConocoPhillips is launching the program at both Tech and Kansas State University this year.

Students who want to apply must meet certain criteria, said Helen Carter, the assistant director of



TECH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS accept a \$400,000 scholarship check from ConocoPhillips Wednesday.

Student Financial Aid. The requirements include a 3.25 GPA, a sophomore standing, a major in business administration or engineering and an interest in the energy field.

Knight said ConocoPhillips benefits from this kind of partnership.

"It helps build relationships with Tech," she said, "and they get to know our top students."

Students in the program receive \$5,000 scholarships annually with the potential for an additional \$1,000 if they complete an internship with ConocoPhillips.

"If you're interested in the energy field, this is a great way to build relationships with someone in that field," Knight said. "It also helps you network with other scholars, and

there's the opportunity to learn more through enrichment activities like resume writing, interview practice and cultural activities."

Chandler said the university values businesses that choose to help students.

"We're always appreciative of people who step in and partner with the university to help the students,"

Chandler said. "They give the students the financial support they need to further their education."

Although hundreds of other businesses and individuals sponsor scholarships at Tech, Knight said the SPIRIT Scholars program is different.

"This is a really unique scholarship," she said. "It's a really competitive scholarship. There's an opportunity for mentorship with a mentor in the ConocoPhillips corporate headquarters. There are also the enrichment activities. It creates really well-rounded students."

The Scholarship Office within the Office of Student Financial Aid will make the final determination on which students will receive the scholarships, Knight said.

"We're hoping to have about 10 (recipients) this year," she said. "We want to build it up in the future and hopefully have about 20 recipients each year."

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President

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vice president (of the SGA).
Moses said he was impressed with Bryant's character.

"He was pretty professional about everything, but he added his own flair to the conversation," Moses said. "For a (first-year student) he showed a lot of maturity."

Bryant said he believes the experience was both enjoyable and informative.

"It was pretty exciting today," Bryant said. "I've learned more about this university than I ever wanted to know."

Whitmore said spending the day as a student reminded him of the purpose of a university setting.

"It reminds me of what we are here for," Whitmore said. "We are here to produce a good faculty and good students and a good educational experience."

Whitmore said he anticipated playing the trombone, Bryant's instrument, in his jazz band class, but the professor had other instructions.

"There are only four trombone players, and one of them was ready to teach me how to play, but the instructor decided to critique last Friday's concert," he said. "The class is only an hour long, so we couldn't listen to the whole thing."

Whitmore then attended honors astronomy for his second class

of the day.

His professor, Ronald Wilhelm, assistant professor of physics, said class was no different than on any other day.

"I asked him and another student to measure the angle of the sun," Wilhelm said of Whitmore. "We have been measuring the changes of the position of the sun. He had no problems with that. Other than that, it was just a normal class."

Whitmore said the discussion format was an enjoyable experience, and he learned a lot.

"As much as I'd liked to have taken part in what is called discussion teaching, where it is not just the professor explaining everything, I didn't know enough of the material to really contribute," he said. "The students all read the material and were knowledgeable about the subject. It was very informative."

Whitmore said he had never seen a picture of Venus in which he could distinguish the changes in landmass, and he did not know the surface of Venus is always 900 degrees Fahrenheit.

In his political analysis class, Whitmore said he did not understand as much as he had hoped.

"I'm probably a little farther behind the curve," Whitmore said. "There was some stuff that was a little beyond me, and it was not a situation a novice could understand it all."

Whitmore said he enjoyed discussing his day with his son, who is a college student.

"It's always fun to be a student,"

Whitmore said. "My son is a student at the University of Iowa, so in between classes, I called him to talk about his day. It was kind of fun to talk to him about class."

Bryant said the opportunity solidified his thoughts of pursuing a similar, more permanent, position later in life.

"I'd be lying if I said it wouldn't be

nice to have this job," he said. "I'm a political science major, and I enjoy taking a leadership role. Even before I won this competition, I had already thought about maybe teaching or being president of a university one day. When I am done with politics, this is definitely something I would want to consider doing."

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Received tenure and promoted to Associate Professor

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Conrad Lyford and Jaime Malaga • Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Sung Woo Kim • Department of Landscape Architecture, Louis Mills • Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Shaorong Liu and Jorge Morales • Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, Jorge Zamora • Department of Economics and Geography, Perry Carter • Department of English, Craig Baehr, Brian McFadden and Jennifer Shelton • Department of Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences, Maria Roncesvalles • Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Tamra Walter • Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Petros Hadjicostas, Ram Iyer, Robert Paige and George Williams • Department of Political Science, Brian Collins • Department of Psychology, Joaquin Borrego and Darcy Reich • Area of Information Systems and Quantitative Sciences, Jaeki Song • Area of Marketing, Robert McDonald • Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Sally McMillan • Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, John Mankowski • Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Sanjaya Senadheera • Department of Computer Science, Yu Zhuang and Eric Sinzinger • Department of Chemical Engineering, Lenore Dai • Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michael McCarty • School of Art, Carol Flueckiger • School of Music, Pamela Elrod and Jason Sifford

Promoted to Associate Professor

Department of English, Ann Hawkins, Kirk St. Amant and Jacqueline Kolosov-Wenthe • Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Mary Frances Agnello • Department of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences, Melanie Hart • School of Law, Jarod Gonzalez • School of Music, Kathryn Barnes-Burroughs • Department of Theatre and Dance, Dorothy Chansky

Promoted to Professor

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Phillip Johnson • Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Leslie Thompson • Department of Plant and Soil Science, Cary Green • Department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Gene Wilde • Department of Biological Sciences, Richard Strauss and David Tissue • Department of Political Science, Aman Khan • Department of Psychology, Roman Taraban • Area of Information Systems and Quantitative Sciences, Glenn Browne • Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership, Arturo Olivarez and Mary Rannels • Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jordan Berg • Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Yvonne Caldera and Alan Reifman • Department of Theatre and Dance, Jonathan Marks

Received tenure

Department of English, Sean Grass and Miles Kimball • Department of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences, Karen Meaney • Area of Accounting, Steve Buchheit • Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mohammad Saed • Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Harrington Cleveland and Michael O'Boyle

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Syria-ously?

This week Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will visit Syria as part of her latest trip to the Middle East. Her swing through Syria comes immediately following her visit to Israel and Lebanon. Many will remember these two countries fought a brief but intense war over the summer. The 2006 Lebanon war was instigated by Hezbollah, a terrorist organization sponsored not only by Iran, but Pelosi's newest vacation spot, Syria. The country also is known for its close ties to Iran and its supposed support of anti-U.S. forces in Iraq.

It is for that reason Pelosi has come under fire from the White House. In statements made to the media last week and Monday, spokeswoman Dana Perino stated the White House strongly objects to any visits to Syria.

When Speaker Pelosi quipped about several Republican members of Congress who have visited Syria recently, Perino responded, "We ask that people not go on these trips. We discourage it. Full stop."

The general concern among members of the George W. Bush administration revolves around the idea of U.S. leaders visiting a known sponsor of terror. They're exactly right. As Perino said, "It sends the wrong message to have high-level U.S. officials going there to have photo opportunities that (Syrian President Bashar) Assad then exploits."

It's hard to establish an international condemnation of terrorism and effectively fight a war against it when Americans are seen shaking hands and eating baklava with representatives from a country like Syria.

Pelosi isn't the only Democrat, however, visiting countries of questionable status. This month, Democratic presidential-candidate Bill Richardson plans to visit North Korea.

In January, he visited a veritable jewel of the African continent, Sudan. Most of you will recall when Sudan came under bombardment by American cruise missiles following the U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. It was Sudan that harbored Osama bin Laden before he fled to Afghanistan. Sudan arguably is home to the worst genocide taking place in the world today. Apparently Richardson was drawn by the new Sudanese tourism slogan: "Come for the state-sponsored terrorism — stay

Trey Caliva



for the genocide!"

While in the country, Richardson successfully negotiated a 60-day cease-fire between warring factions in Darfur. Unfortunately, the cease-fire broke apart just days after Richardson left the country when Sudanese government planes resumed their aerial bombardment of innocent civilians in northern Darfur.

