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STATE

TXU says it may close plants in face of fines

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Corp. says it could be forced to shut down some of its power plants if it can't settle charges by state regulators that it manipulated the Texas wholesale electric market.

TXU, the largest power generator in Texas, didn't say how many of its older, natural gas-fired plants it might shutter or turn over to other operators. But it warned the result would be disruption of the state's wholesale electric market.

Last week, the Public Utility Commission proposed a \$210 million penalty against TXU over charges that it jacked up electric prices in the summer of 2005 by selling power at inflated prices.

NATION

FBI agent possibly killed by colleague

READINGTON, N.J. (AP) — An FBI agent who was killed Thursday in a shootout with three bank robbery suspects might have been shot accidentally by another agent on his stakeout team, the FBI said. Agent Barry Lee Bush, 52, assigned to the Newark office, died after agents confronted three men suspected in a series of armed bank robberies.

WORLD

U.N. warns of disease in wake of tsunami

GIZO, Solomon Islands (AP) — Villagers buried their dead where they found them — including two young boys discovered Thursday in one shattered community — as frustration mounted over delayed help for survivors of the Solomon Islands' devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The United Nations released its first estimates of the human toll from the disaster, saying about 50,000 people had been affected, including 30,000 children who are "highly vulnerable" to malaria.

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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## British sailors released after 13 days

By TARIQ PANJA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYAL MARINE BASE CHIVENOR, England (AP) — With champagne bottles popping, a Royal Navy crew celebrated at home Thursday after nearly two weeks in Iranian captivity, hugging tearful relatives as Britons expressed outrage that the team was used by Tehran for propaganda.

While much of the country rallied behind the crew's return, others criticized them for offering apologies where none was required — namely for appearing in videos in which they admitted and offered regrets for entering Iranian waters.

Defense officials sought to quash the criticism and said that none of the sailors and marines will be punished for making the apologies.

Prime Minister Tony Blair was

somber. He said that while the country celebrated the safe return — and praised the diplomacy that secured their release — the joy was diminished by the killing of four British soldiers in Iraq on Thursday.

"Just as we rejoice at the return of our 15 service personnel, so today we are also grieving and mourning for the loss of our soldiers in Basra, who were killed as the result of a terrorist act," Blair said outside his office at 10

Downing St.

Iran's release of the eight sailors and seven marines raised hopes among some that Tehran might be open to compromise on other matters, particularly Western demands for a halt to Iran's uranium enrichment program.

But Iran already was warning it would retaliate if the West pushed too hard, and U.S. officials intensified their criticism of Tehran after

restraining their comments during the 13-day standoff over the British naval crew.

Gordon Johndroe, spokesman for the National Security Council, said Washington saw no sign of Iranian willingness to work with other nations on scaling back its nuclear program, which the U.S. and its allies suspect is aimed at producing

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## HOT-WIRED HOT WHEELS



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DEVON GAZAWAY, A junior electrical engineering major from Dallas, puts sensors back on his line following robot in the basement of the Electrical Engineering building, Thursday morning.

## 8 soldiers killed in Baghdad

By KIM GAMEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military reported Thursday that eight U.S. soldiers were killed in the Baghdad area over the past three days as militants fought back against a security plan in its eighth week. An Army helicopter went down south of the capital, wounding four, after an Iraqi official said insurgents fired on it.

Four British soldiers — including two women — died Thursday in an ambush that Prime Minister Tony Blair called an "act of terrorism," suggesting it may have been carried out by elements linked to Iran but stopping short of blaming Tehran.

One U.S. soldier died and two were wounded in a roadside bombing Thursday in restive Diyala province north of Baghdad, the military said. Four others died Wednesday in two roadside bombs explosions in southern Baghdad and north of the capital, while another was killed by small-arms fire in the eastern part of the city. Two other soldiers were killed by small-arms fire on Tuesday — one in eastern Baghdad and another on foot patrol in the southern outskirts of the capital.

The U.S. military said the downing of the helicopter carrying nine people was under investigation.

An Iraqi army official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, said the helicopter went down after it came under fire from anti-aircraft guns near the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Latifiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad. The U.S. military did not confirm that account.

It was the ninth U.S. helicopter to go down in Iraq this year. The U.S. military has studied new evasive tech

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## Tech researchers find exercise may improve brain functions

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech researchers have found intense exercise may improve brain function more than light exercise.

Researchers Lee Ferris, a former Tech doctoral student who now works at the Health Sciences Center physiology department, and Jim Williams, associate professor of health, exercise and sport sciences and adjunct professor of physiology, discovered levels of a naturally occurring chemical called Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor increases proportionately with the intensity of exercise.

BDNF is a protein that promotes cognitive functioning — the mental processes of perception, memory, judgment and reasoning.

"The fact that we measured an increase in exercise-dependent BDNF is a novel finding," Ferris said. "It extends the amount of knowledge in the field, and our work is really timely."

The researchers published an article describing their studies on BDNF in the April 2007 issue of *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* magazine, less than one month after *Newsweek* magazine's March 26 story about the effects of exercise

on brainpower.

"Our research takes that to the next level," Ferris said. "It adds a missing piece of knowledge."

The researchers are studying what causes exercise to improve the brain's cognitive power, according to a press release from the Office of Communications and Marketing. They designed a study to test how levels of BDNF and cognitive-performance scores changed as a result of different exercise intensities.

In the study, 15 college-aged test subjects performed graded exercise tests, according to the article the researchers published. The first exercise test was the max test in which the subjects rode on a stationary bicycle, increasing intensity until they could not ride any longer.

In the other two tests, subjects rode the stationary bike at a fixed intensity, sampling the easy level in one test and the difficult level in the other, for 30 minutes. BDNF protein levels in the blood and cognitive-function levels were measured before and after the exercise tests to assess differences caused by exercise.

"We found that short-term exercise led to an increase in the protein," Ferris said. "There was the least increase from the easiest ride, the next highest increase from the difficult ride

and the greatest increase was on the max test. So, the harder the bicycle ride, the greater the increase."

The cognitive tests were comprised of three separate tests collectively called the Stroop Color Word Test, Ferris said. The test required the subjects to quickly identify the color of X's printed, read the words "red," "blue" and "green," which were all printed in black ink and identify the color of the words "red," "blue" and "green" when they were printed in different-colored ink.

Separately, exercise and BDNF both are known to positively affect cognitive functioning. The researchers' goal was to determine if exercise improves brainpower by increasing the level of BDNF, and if BDNF levels increase proportionally with the exercise's intensity.

"We were trying to see if the changes in the protein levels correlate to the changes in cognitive function scores," Ferris said. "We did not find a correlation."

Ferris, Williams and collaborator Leslie Shen, in the Health Sciences Center physiology department, found more intense exercises yielded higher increases in BDNF levels, but their initial studies did not indicate this was the cause of the

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# Police blotter: car burglaries abundant

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

March 31

Texas Tech police investigated a theft on the first floor of the Tech Library. According to reports, a black camera case, which contained a Nikon N55 camera, a 55-millimeter lens, a black Nikon D70 digital camera and various micro-filters was stolen. The bag was stolen from an unsecured study carrel.

A non-student was arrested for public intoxication and failure to identify to police in the C-10 parking lot. Police transported the non-student to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a non-student for consumption of alcohol by a minor and a fictitious driver's license in the Z6-A parking lot. According to reports, police issued the suspect a Lubbock County citation and released the suspect pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

A non-student was detained for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the Z-6B parking lot. Police said the suspect was issued a Lubbock County citation and released to a responsible party.

April 1

Tech police arrested a non-stu-

dent for failure to identify in the 300 block of Indiana Avenue, following an observed traffic violation in the 1200 block of Indiana Avenue. According to reports, the non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

April 2

Tech police responded to a medical emergency at the Student Wellness Center. According to reports, a male student was suffering from chest pains and was transported to the University Medical Center.

A Tech student was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor in a residence room of Weymouth Residence Hall. Police issued the student a Lubbock County citation and released the student.

Tech police arrested a student for an outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Office warrant following a traffic stop in the R-18 parking lot. Police said the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was released to a friend.

April 3

Tech police investigated a theft of a Trek mountain bike at the southwest side of Carpenter Wells Residence Hall.

Tech police investigated a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the Z-3F parking lot. According to reports, a stereo faceplate was

stolen from the unsecured vehicle sometime during the night.

Tech police arrested a student at the University Parking Services headquarters for possession of a prohibited weapon. According to reports, the student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Tech police investigated assault in the Clinical Tower construction area of the Tech Health Sciences Center. Police said a female employee reported being touched by a male employee. Both employees were non-students.

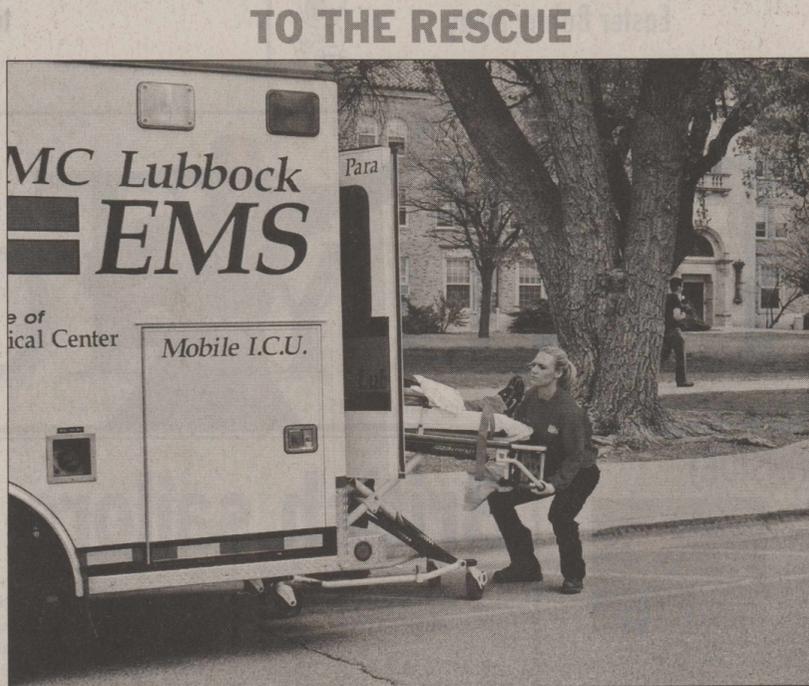
April 4

Tech police investigated a traffic accident in the R1 parking lot of the Biology building. According to reports, a riding lawn mower struck a university vehicle.