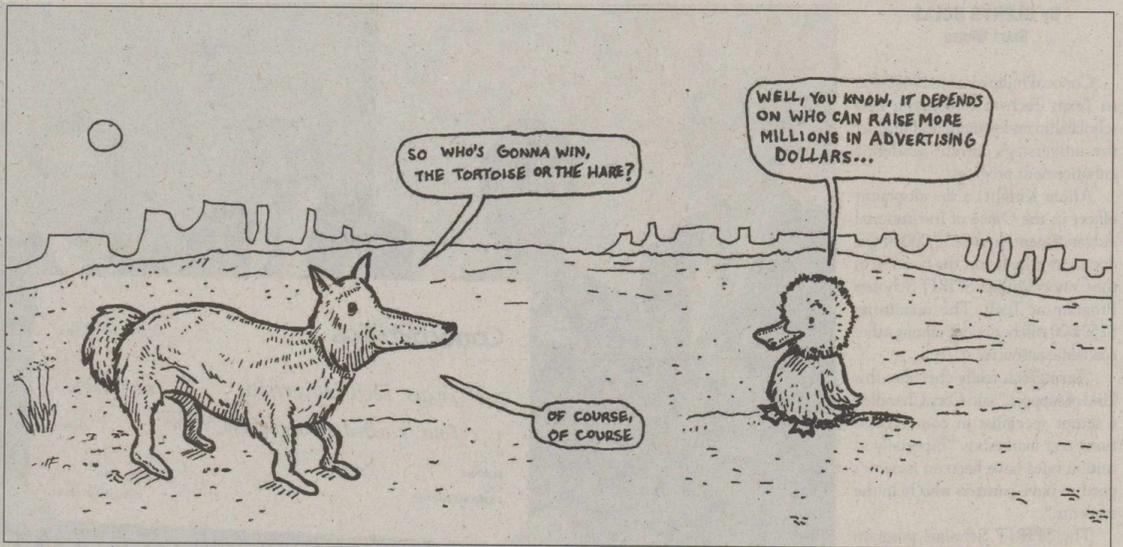
We also should not forget Richardson's tenure as secretary of energy. Many of you will remember it was under Richardson's watch that technology behind America's most advanced nuclear weaponry found its way into the hands of the Chinese government. Hopefully the Department of Homeland Security will perform a thorough search of Richardson before he departs for Pyongyang. We wouldn't want his "talks" to be too productive.

Maybe if these visitors were subjected to the horrors of these countries, they'd be less likely to visit. If Richardson had to see family members starve to death because of a tyrannical dictator's desire to play nuclear staring contests with the United Nations, maybe he'd see things differently.

Perhaps we only could be so lucky for the Syrian welcome committee to replace Pelosi's hotel room fruit basket with an IED. Maybe after the death of their self-proclaimed queen, Democrats finally might understand the war on terror.

Appeasement and placation are not the way to fight terrorism, but it appears to be the case with Pelosi sporting her best Jane Fonda impersonation. Instead of partying it up in Damascus, perhaps Pelosi should take a more heavy-handed approach. If countries like Syria, Iran and North Korea continue to act like children, then isolation should be their punishment. Pelosi needs to take a page out of Hillary Clinton's book and start playing mean mommy. It's time to put Baby in the corner.

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Leave it to Lubbock to mess up a rodeo

Saturday night, I had to choose between going to the Texas Tech Jazz Festival and celebrating my friend's birthday at the 65th Annual ABC Rodeo. I went to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo with my family when I was a kid, so I thought it would be nice to reconnect with those childhood memories.

At the end of the night, I left with a sick feeling in my stomach. Leave it to Lubbock to mess up a rodeo.

Every year since 1949, the Beutler & Son Rodeo Company has served as stock contractor for the event, which is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. Talking to KCBD-TV, rodeo chairman Mike Redeker said when the Beutler family comes to town, it is "kind of in control of the rodeo." He said besides bringing all the stock, the Beutlers "also help us with production of the rodeo and the way the order and things go."

Don't get me wrong. I may be a bleeding-heart liberal from Arlington, but I love a good rodeo. I love the culture of the West. I love the landscape, the horses, the cattle, the food and all the music, movies and books that have romanticized it. Within the past couple weeks, I have practiced my

Chris Kellerman



John Wayne impression in the mirror — but don't tell anyone.

Unfortunately, "Brokeback Mountain" had a better connection with American cowboy culture than the ABC Rodeo had Saturday night.

Before the show, as the lights dimmed and the audience grew quiet, a girl carrying an American flag rode a horse around the arena. The announcer saluted the troops in a speech tinged with the "They're in Iraq so we can have this rodeo" philosophy. Then, a man took the microphone to pray. The prayer thanked Jesus, who spilled his blood at Calvary, for giving us cowboys and cowgirls and ended with a shout: "Father, let's rodeo!"

I'm a Christian, and I'm all for honoring the troops in Iraq, but the opening was a little on the tawdry side. Anyhow, I stifled my cynicism and got pumped up for some bull riding and bronco bucking.

Well, let's not kid around, the

ABC Rodeo has some pretty good cowboys and cowgirls. There was plenty of cheering from me during the evening, and don't worry, I'm not going to go PETA on you and talk about animal rights, because thankfully, I'm not that liberal.

The riding was great; it was the entertainment in between that was utterly offensive.

In one particularly unnecessary skit, a clown chain-sawed another clown as we saw fake blood spurting from his body. Followed by an over-long round of flatulence humor, there were plenty of jokes about penis size and getting drunk. If I had wanted a night of sex, violence and immature humor, I could have skipped the rodeo and the jazz festival altogether to watch South Park.

The worst was yet to come, though, as two "Hooter's" girls came to the center of the arena to compete in a banana-eating contest. Good grief, where's the Lubbock Police Department when you need it?

This may seem like making a big deal out of nothing, but there were hundreds of children present to witness what was supposed to be a family event. It saddens me these children had to view such a distorted image of the American Western culture at such a young age.

Mike Redeker said to KCBD-TV,

"I think rodeo really reflects the best things in America." I agree. A good rodeo is filled with exciting competition, gives people the chance to come together in celebration of one of this country's unique cultures and, perhaps most importantly, is a family event. The rodeo I saw at the City Bank Coliseum Saturday night was no family event, though. To do it all in the name of Jesus and the troops was an offense to both Christianity and the war in Iraq.

It's hard to criticize something that last year raised \$36,000 for a charity, but, if it's true that the Beutlers are in control of the production, there's an easy fix: Get someone else to do it. We've got an entire year to plan for the next one.

As the audience cleared, and John Williams's rousing overture from "The Cowboys" played over the loudspeakers, the announcer proclaimed, "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

Let's give God and the families of Lubbock a big gift by finding someone else to run the rodeo next year. We deserve better.

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A 'rosie' ignorance, 'coultter' moment is unfortunate

By ANDREW BUTTARO
THE HEIGHTS (BOSTON COLLEGE)

(U-WIRE) CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — It must be tough being Ann Coulter. To get press, you have to top yourself.

Earlier this month, Coulter attacked John Edwards at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington with an anti-gay slur.

"I was going to have a few comments on the other Democratic presidential candidate, John Edwards," she said, "but it turns out you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot.' So I can't really talk about Edwards."

To adapt Chris Rock's line about Marion Barry at the Million Man March, how'd she get a ticket?

Coulter is an embarrassment for conservatives, and her comment was as hateful as it was nonsensical. All the Republican presidential candidates and most commentators rushed to criticize Coulter, most echoing Rudy Giuliani's sentiment that "there should be no place for such name-calling in political debate."

Unfortunately, there is — and it's hardly limited to the right. Indeed, while Coulter was justly criticized by all sides of the political spectrum, the left has often been slow to criticize its own.

Take Rosie O'Donnell. In what can only be described as a fit of idiocy, ABC decided last fall to name her

co-host of The View. The show should more appropriately be renamed Rosie's View because O'Donnell has turned the show into a platform for her extreme left-wing opinions.

In an episode last week, O'Donnell hit a new low by endorsing Sept. 11 conspiracy theories.

"I do believe that it was the first time in history that fire has ever melted steel," she said when questioned on whether she thought the government was behind the collapse of the twin towers. "I do believe that it defies physics for the World Trade Center tower 7, which collapsed in on itself — it is impossible for a building to fall the way it fell without explosives being involved. Miraculously, the first time in history steel was melted by fire."