Tech police investigated a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the Z4-R parking lot. Police said a Jensen touch screen CD/DVD player was stolen, along with a Passport radar detector, several compact discs and DVDs.

Tech police investigated a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. According to reports, an Alpine 12-inch subwoofer, a black speaker box and an Alpine amplifier were stolen from the secured vehicle.

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A STUDENT GETS put into an ambulance outside of Sneed Hall after passing out Thursday afternoon..

"Just as we rejoice at the return of our 15 service personnel so today we are also grieving and mourning for the loss of our soldiers in Basra, who were killed as the result of a terrorist act," Blair said.

The British patrol struck a roadside bomb and was hit by small-arms fire early Thursday in the southern city of Basra, British military spokeswoman Capt. Katie Brown said. The explosion created a 9-foot crater in the road. Hours after the attack, a British soldier's helmet was still laying in the street among dozens of spent bullets.

A civilian interpreter was also killed and a fifth British soldier in the unit was seriously wounded, Brown said.

Blair raised the possibility that Iranian-linked fighters may have sprung the ambush, although he

conceded it was too early to directly accuse Tehran.

"Now it is far too early to say that the particular terrorist act that killed our forces was an act committed by terrorists that were backed by any elements of the Iranian regime, so I make no allegation in respect of that particular incident," Blair said.

He added, however, "This is maybe the right moment to reflect on our relationship with Iran."

The U.S. military has accused Iran of providing sophisticated roadside bombs known as explosively formed projectiles, or EFPs, to Shiite militias. British Lt. Col. Kevin Stratford-Wright said all of those killed were in the vehicle that was struck by the roadside bomb, although he declined to say whether it was an EFP, saying only that "it was certainly a powerful device."

It was the third deadly attack

against British forces this month in the predominantly Shiite south. One British soldier also died Sunday and another on Monday — both from small-arms fire.

The latest casualties raised to 140 the number of British forces to die in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion — 109 in combat.

Blair has announced that Britain will withdraw about 1,600 troops from Iraq over the next few months and hopes to make other cuts to its 7,100-strong contingent by late summer.

At least 49 people were killed in shootings, bombings and mortar attacks across Iraq on Thursday, including 20 men whose bullet-riddled bodies were brought to a hospital in Baqouba a day after they were abducted at an illegal checkpoint.

Earlier this week, 21 people were killed after they were snatched in a similar incident.

## Baghdad

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niques, fearing insurgents have acquired more sophisticated weapons or have figured out how to use their arms in new and effective ways.

The deadly attack against the British patrol in southern Iraq was the greatest loss of life for Britain in more than four months and it cast a shadow over celebrations marking the return of 15 British sailors seized by Iran two weeks ago in disputed waters in the Persian Gulf.

## N.C. Senate votes to express "profound regret" for slavery

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The North Carolina Senate apologized Thursday for the Legislature's role in promoting slavery and Jim Crow laws that denied basic human rights to the state's black citizens.

Following the lead of lawmakers in neighboring Virginia, the Senate unanimously backed a resolution acknowledging its "profound contrition for the official acts that sanctioned and perpetuated the denial of basic

human rights and dignity to fellow humans."

"This is a way to reflect upon this and express our understanding and our regret for official actions of our state," said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, a Democrat and the bill's primary sponsor.

Such an apology, Rand added, will help us "to try to be better children of God and better representatives of all the people of this state."

The resolution recounts a long history of discrimination against North Carolina's black population, from the first slaves in the British colony of "Carolina" in 1669 through the Civil War and then Jim Crow laws that promoted inequality into the mid-1900s.

"The state went out of its way to deny its people the right to life and liberty," said Democratic Sen. Tony Foriest, who is black and recalled during the Senate's debate the segregation he experienced as a child.

The North Carolina House would have to approve the measure for it to be formalized. A similar resolution is

pending in the state House, which adjourned for the Easter holiday weekend on Thursday without taking any action.

Black members of the Senate said they were pleased to see the resolution pass, but added that lawmakers also need to help improve the quality of life of blacks who still suffer from the effects of slavery and discrimination. They called for improvements to the state's education system and giving black-owned businesses more access to state contracts.

"This is a noble gesture but I urge you, don't let it end here," said Democratic Sen. Larry Shaw. "There's plenty of work to be done."

Several white senators recalled their own links to slavery. Democratic Sen. Bill Purcell said his grandfather had owned slaves. Republican Sen. Jim Jacumin mentioned his ancestors' own suffering due to religious bias.

"Any conflict or wrongdoing can never have a closure until there is an apology or reconciliation has occurred," Jacumin said.



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## Sailors

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atomic weapons. "What would show that they're more in line with the international community is to comply with the U.N. Security Council resolution" calling for a freeze in the Iranian nuclear program, he said.

The freed crew left Iran Thursday morning, traveling in business class on a British Airways jetliner with staff from the British Embassy in Tehran. Flight attendants passed around champagne as a Royal Navy officer reminded the former prisoners they were on duty.

Filing off the plane at London's Heathrow Airport after a 6 1/2-hour flight, the team members carried blue and orange duffel bags and shopping bags, some apparently holding candy and souvenir gifts from Iranians.

They spent a few minutes on the tarmac, smiling and standing at attention — dressed in crisp blue naval and brown camouflage marine uniforms rather than the ill-fitting civilian clothes that Iranian officials provided for their release.

Then two Sea King helicopters ferried the crew 210 miles to the Royal Marine base at Chivenor for a reunion with families. As they hugged relatives, TV cameras caught Leading Seaman Faye Turney — the only woman among the captives — wiping tears from the corner of her eye.

A lunch with families followed at the base cafeteria. They were described by the military as "in good spirits."

The crew was expected to remain at the base at least until Friday for debriefing about their seizure by Iran, which charged the naval team intruded into its waters in two inflatable boats. Britain insisted the crew was searching for smuggling on Iraq's side of the Shatt al-Arab, a disputed waterway dividing Iraq and Iran.

Britain's Sky News reported that an officer in the captured crew, Royal Marine Capt. Chris Air, had said in an interview three weeks ago that the team gathered intelligence on Iran during its patrols.

The Defense Ministry denied the team had any special intelligence role.

It said they routinely spoke to commanders of vessels using the Persian Gulf and Shatt Al-Arab to determine who is using shipping routes.

British Broadcasting Corp. reported that the Iranians kept one of the crew members in solitary confinement. The BBC did not identify the person, but said the information came from the family of one of the sailors.

A military spokesman, Lt. Col. Andy Price, later said some of the personnel had been "left alone" at points during their captivity, but declined to elaborate until officials talked more with the team members.

Although several sailors appeared on Iranian state television, others were not filmed — raising the possibility they may have been separated from colleagues.

Several of the crew praised their treatment in interviews with Iranian broadcasters, but in a joint statement released as they

arrived in Britain, the sailors and marines said that "the past two weeks have been very difficult."

"By staying together as a team we kept our spirits up, drawing great comfort from the knowledge that our loved ones would be waiting for us on our return," the statement said.

Videotape of the crew apologizing for entering Iranian waters, and letters purportedly written by Turney were widely publicized, and some British newspapers reacted with dismay. The tabloid Sun wrote that "nobody emerges from this crisis with credit."

"The sight of the illegally detained British forces thanking Iranian tyrants for their freedom will sicken the nation," said the tabloid's editorial.

Daily Mail columnist Stephen Glover said he didn't blame the crew for thanking Iran's hardline president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, or for their confessions.

But he said the overall impact would be clear.

## University recognizes staff, faculty, students for diversity

By ADAM YOUNG  
STAFF WRITER

Recipients of the President's Excellence in Diversity and Equity Award were honored Wednesday in the Texas Tech Merket Alumni Center.

President Jon Whitmore and Juan Munoz, Tech's special assistant for institutional diversity, presented the awards to one faculty member, one staff member, and two students. The recipients were selected by committees of their peers. The award was created to recognize individuals at Tech who promote diversity and equality.

"(The award) recognizes faculty, staff and students that go beyond their job description and student responsibilities to create a campus that is inclusive, inviting and exciting," Munoz said.

Raymond Baeza, a senior

political science major from Hobbs, N.M., said he believes he received the award for his work as an English language tutor at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in north Lubbock.

"The award is a great thing but it's really the experience that I get from working as an (English as a second language) tutor that will help me in life," Baeza said.

Baeza has been involved with the Hispanic Student Society for four years, and he is working with students learning English as their second language.

Kristen Jones, a graduate student from Lubbock, was the other student to win the award.

Aretha Marbley, an associate professor in the College of Education, won the faculty award, and Dianne Crowley, a senior director in the Office of International Affairs, won the staff award.

The award was created by the Office of the President and the Office for Institutional Diversity in 2004 to encourage promoting diversity and equality among students, faculty and staff members at the university, Munoz said.

"I think that diversity is critical to academic excellence," he said, "to the extent that we have a diversity of ideas on our campus that prepares our faculty, staff and students to function effectively in the emerging global marketplace."

Rosa Gallegos, senior administrator in the Office of the President, said the award brings the university's students, faculty and staff members together to share their experiences and ideas about promoting the diversity of other cultures, languages and people.

"There are a lot of programs that promote diversity," Gallegos

said, "but not a lot of recognition had been given to them."

Along with being recognized, the winning faculty member received a \$2500 stipend, the winning staff member received a \$1500 stipend and the two students each received a \$500 financial aid grant.

Munoz said the stipends and financial aid grants, which are funded by the Office of the President, as well as the awards, act as a mechanism to recognize individuals for their hard work and involvement.

"There are many diversity- and equity-related activities on campus that go unrecognized," Munoz said. "This is one event that seems to give some attention an assistance to those that seek to undertake this work to the benefit of the university."