O'Donnell challenged her conservative counterpoint Elisabeth Hasselbeck to "get a physics expert from Yale, from Harvard" for confirmation.

No need, really. She could have just picked up a copy of the March 2005 issue of Popular Mechanics that analyzed the Sept. 11 myths floating around the Internet. A cover story in that issue observed that while the fires were not hot enough to burn steel (jet fuel burns at 800 to 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit, while steel melts at 2,750 degrees Fahrenheit), the steel frames didn't have to melt — they just had to lose some of their structural strength, which requires much less heat. So much for Rosie the physicist.

But Rosie didn't stop at backing

Sept. 11 conspiracy theories. In what was a remarkable week, even by her standards, she also defended Iranians and child-murdering terrorists.

Rather than criticizing the reactionary Iranian regime for kidnapping 15 British sailors, Rosie decided to blame

the victim, accusing the British of staging the incident to pave the way for war with Iran. Based on Britain's conciliatory response to this Iranian act of war, it's hard to see where she's coming from, but facts are never important for O'Donnell.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

For 3rd year in row, airline study finds more delays, lost bags

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline hassles are on the rise: More passengers found themselves bumped, their flights delayed or their bags lost last year than in 2005, a study found.

Monday, does not include recent weather-related flight delays such as the ones that left JetBlue and United Airlines planes idling for hours on taxiways.

Industry spokesman David Castelveter blamed the majority of delays on bad weather. Making matters worse, he said, more planes will be in the air in coming years and the air traffic control system cannot handle the growth.

One upside, researchers said, was that the overall number of airline complaints has stabilized since hitting a five-year low in 2005.

"They just don't get it yet," said Dean Headley, an associate profes-

sor at Wichita State University and co-author of the study.

2008 fundraising totals pose as many questions as they provide answers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The record-shattering presidential fundraising totals posted by Hillary Clinton and John Edwards pose as many questions as they provide answers.

is not the only measure that matters this early in the 2008 race.

ing to hold primaries in January and early February, candidates must be careful to build the state-by-state operations they need now while socking away plenty of money for ads later.

then-Vermont Gov. Howard Dean stunned his rivals by leading the field with a then-record \$40 million as 2004 began, but he burned through it quickly and the donations dwindled after poor showings in the early balloting.

While the money chase is an important gauge of political strength, it

With more and more states rush-

Iran appears dug in for prolonged standoff over British sailors and marines

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The standoff over 15 captured British sailors shows no signs of abating, and analysts say that Iran's tough stance is a demonstration of the power of hardliners unafraid to confront the West.

sailors appeared on state TV, saying they trespassed into Iranian waters, and about 200 angry Iranian youths threw rocks and firecrackers at the British Embassy and unsuccessfully tried to rush its grounds.

and demanded the government shut down the "den of spies" — echoes of slogans from a crisis of a generation ago, when American captives were held hostage by Tehran for 444 days.

The 15 Britons were detained by Iranian naval units on March 23 while patrolling for smugglers as part of a U.N.-mandated force monitoring the Persian Gulf. They were seized by Iranian naval units near the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway that has long been a disputed dividing line between Iraq and Iran.

Iranian students from several universities shouted "Death to Britain!" and "Death to America!"

Demonstrations in Iran must receive approval from the Interior Ministry.

Weight gain in moms-to-be can lead to fat toddlers, study says

NEW YORK (AP) — The standard advice for how much weight a woman should gain during pregnancy may need to be changed, concludes a rigorous and provocative study suggesting that even accepted weight gains may raise the risk of having an

overweight toddler.

The outcome was about the same for women who gained more than the advisable amount.

of Harvard Medical School.

Women in the study who gained the recommended amount of weight ran four times the risk of having a child who was overweight at age 3, compared to women who gained less than the advised amount.

So what's a pregnant woman to do? Clearly, she shouldn't gain more weight than recommended, said the study's lead author, Dr. Emily Oken

But beyond that, it's too early to say whether women should try to gain less than the standards call for or shoot for the low end of the recommended range, Oken said. At least the latter course is probably safe, she said.

S. Korea, U.S. reach free trade deal after 10 months of talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The United States and South Korea concluded a landmark free trade agreement Monday, a U.S. official said, culminating 10 months of negotiations in a final week of intense haggling that just beat a key U.S. legislative deadline.

The deal, which requires approval by lawmakers in both countries, is the biggest for the United States since the North American Free Trade Agreement signed in 1992 and ratified in 1993. It is the biggest ever for South Korea.

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, who told The Associated Press the deal had been reached, said details would be provided in a briefing later.

alternating meeting sites between the two countries.

Steve Norton, a spokesman for the

The two countries started negotiations to slash tariffs and other trade barriers last June in Washington,

Both sides strongly advocated a deal, saying it would boost trade and economic growth in the two countries, which already do more than \$75 billion in trade a year.

New schoolhouse ready for Amish students who survived rampage

NICKEL MINES, Pa. (AP) — A new school symbolizing a new beginning stands ready for Amish students who survived a shooting that killed five of their classmates six months ago.

entire community; the school is protected by more sophisticated locks on its doors and is reachable only by a private drive.

The new school's construction costs were paid for in part with a portion of more than \$4 million in donations to the Nickel Mines Accountability Committee, the primary organization collecting donations on behalf of the victims.

care for the five girls who were wounded by Roberts.

The one-room New Hope Amish School was scheduled to open Monday, a few hundred yards from the spot where the killings took place. Built by the

It replaces the West Nickel Mines Amish School, which was torn down Oct. 12. Ten days earlier, milk truck driver Charles Carl Roberts IV shot 10 girls inside the school and then committed suicide as police closed in.

Donations, which also include money sent directly to the school board, has also helped provide

iTunes

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easy to share, it would be gone."

competition," said Chris Starcher, music librarian in the Texas Tech Digital Media Studio.

Now, if they're offering CD quality media, it's very attractive to us and it could very well change what we do or at least how we do it."

Youngblood said there always have been ways to remove the DRM feature from songs downloaded on iTunes, but he believes Apple's decision could decrease illegal downloading.

When iTunes began offering individuals the opportunity to buy single songs, recording artists were concerned they were not going to sell as many songs and eventually lose money, Starcher said.

Currently, the process for converting music to an electronic format involves ripping it straight from a CD to the computer, where it will then be put in an online database.

According to a statement Apple's CEO Steve Jobs wrote in February on the Web site www.apple.com, DRM's have not been a successful deterrent to illegal music downloading and gave recording labels the opportunity to provide their content without DRM.

"Apple proved that didn't happen, and people are buying more music now," he said.

Starcher said having access to high-quality EMI music in an electronic format could help the Digital Media Studio expand its collection without purchasing additional CDs.

"For a particular record label to make a move like this clearly sets forth the path that others will have to take because it's about

The Digital Media Studio is home to the Tech School of Music's compact disc collection, Starcher said, and plans to offer a portion of the collection on-line through streaming before the end of the semester.

"It's really going to affect all of our lives to a certain extent," he said. "Now we can buy content online and that will become part of our collection as opposed to always having to buy a CD."

"We're looking for high-quality music, and the best way to get that has been through buying compact discs because all of the music on iTunes is compressed in

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Tsunami

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nation and I would urge leaders at all levels in the affected areas to make it our utmost priority to ensure that our people receive the maximum comfort they need," he said.

were killed and an unknown number remained missing.

"Some people were seen floating on the sea during the big waves but it was very difficult to go near them," Maesulia told The Associated Press.

Julian Makaa, spokesman for the Solomons National Disaster Management Office, said extensive destruction was reported in the South Pacific nation's west. But details remained sketchy because communications were reduced in many cases to scratchy two-way radio lines, and emergency officials struggled to reach outlying areas.

The magnitude-8 quake struck shortly after 7:39 a.m. six miles beneath the sea floor, about 215 miles northwest of the Solomons capital, Honiara, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Within five minutes, waves 10-16 feet tall roared ashore and went up to half a mile inland, inundating buildings and sending thousands fleeing for higher ground, witnesses said.

Alfred Maesulia, the information director in Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare's office, said late Monday that 13 people

The Pacific region went on high alert for several hours after the quake struck between the islands of Bougainville and New Georgia, with Sydney's famous Bondi among beaches closed more than 1,250 miles away in Australia.



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Southwest Collections Library boasts sports archives, historic marvels

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Photo albums and scrapbooks of women's basketball teams from the 1960s, along with stat sheets for players so old they are applying for Social Security, are featured in the sports-archive section of Texas Tech's Southwest Collections Library.

Daniel Sanchez, an oral historian at the Southwest Collections Library, said Tech is in the process of becoming one of the premier sites in the nation for sports history.

In the summer, the library will host the annual meeting of the National Association of Sports Historians as well as the Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Currently, the library is displaying an exhibit dedicated to women in sports.

"Our goal is to become the sports archive in the nation that everyone looks to," Sanchez said. "We have quite a bit of material right now, and it's growing every day."

In 1996, the library became

the depository for records for the Southwest Conference, which is the conference Tech was a part of before the inception of the Big 12 Conference in 1996.

"We've interviewed a lot of people to fill in the gaps with the Southwest Conference records," Sanchez said.

Interviewing has become a major resource for the collection, Sanchez said. He has interviewed many historians, coaches and players from long-forgotten teams, and he said it's interesting to hear what they have to say.

"It's great talking to people who've made sports history," he said.

The library holds records from not only the Southwest Conference, but also records from many other sports. Sanchez said many coaches tell him there is no one else who wants the records, so it's a relief the library has become so involved in sports history.

"You get great insights talking to these people," he said. "We try to not only interview players and coaches, but also sports writers and sports historians."

The Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame does not have its own building; yet, the archive of records for college baseball will remain at Tech even after the organization gets its own building.

We started local, but with the Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame, we've gone national," he said.

With the vast amounts of sports history stored at the library, someone might believe there is an endless flow of students wanting to see the collections.

Sanchez said that is not the case because many students look at the building and do not know exactly what it holds. The Southwest Collections Library is situated on the north side of the main library on the Tech campus.

"We're trying to get the word out that we're an archive," he said, "but we feature sports history and a lot of current things."

Sanchez said the archive caters to almost anyone's sports fetish, considering how much information is stored in the building.

Bill Tydeman, co-director of the Southwest Collections Library, laughed at the notion the library has heaps of sports artifacts simply laying around, but he said that might be a decent way of describing it.

"When we acquire something, we organize it, describe it and then put it online to make it available for research," he said. "Things aren't just 'laying' around."

Tydeman said the library is well on its way to becoming a premier site in the nation for sports records.

"Things have gone remarkably well," he said. "We've had terrific support from the Collegiate Baseball Association and coaches."

Chris Snead, associate vice president for Tech alumni, said the archive has been a great resource for the Alumni Association.

"They've been terrific for us," he said. "We've been excited about how professional they've been."

Bill Tynan, an oral historian, narrows his concentration at the library to the Wayland Queens basketball team as well as regional sports.



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THE SOUTHWEST COLLECTIONS Library is home to a wide variety of sports archives.

"We're starting to collect a lot of sports memorabilia," he said. "We're collecting more and more signed footballs and starting to collect more signed basketballs from champion teams."

Tynan said students who enroll in sports history courses would help the library by documenting the history of six-man sports high schools in the region.

six-man schools include a six-man football team, a men and women's basketball team and occasionally a track-and-field team, Sanchez said. "They're typically very small schools," Tynan said.

The Women in Sports exhibit will be on display through June at the Southwest Collections Library.

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THE WOMEN IN Sports exhibition is being shown this week at the Southwest Collections Library.

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Week-long string of events highlight gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender awareness

By HALEY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Awareness Week is unfolding on the Texas Tech campus this week, and a series of events, such as panel discussions and training sessions, will be featured.

According to the Web site technounce.ttu.edu, a panel discussion about the reconciliation of faith and sexual orientation is at 7 p.m. today in Room 169 of the Human Sciences building.

Karissa Adams, a Tech staff psychologist and outreach coordinator, said the topic of the discussion tonight will concern some homosexual individuals' struggle with religion.

"Learn more about how to reconcile faith and beliefs," Adams said. "There

is this sense that you have to be one or the other. How can you maintain faith and honor sexual orientation at the same time?"

According to the TechAnnounce Web site, other events throughout the week include training sessions for student leaders and general students. The training is for students who are not necessarily a part of the gay community but want to learn more about GLBT issues on campus and how to support GLBT students. The training sessions will be hosted from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Traditions Room of the Student Union Building.

Adams said awareness events like the ones happening this week are important regardless of what students believe.

"It's an opportunity to learn more

about GLBT students and what it means to be an ally," she said.

Adams said although oppression of gay people occurs across the globe, the main goal behind this week is for students and faculty members to learn more about GLBT issues happening on the Tech campus.

"It's important to learn more about oppression on campus, to manage it and talk about it — what it means to be an ally and supportive," Adams said. "Students need to feel recognized and respected and to be acknowledged for (their) sexual orientation."

Another key event of GLBT and Allies Awareness Week is the program that will be hosted by parents from the Lubbock Chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The Brown Bag Lunch Roundtable Discussion will allow parents to exchange their experiences regarding raising gay and lesbian children; the event will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Canyon Room of the SUB.

Grace Rogers, a PFLAG member who raised a gay son, said this awareness week means a great deal to her.

"This week means to me that friends and family can be a little more accepted," Rogers said. "We are making progress."

Rogers said there are many things she would like to say to those who maintain prejudice against gays.

"GLBT people want to simply live their lives productively without prejudice," said Rogers, a former history teacher. "To have loving relationships, to go about their business as the constitution says they can. The 14th Amendment declared equal protection for all citizens, and there are no exclusions."

Rogers said her deceased son who was gay faced a variety of problems living in Lubbock because of the lack of acceptance of homosexuality. She said in her opinion, one of the major reasons behind people's lack of acceptance of homosexuality is their ignorance toward it.

The final event of the awareness week will be another allies training session, this time for Tech faculty and staff members. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Room 205 of the Student Wellness Center, faculty and staff members are invited to enjoy a free lunch along with their training session.

Rogers said although she thinks it will take at least two more generations before prejudice and hate against homosexuals will change, she is pleased the Center for Campus Life, the Student Counseling Center and Housing and Residence Life have organized the awareness week.

"Gay people are just folks," Rogers said. "Until barriers are broken down, we have to have these things."

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Justin Timberlake on gossip magazines: 'It's a spin game, and I choose not to take part in it'

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Timberlake blames celebrity magazines for turning his personal life into juicy gossip fodder.

"I despise what they do," the 26-year-old singer tells Details magazine in an interview in its April issue. "They create soap operas out of people's lives. ... It's a spin game, and I choose not to take part in it."

That includes not dishing any dirt about former girlfriends Britney Spears and Cameron Diaz.

"I would never say anything bad about anyone. I love a lot of those people," says Timberlake, whose latest album is "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

Diaz and Timberlake, who had dated since 2003, confirmed their split in January. Timberlake's relationship with Spears ended in 2002. They were a high-profile couple for three years.

Timberlake, a former member of boy band 'N Sync, released his debut solo album, "Justified," in 2002. The album won a Grammy Award.

"I tried so hard to be an R&B artist and it was the pop album of the year. ... That's the last thing I wanted," Timberlake says. "But I was like, 'So everyone considers me a pop artist? ... I'm going to do whatever I want to do.'"

Timberlake took home a trophy as favorite male singer Saturday night in the raucous, slime-drenched 20th Annual Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards on Viacom International Inc.'s Nickelodeon channel.

The show began with Timberlake descending from the ceiling on a large orange Nickelodeon blimp and breaking into a Broadway show tune in which he taunted the audience, saying he was too famous to be slimed.

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Students not PASSing up opportunity for free tutoring

By **HALEY DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students struggling in their classes have a resource on campus to help them out. The Programs for Academic Support Services offers a wide variety of free tutoring and learning services for Tech students.

Steven Martin, assistant director of support services, said there are a variety of tools offered at the PASS Learning Center.

"We offer free peer tutoring services in basic math and basic science courses, as well as some accounting," Martin said. "We also have classroom lectures on videos — from any instructors that turn them in. We have testing accommodations for students with disabilities."

Three different kinds of tutoring are available to students, Martin said. There is in-house tutoring, online

tutoring and appointment-based tutoring.