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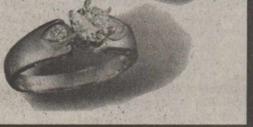
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**Ginger Kapalka**



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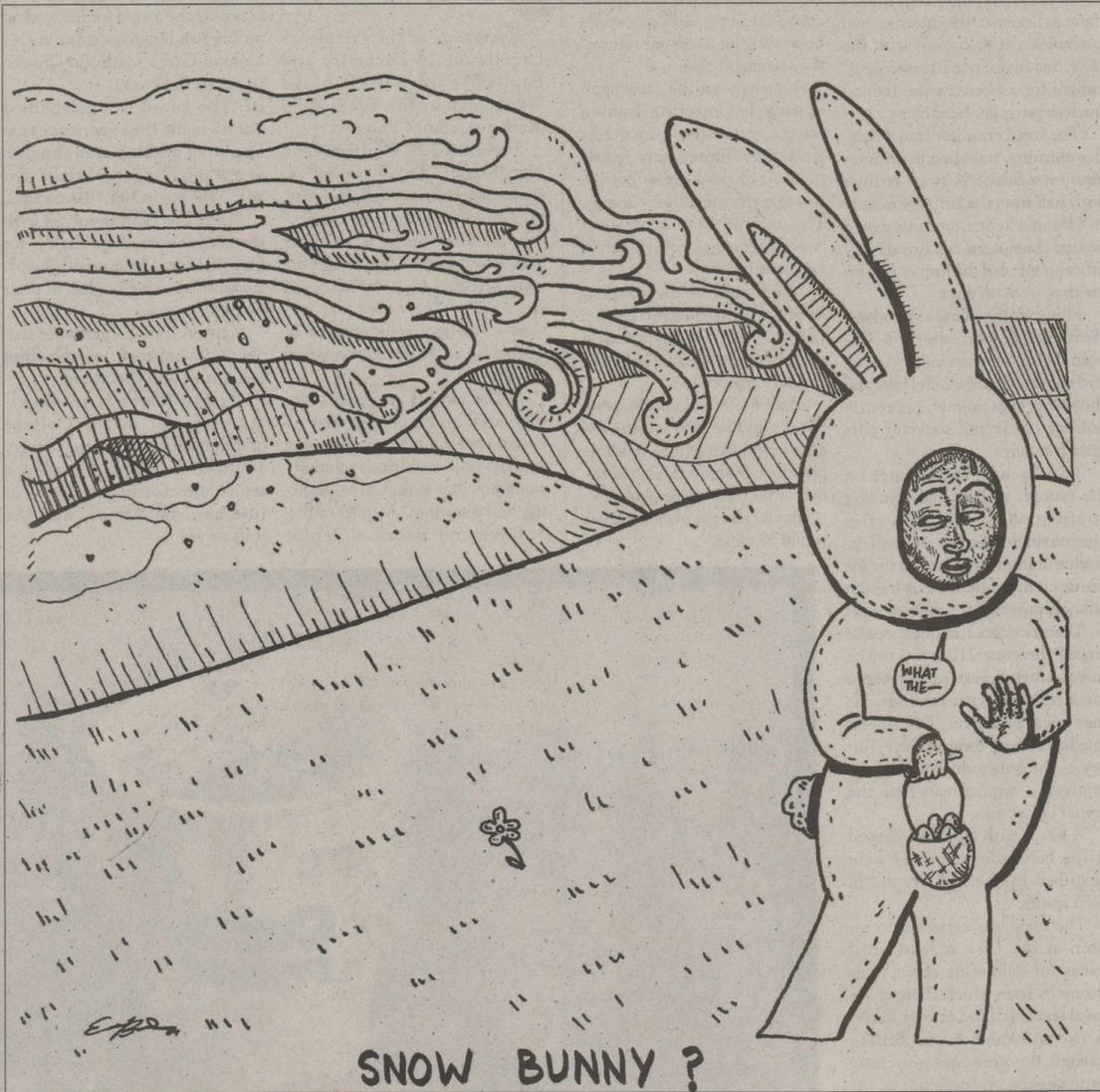
I can't prove a miracle to you. I can only tell you my story. I identify with a man who couldn't explain how Jesus healed him. "One thing I do know, I was blind and now I see" (John 9:25b). The Pharisees questioned him over and over, trying to prove he was a liar and a sinner. They were self-righteous with their lists of accomplishments and could not understand the power of God's love.

There are two parts to salvation. Jesus' death is the first part: We feel remorse for our sins and turn away from them. We accept Jesus' sacrifice and loving forgiveness. The resurrection is the second: We acknowledge Jesus is alive today and ask him in our lives — to be our guide and our strength forever.

Understanding Easter is part of the solution to Christian hypocrisy. Some believe because Jesus died; they can sin all they want because they are forgiven. Those who see their hypocrisy wonder how a belief in Jesus can have any value.

But if believers live with God's love and guidance in every part of their lives, other will seek to know why.

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## Bush caves on immigration, abandons original plan

The day after the 2006 mid-term elections, President George W. Bush hosted a press conference describing his goals for the upcoming year. When a reporter asked the president about the improved chances of passing immigration reform with Democrats in control of Congress, Bush's face lit up as he expressed his optimism. Of everything on Bush's agenda, immigration reform seemed the easiest to pass with a Democratic Congress.

The president's plan was a moderate one, combing stronger border security and employer crackdown with a guest-worker program and

**Chris Kellerman**



a path to citizenship. The Democrats loved it. Even a few Republicans liked it. It was a sure thing.

Bush must have spent too much time in the sun on his trip to Latin America, because last week, he abandoned his original plan in favor of one quite different.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., reserved two full weeks in May for immigration debate. Republicans, who were in complete disarray while in the majority, bound together and talked to the White House about the plan. With the 2008 election on its way and President Bush's popularity in decline, the GOP needs something good on which to run.

Bush always has been reasonable on immigration reform, but this time, he caved.