Martin said the center also has services for especially difficult courses.

"We also manage a program called Supplemental Instruction, which is student employees assisting with certain course sections," he said. "For traditionally difficult courses, they offer outside review sessions."

For those students who may feel shy or embarrassed about asking for help, Martin advised otherwise.

"Everyone that's coming is coming for (the same) reason," Martin said. "The university offers assistance wherever possible."

Martin said he believes this service is important for all Tech students.

"It assists in the retentions of quality students by offering academic help for students who need it," he said. "This free service assists (students)

to receive special accommodations outside classrooms."

The center also features peer tutoring done by Tech students, such as Chris Middleton.

Middleton said he has been tutoring at the center for one semester and tutors in math, physics and engineering.

"I love spreading some of my passion for a subject on to other students," he said. "Students tend to learn better from a peer than a professor."

Middleton said prior to tutoring this semester, he was a supplemental instruction leader for two semesters in Calculus I.

"It's more than just tutoring," he said of his job at the PASS Learning Center. "We joke around and try to make the students feel comfortable."

The student tutor said what he

has seen so far of the students he has tutored has been encouraging.

"I find that after helping a student for the first time, they often come back the next week," he said.

Tutoring is not the only thing that can make a student successful in class. Martin said he has some advice for students who want to excel in their classes.

"First and foremost, attend class," he said. "Take advantage of help; there is a resource guide offered around campus with places where were not able to help."

The Learning Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

For more information about tutoring and to schedule a session, visit the P.A.S.S. Web site at www.pass.ttu.edu.

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FIT Tech winners to be announced

By **KATIE HARRIS**
STAFF WRITER

An eight-week fitness contest will come to an end Wednesday when FIT Tech hosts the program's final event to acknowledge the winners.

FIT Tech, which is the acronym for Fitness, Information and Technology challenge, conducted a two-month contest open to all Tech students, faculty and staff members.

The contest challenged groups of six participants to choose one of three categories in which they wanted to participate.

According to the FIT Tech Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/fittech/, the three categories are Raider Rookie, Raider Power and Raider Warriors.

Participants in the Raider Rookie

division performed at least 180 minutes of physical activity each week, while Raider Power required 270 minutes of physical activity a week per team member. Raider Warriors challenged participants to 360 minutes of physical activity a week per team member.

Debra Reed, a nutrition, hospitality and retailing professor, said this is the third year FIT Tech activities have been implemented.

"Each team of six recorded the number of minutes of physical activity they did, and it was optional for them to record the number of fruits and vegetables they ate," she said. "The groups would submit this information on a weekly basis."

Reed said the final event will award winners of the three categories, and special awards in categories like Best Team Name and most Creative Team Activity will be issued.

"The final event is open to anyone who wants to come whether they participated in the event or not," she said.

The final event is at noon in the Escondido Theatre in the basement of the Student Union Building. There will be an introduction and welcome by Jennifer Whitmore, a motivational talk by Sarah Brown, prizes and recognition of the contest winners and success stories.

Reed said Whitmore was chosen to speak because she has been on FIT Tech's steering committee and has been a key component of the program.

"She has been the biggest cheer-

leader for FIT Tech, and she has been on some walks and special events," Reed said of Whitmore.

Brown, who was chosen to give a motivational speech, is a winner because of her weight loss with Body for LIFE, a national 12-week program that challenges participants to adapt healthier lifestyles.

Brown, a second-year law student from Allen, said she entered the 12-week challenge, which meant she had to eat right and exercise, take before-and-after pictures, write an essay and then submit all the information.

"I hope people come and listen to my story and have similar transformations by doing Body for LIFE," Brown said.

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What would it take for old-hat hats to be new again?

By **SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**
AP FASHION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — There are probably more women with hat boxes in their closets than with fashion hats these days.

A century ago, a proper woman almost never left the house without one on her head. It was a style statement, social statement and a way to tame hair that wasn't washed, lathered up in product and blown dry every day.

Now, it's no longer considered impolite to be bareheaded when you visit a friend, and there likely is a hair

salon around the corner.

So what would it take for the hat to come back?

MORE FOCUS FROM THE FASHION WORLD

Hats and head coverings have been getting a good show on the runways lately, and that could give the concept a boost.

Cleo Glyde, style director at Marie Claire magazine, notes that the riding-inspired dome hat featured at a Balenciaga fashion show last year was a hit. At the fall collection previews, Marc Jacobs made a striking statement as models wore dressy, colorful hats

with brims of varying widths reminiscent of the 1920s and '30s with their menswear-style outfits. "The mannishness of a hat can be very stylish on a woman," said Glyde.

Jacobs' blessing certainly is a good sign, adds Brooke Jaffe, InStyle's accessories editor. "We look to him a little bit as a god... So many of the fashion shows were about these clean polished looks...and with clean and polished comes the hat."

Also recently spotted on the run-

way were Proenza Schouler's minimalist cloches and Michael Kors' ribbon woolen beret that perfectly topped his classic American sportswear. Prada and Donna Karan even touted turbans.

MORE HORSE RACES

Hatmaker Kathey Schickli's store Drinks on the Plaza is in Louisville, Ky, home of the Kentucky Derby, scheduled for May 5 this year. Her customers want wild hats — hats with feathers, flowers and sparkles.

MTV creates skit show

By **JACKIE PUGH**
MUSTANG DAILY (CAL POLY)

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — MTV's comedy "Human Giants" will premiere April 5 at 10 p.m. bringing comedians like Aziz Ansari, Rob Heubel and Paul Scheer to the screen to show off what critics have called a collection of "recklessly hilarious," fast-paced short films.

Some might recognize the actors from other popular shows like VH1's "Best Week Ever" or "Arrested Development", but all will star and executive produce in this seasons new comedy series.

"When I first saw the Human Giant sketches on the Web, I knew this was something special and had to work with these guys," Executive Producer of MTV Tony DiSanto said in a press release. "... It's fast-paced, laugh-your-ass-off humor with a rebellious rock n' roll attitude."

The show's clips can be viewed on the Internet as a preview of the type of comedy to come. Skits like "Shutterbugs" and "The Illusionators" have had over 30,000 hits on Web sites like YouTube and MySpace and are gaining popularity.

In a viewing of the press reel of

"Human Giants," the audience did not take a liking to the numerous skits that were weaved into one episode.

However, videos the audience did enjoy included one with Ansari carrying around a stereo on his shoulder blaring the "Shi-iest Mix Ever" through parks and highly populated streets. Songs like "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer, "Butterfly" by Crazy Town, and the Dawson's Creek theme song by Paula Cole "I Don't Want to Wait" blasted while Ansari walked around a city receiving curious looks.

In another video, Ansari dresses up in a space suit and walks into a bar with the assumption that "chicks dig astronauts".

"The whole thing was kind of 'hit-or-miss,'" Cal Poly industrial technology senior Rob Jordan said. "The magic tricks were OK, but the funniest one was the one about the bad mixed tape. But there was way more bad than good."

Landscape architecture senior Adrian Acevedo said that he probably wouldn't watch the show after seeing the press reel. "It had one really funny part, but all the other ones were lame," Acevedo said. "More real-life skits would make it better, like when (Ansari) was taking the boom box around town."

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7:30	Clifford			Life Today			Paid Program	
8 AM	Dragon Tales			Amer. Airtel	Lopez		Paid Program	
8:30	It's Big World			Eye for an Eye	Lopez		Paid Program	
9 AM	Sesame Street		700 Club	Judge Mathis	Greg Behrendt	Montel Williams	Marina	
10 AM	Callou	Regs and Kelly	Price Is Right	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The View Hugh Grant (HD)	Tyra Banks	
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12 PM	Saving	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	Costly Show	All My Children	Extra	
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1 PM	Creative Living	Passions	As the World Turns	Rossano	Rossano	One Life to Live	People's Court	
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4:30	Arthur		Judge Judy		Bernie Mac			
5 PM	Maya & Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access	Still Standing	News	Friends	
5:30	Bus Report	NBC News	CBS News	Family Feud	Still Standing	ABC News	Simpsons	
6 PM	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	King Qu.	News	According	
6:30	Wheel	(HD)	Millionaire	Extra	King Qu.	Entertainment	Raymond	
7 PM	Nova "Kings of Camouflage"	Detective NBC	NCSI "Grace Period" (HD)	American Heir-ess (HD)	Gilmore Girls	George Lopez	American Idol	
7:30	Frontline "So Much, So Fast"	Law & Order: Criminal (HD)	The Unit "Outsiders" (HD)	American Heir-ess (HD)	Pussycat Dolls "Vegas Baby"	Dancing With the Stars (HD)	House "Fetal Position" (HD)	
8 PM	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	CSI: Miami "Deviant" (HD)	According	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Boston Legal (HD)	Fox 34 News @Nine	
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Pierre's pal
- Noodles
- Skin pit
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- Of sound
- Election mo.
- Diner sign
- TV accessory
- Former
- Lifted a glass to
- Citrus cooler
- Herbal drinks
- Finally undoing
- Philanthropist
- Links' vehicle
- La Scala highlight
- (mollycoddles)
- Baseball stats
- Count (on)

DOWN

- Gooey mass
- Vital statistic
- Santa's helper
- August sign
- Little fellow
- Pastoral poems
- Cambodia's neighbor
- Rhea's relative
- Vehicle procession
- WWII predator
- Stitch together
- Pressure unit
- Firmed up
- Wickerwork cane
- Corn seed
- Cleopatra's undoing
- Dodging maneuver
- Settle conclusively
- Some glee club voices
- Charon's transport
- Deprived person
- Abu Dhabi or Fujairah
- Carried out
- Portals
- Blather on
- Microscopic particles
- Tooth protection
- Relaxed
- Lennon's love
- Spearheaded
- Downy ducks
- Swellers
- Nevada border lake
- Bright aquarium fish
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Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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TWO TIMES THE BITE

Florida defeats Ohio State 84-75 to win their second-straight national title

ATLANTA (AP) — A long, tough season ended with a Gator chomp again.

Mission accomplished for Florida.

The Gators were too much to handle once again Monday night, keeping their stranglehold on the college basketball world with an 84-75 victory over Ohio State for their second straight national championship.

Al Horford had 18 points and 12 rebounds, Taurean Green had 16 and Greg Oden's 25 points and 12 rebounds weren't enough to stop the Gators (35-5) from completing the quest they set upon when all the starters delayed their NBA plans for a try at another title.

They celebrated with the usual Gator chomps and took a chomp out of NCAA history, too — becoming the first team to repeat since Duke in 1991-92 and adding their name to the debate about the best teams of all time.

Best athletic programs of all time, too.

This win completes a 2007 championship-game sweep of the Buckeyes (35-4) in college's two biggest sports — men's hoops and football. Florida, a 41-14 winner in the football title game in January, remains the only program in history to hold both championships at the same time.

The celebration looked much the same as last year. Lots of jersey tugging, jumping onto press row and Joakim Noah running into the stands to hug it out with loved ones.

Billy Donovan added another gold star to his resume, and figures to command more than his current \$1.7 million next season, whether he returns to Florida or bolts for a possible job offer at Kentucky.

Even with the same starting five as last year, this was more than just rolling the ball out there.

All season — including in the

86-60 victory over Ohio State in December — the Gators have morphed into whatever kind of team they needed to be to win.

In this one, stopping Oden figured to be the key, but really it was more complex than that. The 7-foot freshman, who may be one-year-and-done with the NBA looming, stayed out of foul trouble and played most of the game — just what the Buckeyes figured they needed to have a chance.

Florida's focus, however, was more on stopping the rest of the team. Oden drew mostly single coverage when the ball went into the post. Donovan played a lot of zone and mixed his big men in and out, adding 6-10 Marreese Speights to the mix to give him five more fouls to play with.

That strategy worked well enough — well enough to win at least. Ohio State couldn't take advantage of any other matchups, especially on the perimeter. Ivan Harris was the only Buckeye to make a 3-pointer over the first 39-plus minutes of the game, and he finished 2-for-8. Mike Conley Jr. finished with 20 points for Ohio State, but lots of them came late after the Buckeyes were playing big-time catch-up.

Meanwhile, one thing Florida has always been able to do is shoot the ball. The team shot a nation-leading 53 percent from the floor this year and went 10-for-18 from 3-point range Monday night. Florida also had quicker hands.

How frustrating it must have been for Ohio State to watch Oden block shot after shot, only to see the Gators grab the rebound and feed back out to Lee Humphrey for a 3.

That happened twice in the second half, both times when an Oden block looked like it might spark Ohio State, which kept the game in reach but couldn't get the deficit below six.

Green finished 3-for-3 from 3-point range and Humphrey was

his usual killer self, going 4-for-7. Florida's versatility showed most in the first half when those two and Corey Brewer (13 points) hit back-to-back-to-back 3s to push Florida's lead to double digits.

Horford had a monster game, bodying up with the 7-foot Oden on defense and doing more than holding his own on the other end. He spotted up and made three 15-plus-foot jumpers and twisted and turned for a few more hoops. Clearly, another year in college has helped this 6-10 junior, who now looks every bit like a lottery pick.

Noah, on the other hand, probably sacrificed the most. He might have been the top pick had he left last season, but the presence of Oden and Kevin Durant — should those freshmen leave — to say nothing of Noah's dwindling stats, have pushed him down.

He finished with eight points and three rebounds in this one, but big individual numbers were never the point with the Gators this year.

They came back for the championship and anything less would have felt hollow.

But there will be no regrets. Instead, how about a nice little debate about the best programs of all time?

Repeats will almost certainly go down as a rarity in this age of one-year-and-done college players, and nobody in the last 15 years — even before the NBA money started skyrocketing — could do it anyway.

As the trophy presentation began, there was a long, loud chant of "It's great ... to be ... a Florida Gator." But one, a bit less voracious, could also be heard: "One more year. One more year. One more year," a few Florida fans yelled from the stands.

Nothing wrong with dreaming, right?

In a way, though, Florida is already living that dream.

GREATEST TECH ATHLETE POLL

This is the last set of athletes to vote for in *The DT's* greatest athlete poll. Online voting will continue through this week and the winner will have a full story written about them next week.

Carolyn Thompson, women's basketball (1980-84)

In four years with the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, Carolyn Thompson established herself as one of the most prolific women's basketball players in school history. Thompson is the all-time leader in points scored with 2,655 and is second on the all-time list in points per game with 21.9. She also leads the record books in field goals made (1,013) and field goal attempts (1,944). Thompson is also the school's all-time leader in rebounds with 1,247 during her four-year career, including five 20-plus rebound

performances — the most ever by a member of the Lady Raiders.

In each of her four seasons, Thompson, a native of Hobbs, N.M., scored at least 600 points; one of her better seasons came her senior year when she scored 707 points — eight more points than in her junior season. She also scored at least 30 points 12 times throughout her career, including two 40-point performances.

Thompson's best all-around season came her junior year when she scored nearly 700 points while haul-

ing in more than 280 rebounds.

Thompson did not start in her first collegiate game, but she started in 120 consecutive games after that and also scored double figures in 66 straight games — two records that still stand today.

Currently, Thompson holds 18 school records for either regular-season or Southwest Conference play, and she is one of two players in Lady Raiders' history to have her jersey retired.

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Sheryl Swoopes, women's basketball (1991-93)

Sheryl Swoopes established herself as arguably the best player to come through the Texas Tech women's basketball program — all in just two seasons. In her senior season, Swoopes was a consensus National Player of the Year with 28.1 points per game, leading the Lady Raiders to Tech's only team National Championship in 1993.

Her 955 points in the 1992-93 season are the most all-time in a single season for the Lady Raiders. Swoopes' 24.9 points-per-game average for her career is the best in school history; she also boasts three triple-doubles and 23 double-doubles — 14 of which came during her senior year.

In 66 career games, Swoopes scored in double figures 64 times, including 17 games with 30 points or more.

Adding to her all-around performance her senior year, Swoopes scored 40-plus points four times, including a 53-points game against Texas on March 13, 1993 — the most points scored by any Lady Raider athlete in school history.