While his first plan focused on a guest-worker program and family reunification, this one focuses on deportation. Illegal immigrants have two choices: sign up for the guest-worker program or go home. Simply applying for the guest-worker program would cost \$3,500. Each worker would get one chance for renewal, again paying the enormous fee. And, instead of allowing the guest workers to apply for citizenship while in the United States, the government would send them home. Anyone from the guest-worker program wanting to apply would have to pay \$10,000 in fees.

One would hope with this monstrous policy the administration would at least increase the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country each year. After all, even the original Bush plan would do that. But once again, the president caved.

This plan keeps families apart. It not only scales back legal immigration, it reduces it in one of the most important areas: family reunification. According to *The Washington Post*, the plan will "eliminate preferences for siblings and adult children, and give the government discretion to redirect the 50,000 visas that are issued annually for that purpose." So now, an immigrant will not be able to bring his or her immediate family to America.

The original White House plan was the quintessence of compassionate conservatism. It punished employers for hiring illegal immigrants while at the same time training employers to spot fake documents. It

placed a moderate fee on applying for the guest-worker program without the fear of deportation. Employers, before registering with the program, would have to prove they tried to get Americans to fill the open jobs.

The plan did not grant amnesty, but it wasn't a free ride for anybody, either. It would have worked.

The new plan will be both inhumane and ineffective. The whole idea behind the guest-worker program was to bring illegal immigrants out of the shadows without fear of deportation. The outlandish fees are too high for people who left the impoverished Mexico to find a better life in America. Besides, with illegal immigrations now knowing they'll be sent home if they register for the program, why would they want to come out of the woodwork and sign up?

It's ridiculous. President Bush has abandoned his principles and settled

for what looks good to conservative Republicans. If this bill ever passes, though I doubt it will, the Republican National Committee can slap it on a fundraising mailing and say, "We protected you from the scary Mexicans!"

We all know this president will be regarded as one of the worst in history. He screwed up two wars and barely accomplished anything domestically. But if there is one thing about Bush I have always believed, it's that he has a good heart and truly wants to improve America and the world.

By forgetting the poor and caving to the far-right, Bush has given all of us reason to doubt he ever cared at all.

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# WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

## Billionaire Kerkorian's Tracinda makes \$4.5B cash offer for Chrysler

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who lost out in Chrysler's 1998 merger with Daimler-Benz, wants to buy the troubled automaker back from its now-unhappy German owners.

Kerkorian's wholly-owned in-

vestment company, Tracinda Corp., on Thursday made a \$4.5-billion cash offer for DaimlerChrysler AG's U.S.-based Chrysler unit.

A deal would put Kerkorian in charge of Chrysler a decade after he claims he was tricked out of potentially billions of dollars in

the 1998 deal in which Germany's Daimler-Benz joined with Chrysler in the so-called "merger of equals."

Long an active investor in automakers, the 89-year-old former movie mogul once offered \$22.8 billion for Chrysler in an un-

successful 1995 takeover bid.

Kerkorian's bid, about one-fifth of what he offered in 1995, reflects the falling fortunes of Chrysler Group, which lost \$1.5 billion last year and has announced 13,000 job cuts in North America and reduced production.

## Most Florida felons to regain voting rights more easily after finishing sentences

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Most Florida felons will regain voting and other civil rights more quickly after completing their sentences under changes approved Thursday by the governor and the state clemency board.

All but the most violent felons can now avoid waiting for a board hearing, a process that sometimes takes years.

Along with regaining the right to vote, felons can now more quickly serve on juries and get licensed for many occupations, a key concern of

activists. The right to have a firearm still wouldn't be automatically restored.

Felon civil rights drew attention after the disputed 2000 presidential election, when many non-convicts were purged from voter rolls because

of rampant errors in the state's prison database.

Florida was one of three U.S. states along with Kentucky and Virginia that require ex-felons to take action to restore their civil rights no matter how long they've been out of prison.

## House Speaker Pelosi visits Saudi Arabia's version of legislature

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Saudi Arabia's unelected advisory council Thursday, the closest thing in the kingdom to a legislature, where she tried out her counterpart's chair—a privilege no Saudi woman can have because women cannot become legislators.

Pelosi, the first woman speaker of the House, said she raised the issue of Saudi Arabia's lack of female politicians with Saudi government officials on the last stop of her Mideast tour, but she refrained from criticizing the kingdom over it.

"It's a nice view from here," Pelosi

said as she sat in the chair, facing the ornate chamber with its deep blue and yellow chairs and gilded ironwork. "This chair is very comfortable."

U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos, the head of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who was traveling with Pelosi, looked at the gavel in front of her and quipped:

"It's a small gavel, Madame Speaker. You may want to wield it."

Pelosi later sidestepped a question on how she felt about the absence of female Saudi council members, saying: "I am very pleased that after 200-plus years in the U.S. we finally have a speaker. It took us a long time."

## Wet, heavy spring snow blankets upper Northeast

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A spring storm brought more than a foot of snow to parts of the upper Northeast, closing schools, tangling traffic and knocking out power to more than 180,000 homes and businesses on Thursday.

At least one death was blamed

on the wintry weather, which began late Wednesday and was expected to continue through the weekend.

The flakes fell at a rate of up to 2 inches per hour, and by early Thursday, areas of Maine already had nearly a foot and a half of wet, heavy snow, and central New Hampshire saw 16

inches in spots. Up to 24 inches fell in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as many as 13 inches in Vermont, and upstate New York had several inches as well.

The spring snow followed a winter that was often unusually warm.

"We had Easter on December

25th. People had crocuses coming out and blooms on bushes. And now we have Christmas, with all this snow," said meteorologist Butch Roberts of the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine. "It's a little topsy-turvy sometimes."

## Finding people who call 911 on cell phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — People make more 911 calls from cellular telephones than landlines these days, and police and firefighters increasingly worry about finding those callers in distress.

Contrary to what is portrayed on

television crime shows, the accuracy of the technology that guides rescuers to cell phone callers can range from a few yards to several miles, even though federal law requires providers to guarantee that their callers can be located in emergencies.

Aiming to improve accuracy, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin told The Associated Press this week that he will propose significant changes in the 911 system.

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# SGA agrees on student organization budget for 2007-08 school year

By **BEN MAKI**  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association approved the proposed budget for 2007-08 student organizations in its last meeting of the 42nd session Thursday.

The SGA agreed to dispense more than \$280,000 to various undergraduate organizations. Among the organizations that receive the most funding are the Meat Judging Team with \$10,675, the Livestock Judging Team with \$9,225 and the Tech Forensics Unit with a \$9,700 allocation.

The graduate organization allocations totaled \$42,000 including \$7,050 to the Association of Biologists, and \$5,650 to the India Student

Association

SGA Internal Vice President Matt Fowler said there were a few issues with the budget, but the work of the committee members who put the bill together was crucial to keeping the objections to a minimum.

"The budget is always a contentious issue," Fowler said, "but there should be a lot of credit given to the authors of the bill, because basic committee members put in at least 14 hours each into it and the time for the chairman is probably double that."

The Senate passed a bill encouraging University Parking Services to designate the Thompson Hall parking lot for graduate assistants and teaching assistants to grant the assistants easy access to campus.

Sen. John Hanson said the parking situation for graduate research and teaching assistants is one of the main reasons he joined the SGA.

"I know a TA who has to park in the commuter lots and fight with the other students for parking and drag all of his stuff with him to campus every day, because he works during the day," Hanson said. "Then he teaches at night when he can park close to his building. This does no good when trying to recruit people to work here."

In other business, the SGA put forth its approval of adding Angelo State to the Texas Tech University System.

Fowler said the 42nd legislative session is the first in at least 10 years to push 70 bills through legislation.



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TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT Jon Whitmore presents outgoing SGA President Ryan Worley with a token of appreciation.

Only one bill from the legislation was vetoed, which was then overturned by a two-thirds vote by the Senate. [benjamin.maki@ttu.edu](mailto:benjamin.maki@ttu.edu)

## Separation of Halliburton, KBR complete

HOUSTON (AP) — The separation of oil services firm Halliburton Co. and its subsidiary, KBR Inc., has been completed, officials announced Thursday.

The separation process between Halliburton and KBR, its engineering, construction and government-services arm, began in 2005.

KBR has been a subsidiary of the oil services company for 44 years.

"This is a significant milestone in KBR's history and now it is time to move forward and chart our own course as a stand alone engineering, construction and government services company."

# Councilman apologizes for offending American Indians

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston city councilman and conservative talk radio host apologized Wednesday for saying taxpayers were paying large amounts of welfare to American Indians because the Indians were "whining" about having been "whipped in a war."

Michael Berry, the city's mayor pro-tem and a three-term councilman, said on his talk show on March 27 that Indians don't de-

serve the "incredible" amount of federal assistance they receive.

"We conquered them," he said. "That's history."

Berry posted an apology on his radio station's Web site late Wednesday.

"The reason I issued that apology is not because I offended people, but because I was wrong," Berry told The Associated Press on Thursday. "My facts were

wrong, and the basis of my facts was wrong."

Berry said that among the "several hundred" e-mails he had received about his remarks were several that pointed out "intellectually and politely" that American Indians did not receive a disproportionate share of federal assistance and were not singled out for scholarships and other federal programs.

"It's not true," he said. "I've done my homework and learned that I was wrong. I'm big enough to admit when my facts are wrong."

Berry made his original remarks while speaking against a proposal in the Texas Legislature for the state to apologize for slavery.

"If we're not going to apologize for slavery," he said, "then we need to stop the continuous

apology for what was done to the American Indians." He said the federal government in effect apologized to American Indians every day by expending "incredible resources from our treasury."

Jacquelyn Battise, a member of both the Coushatta and Alabama tribes and host of her own radio show on Indian culture, said Berry's apology "looks real, and it has the feel that he put a lot of

real thought into it," but that she was surprised by it.

"It sure is quite a turnaround, an overnight transformation," she said. "The way he spoke about it on his radio show, he sure was very passionate and very strong in his statements. I guess I get tired of getting hit on the head by somebody and then they say 'I'm sorry' and the apology is supposed to make everything OK."

## Volunteer firefighter arrested in drag

MASON, Ohio (AP) — A man wearing a woman's wig and a string bikini was charged with taking a drunken afternoon romp through a park, officials said.

Steven S. Cole, a 46-year-old volunteer firefighter, told an officer he was on his way to a Dayton bar to perform as a woman in a contest offering a \$10,000 prize, the arrest report said.

He pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of drunken driving, public indecency and disorderly conduct.