After her short-lived career with the Lady Raiders, Swoopes joined the United States Olympic team for the 1996 and 2002 Summer games in Atlanta and Sydney,

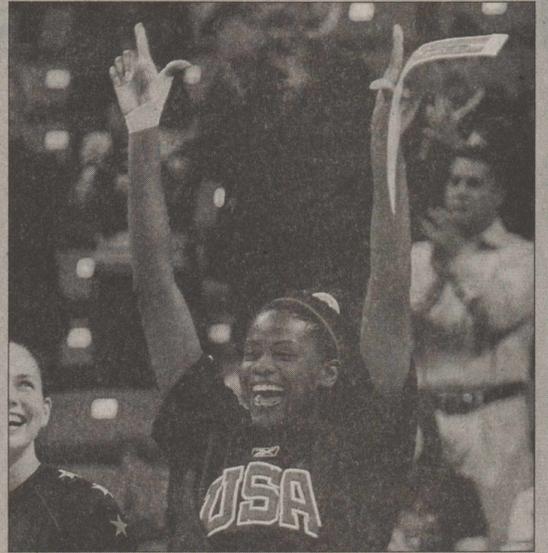
respectively — both years the team won gold medals.

Swoopes continued her basketball career in the professional ranks when she was drafted by the Houston Comets in the WNBA's inaugural season in 1997 and has been with team ever since. With the

Comets, Swoopes has been named the league's Most Valuable Player three times and Defensive Player of the Year three times.

Swoopes is one of only two Lady Raiders to have her jersey retired by the program.

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Tribune says it plans to sell Chicago Cubs after 2007 season

CHICAGO (AP) — Tribune Co. made a stunning pitch to investors on baseball's opening day: The Chicago Cubs will be sold at season's end.

The announcement Monday came as the ailing media conglomerate announced its acquisition by billionaire investor Sam Zell. It puts one of sports' most storied and star-crossed franchises on the block, a year shy of the 100th anniversary of its last World Series title.

Zell, a real estate magnate who already owns part of his hometown Bulls and White Sox, issued no comment about why he's not interested in keeping the Cubs in connection with the \$8.2 billion deal. The team is one of Tribune's richest assets.

Bidding for the ballclub and historic Wrigley Field, however, is certain to be fiercely competitive. Analysts have estimated the Cubs could fetch \$600 million or more, a far cry from the \$20.5 million Tribune paid in 1981.

While the total may not exceed the record \$660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox in 2002 by a group

headed by John Henry, analysts and baseball insiders all agreed the price should top those paid since then for the Washington Nationals (\$450 million), Los Angeles Dodgers (\$430 million) and Milwaukee Brewers (\$223 million), and agreed to for the Atlanta Braves (\$461 million).

"The Cubs are a great franchise. Great history, great tradition," baseball commissioner Bud Selig told reporters in Chicago, where he was attending the White Sox opener against Cleveland. "I'm not going to speculate on price."

The Cubs' popularity as a sports franchise — and the lure of potentially steering them to their first championship since 1908 — has attracted the interest of many potential buyers since a sale became a strong possibility last year. Billionaire entrepreneur Mark Cuban, Phoenix sports executive Jerry Colangelo and actor Bill Murray are among those reported or rumored to have interest, along with numerous Chicago business figures.

Cuban, the most prominent and wealthiest of the bunch, did not

immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did Colangelo, a Chicago-area native who said in a November interview that he would have "great interest" in the Cubs.

Tribune hopes first to erase or at least lessen the Cubs' stigma of losing following 99 years without a championship, more than a quarter of them under its watch.

"In our last season of ownership the team has one mission, and that is to win for our great fans," said Dennis FitzSimons, Tribune's chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Speculation that the Cubs might be destined for new ownership ramped up last fall when Tribune put itself up for possible sale under pressure from disgruntled shareholders. It intensified with the club's offseason spending spree, including signing outfielder Alfonso Soriano to an eight-year contract for \$136 million — the fifth-richest contract in major league history.

Tribune had said for months that it would focus first on a sale of the entire company before considering

selling individual pieces, which also include 23 television stations and 11 newspapers. That sale was announced Monday morning when it said it had agreed to a complex deal in which the company will go private and Zell will invest \$315 million.

While the Cubs are renowned for their losing ways, they also have become more of a box-office success under Tribune's ownership and have spent dramatically more money in recent years. Nevertheless, its stewardship will go down as checkered if it fails to win so much as a single pennant.

"It's a marquee franchise," said sports economist Andrew Zimbalist, an economics professor at Smith College who pegs the club's value at \$500 million to \$650 million depending on any changes to TV contracts and how Wrigley Field factors into the deal. But, he added, "My guess is this is probably good news for Cubs fans. I don't think Tribune Co. has done a lot positive for the club."

Tim Speiss, who advises sports team owners for New York account-

ing firm Eisner LLP, pegged the Cubs' value based on 2005 revenues at roughly \$465 million, excluding any debt, but said that's not only the factor in bidding for a sport franchise. "There's always a lot of emotion, for a lot of reasons," he said.

Selig contended that Tribune's ownership shouldn't be evaluated solely on on-the-field results.

"There are a lot of different ways to evaluate ownership," he said. "I understand completely the won-loss parameters people use to judge people in this business. The Tribune Company has, as far as I'm concerned, been outstanding owners."

The ownership issue overshadowed the start of the season in Cincinnati for the Cubs, who are given a chance to contend in a weak NL Central Division but are not the favorites. The Reds beat Chicago 5-1 in the opener.

Lou Piniella, the Cubs' new manager, said he met with his players before the game and told them not to let the news affect them.

"We're not to going to change,"

he said. "The club's going to be run the same way it's always been run. I told the players that with the business end, they don't have any control over that. The only thing they can control is what they do on the field."

Cubs President John McDonough said there hasn't been any indication Tribune will cut back on resources for the team in its lame-duck ownership season, although he declined to say whether the announcement might affect negotiations with pitcher Carlos Zambrano on a multiyear contract.

"I feel confident that if during the (season's) midpoint we need to improve the ballclub, those resources will be there," he said.

General Manager Jim Hendry called the Cubs one of the premier franchises in sports.

"Everywhere we go, half of the fans are Cubs fans," Hendry told reporters in Cincinnati. "We play in the greatest ballpark in the world. It's the greatest city to play in. Who wouldn't want to be part of the Cubs?"

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Washington monument: Tech sprinter looking for big impact on track and field team

By **PAUL ROBERTS**
STAFF WRITER

Before the outdoor track and field season began, Texas Tech sprinter Brandon Washington made a list of goals he wanted to accomplish this season.

"You have to make a list," Washington said. "Our coaches told us to make a list of goals and put it up where you see it everyday. I see it everyday when I wake up, and it's the last thing I see before I go to bed."

Washington, a freshman from Houston, earned his first regional mark as a Red Raider when he placed first in the 400-meter with a time of 46.59 in Tech's first outdoor meet of

the 2007 season.

"It feels good because all the hard work you put in finally comes together," Washington said. "You see what the coaches see. They tell you you're going to run good. You don't believe it until you actually start running good."

Since moving to the collegiate level, the intensity of Washington's daily workouts has changed. He said the most difficult — yet most rewarding — challenge involves a steep incline.

"We do hills two times a week," he said. "It was some of the hardest workouts I've ever done in my life, but I always finished."

Washington said it has taken him

awhile to transition from a metropolitan area to a more rural city like Lubbock, but he has adapted well.

"So far, so good," Washington said. "It's everything I expected. I love the campus. I love the coaches. Lubbock is different from Houston. It's quiet, real quiet. That's good for a learning environment, but not as good for a partying environment. I guess that's a good thing for me while I am in college."

Washington attended Thurgood Marshall High School in Missouri City where he holds school records in the 400-meter, 800-meter, 4x200 relay and 4x400 relay. He won the state championship twice in the 4x400 relay. In 2005, his relay team

ran the fastest time in the nation.

While in high school, Washington did not feel attending college was an option until he started winning track meets late in his high school career.

"I've been through a lot in my life," Washington said, "just a lot of hard times. I didn't start thinking about college until my junior year of high school — after I won the state championship. Then, I started getting more letters in my senior year."

He said a few options for potential colleges opened once he graduated, but Tech was ultimately the right decision for him.

"I was looking at University of Houston, Georgia Tech, Georgia," he said. "But I wasn't a highly recruited kid from our high school. Even though I was one of the top 400-meter runners in the country, I wasn't highly recruited. But at Tech I was."

Washington said the mental-preparation aspect of running a race is just as important as being prepared physically.

"I try to keep my mind clear," Washington said. "Usually, when you think too much, you run poorly."

Even though Washington's spare time is limited, he said he always finds time to expand his winning streak on EA Sports' Madden 2007 football video game.

"I love video games," Washington said. "I'm saving up for my PS3. Hopefully in the next couple of months, I'll be able to get my PS3. I'm more into sports games. Me and my roommate go at it a lot. We have a title belt in our room for video games, so the winner gets the belt."

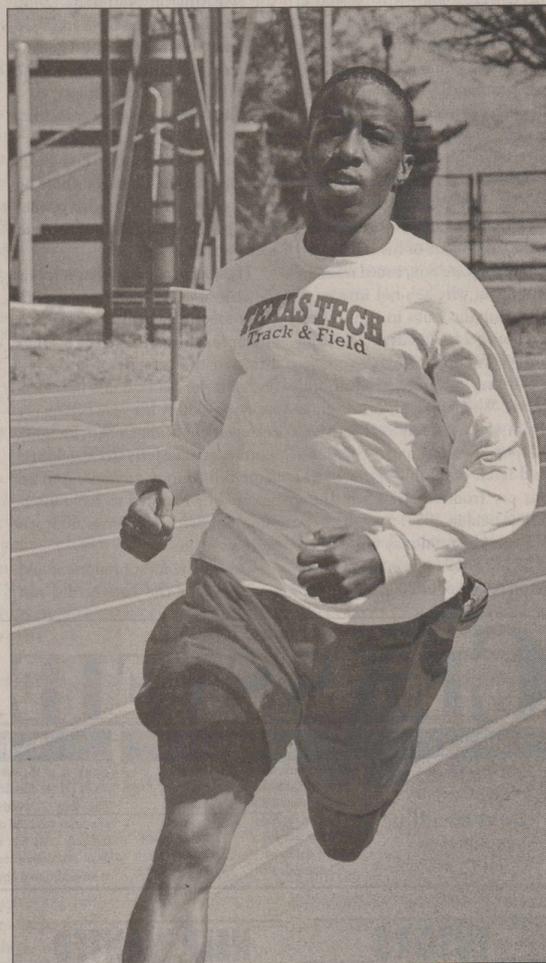
He said although his daily routine is extremely demanding, he always finds the time to rush for 400 yards with Eagles' running back Brian Westbrook, one of his favorite players in the football video game.

Still, finding the time to pick up his console's controller is difficult because of his demanding schedule, he said.

"Two or three times a week I wake up at 6 a.m. for my morning 20-minute run," Washington said. "Come back in, go to class. Straight from class, I go to track practice. After practice I hit the weight room and then study hall. Then back home, I get my little game-time in. Then I do my homework and go to sleep."

Washington is the youngest of four, and he was motivated to run because of his family.

"My sister ran, and she was a former state champ in high school,"



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TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Brandon Washington won two state titles while attending Thurgood Marshall High School in Missouri City.

he said. "So when I was in the sixth grade, my coach would tell me to come out and practice with the team and (I) would just beat everybody."

He said his post-college plans involve the Olympics and becoming an officer of the law.

"I want at least be good enough to be invited to join the team by next year," he said. "It's hard, but I'm hoping I can get in and sneak up on some people. As for after college, I want to be an FBI agent. I remember my junior year in high school, my mom asked me if track doesn't work out, what do I want to be, and I wanted to be a cop. I took criminal justice in high school, and I really like it."

Tech sprints coach Steve Silvey admires Washington's positive personality both on and off the track.

"He's got a big heart," Silvey said. "He doesn't have the prototype build for a sprinter, but he's a fierce com-

petitor. He was taught great values growing up."

Silvey said although Washington is a freshman, coaches have set lofty goals for the athlete.

"The indoor season was good preparation for him," he said. "Hopefully we can build on that and get him in the (Big 12) conference meet in the 400."

Tech track coach Wes Kittley said these goals will be reached because of Washington's intense work ethic.

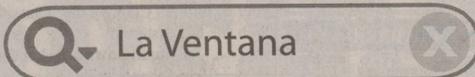
"That's what I like about him," Kittley said. "He's not walking around boasting and bragging. He takes care of business."

Washington said if he stays focused, his list of goals will be reached as long as he has a little time each day for a Madden rematch against his roommate.

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Opening day: Jitters, tributes and a fresh, new season

(AP)—Pregame jitters, emotional tributes and packed stadiums.

Baseball was back from coast-to-coast Monday, with Ben Sheets, Alex Rodriguez, and Adam Dunn giving enthusiastic home fans reasons to be optimistic about the new season.

"Opening day," said Sheets, Milwaukee's ace right-hander. "I've got a

sumo wrestler wrestling in my belly. I was nervous."

He wasn't alone. On his first defensive play of the new season Monday, New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez misplayed a popup in the first inning of a 9-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"It's good to get the opening-day

jitters out of the way," said Rodriguez, who made up for his defensive gaffe with a long two-run home run. "I started out like a moron there."

The nerves were understandable, especially with everything going on at sold-out Yankee Stadium. The Yankees honored Cory Lidle by wearing black armbands, welcomed back announcer and former outfielder Bobby Murcer, who's fighting brain cancer, and held a moment of silence for former star Hank Bauer and baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn, both of whom died recently.

"Everybody had a lump in their throat before the game," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "You couldn't help but choke up."

Jason Giambi, who hit a go-ahead single in the seventh for his third RBI, was a big part of the poignant pregame ceremonies. After a touching video tribute to Lidle, Giambi escorted the pitcher's wife, Melanie, and 6-year-old son, Christopher, toward the mound before they threw out first pitches.

Lidle and Giambi were old friends and high school teammates. The 34-year-old right-hander Lidle was killed in a plane crash Oct. 11 in New York after finishing last season with the Yankees. His locker at Yankee Stadium will remain unoccupied all season.

"That was probably one of the single hardest things I've had to do in my life," Giambi said.

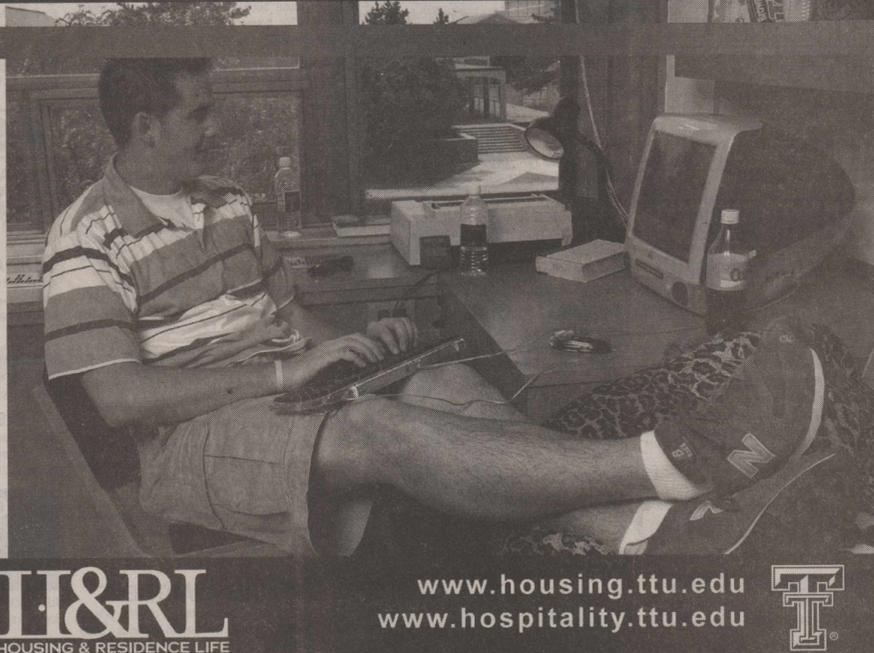
In Philadelphia, a sellout crowd of 44,742 turned out for the fourth season opener at Citizens Bank Park and couldn't help but get teary-eyed during a tribute for longtime coach and former player John Vukovich; former All-Star outfielder Johnny Callison; former pitching coach Vern Ruhle; Lidle, a former Phillies pitcher; and longtime organist Paul Richardson.

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