Cole was arrested Tuesday after

police received a report that an intoxicated man was walking and driving around Heritage Oak Park in Mason.

Police said Cole was wearing a blond wig, pink flip-flops and a red-black-and-white striped bikini with the top filled out by tan water balloons. The National Weather Service said it was around 60 degrees in the Mason area about the time he was arrested.

Cole's blood-alcohol test registered 0.174, more than twice Ohio's legal driving limit of 0.08, the arrest report said.

"He is obviously humiliated and embarrassed by the entire situation," said Cole's lawyer, Charlie Rittgers, who added that he is investigating the circumstances that led to the arrest.

Cole did not return a call seeking comment. He remained free on his own recognizance until trial, set for May 24.

Cole has been a Wayne Township firefighter since 2000. Township officials said he will be placed on administrative leave.

## UT administrator suspended amid financial aid scandal

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas at Austin placed its financial aid director on paid leave Thursday amid allegations that a loan company gave him stock in exchange for making it one of the school's preferred lenders.

Associate vice president Lawrence Burt is part of a widening investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office into the \$85 billion student loan industry.

Burt denies wrongdoing. Securities and Exchange Commission records show Burt at one time owned 1,500 shares in Education Lending Group Inc., the former par-

ent company of Student Loan Xpress, which is listed as a preferred lender at the school. Education Lending Group Inc. was bought by another company in 2005.

In a Wednesday letter to UT-Austin President William Powers, Cuomo's office said it is "deeply concerned that Dr. Burt may have received these shares in exchange for placing Student Loan Xpress on UT-Austin's various preferred lender lists."

"Students may therefore have been left with the false impression that the company was preferred because it was best for students when in reality the company was selected because of its

stock grants to Dr. Burt," the letter said.

Burt has denied any financial arrangement between either himself or UT and the company and said his previous ownership of the shares had no connection to Student Loan Xpress's position on UT's preferred lender list. He said he sold the stock in 2003. Based on the stock's price of \$9.50 per share at the time of the sale, he made a little more than \$14,000.

"They are on our lender list for the same reason the other 19 are on the list. They provide the best package of benefits to students," he said Wednesday.

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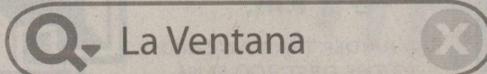


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## Wax on, wax off: Students utilize unique techniques in Art Depot exhibition

By ALLISON LOWE  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students looking to bring some art culture into their lives can check out the unique works of two artists this month at the Masters of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition.

Two Tech students working to receive their Masters of Fine Arts, Janna Williams and Charles Neumann, will be showcasing their work at the Art Depot in downtown Lubbock today through April 20.

The exhibition serves as a place for students to display the physical bodies of research they have been working on, said Ryder Richards, director of the Art Depot. The process of creating a whole show in which the pieces relate to one another takes thorough research and development.

"Most people just think (artists) just walk in there and have this

great epiphany and they create stuff," Richards said. "But when you're in graduate school getting critiqued all the time, it's a bit different."

Richards said Williams, whose work has to do with transparency, uses materials such as wax, glass and other translucent materials to set her work apart from that of others.

Williams, a graduate student in studio art and a Masters of Fine Arts candidate from Houston, creates large wax collages on top of stretched canvas, stretched paper or wood panels. She said her work is a layering process, and the wax is what holds her work together.

Williams said the process and materials she uses are fairly unique because many of the faculty members she works with are not used to using wax. She said wax usually is used in the traditional encaustic style of painting, and she came across the concept of using wax to

create sculptures by accident.

"I wanted to take this technique that I've done, and try to display it in my show in many different ways," Williams said of her creations.

Williams achieves this unique display by incorporating her whole environment when setting up her work, Richards said. He said some of her work is made of latex she will stitch together and hang from the ceiling. She also is building a whole wall with lights inside so the light's rays will shine through her work.

When setting up her work for an exhibit of this sort, Williams figures out how her art work is going to look best in the given space and how she can best incorporate her work into the space, Richards said, noting this is what he likes best about her.

"Her work needs to be seen in order to be appreciated," Richards said.

According to an Art Depot press

release, the other artist in the show, Charles Neumann, has "developed sculptural work concerned with the complex relationship between tools and the user of the instruments. He structures tools that cannot be used for maximum efficiency or the desired purpose, and the tool then creates a paradox of function which stimulates conversation and communication."

Richards said the fact Neumann creates tools that are impossible to use creates a parallel with the art world and people in general.

"Sometimes things are just built difficult, and it's hard to get around it," Richards said. "Most people will ignore anything that's hard to deal with, and so I think the fact that he's built these tools that are hard to use is sort of this whole ridiculousness of the situations we order to be ourselves into."

Richards said Neumann's work deals with contradictions, which



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THE ARTISTIC CREATIONS of two Tech students will be features at the Art Depot until April 20.

creates a good conversation point for those who come to view the exhibition.

More information on the Art

Depot can be found at its Web site at [www.ryderrichards.com/artdepot.html](http://www.ryderrichards.com/artdepot.html).

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## Motorcyclist travels nation, plans to give away \$3,000

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Instead of searching for a job after graduating from the University of Texas in May 2006, Woodrow Landfair chose to embark on a cross-country journey with little more than the clothes on his back and his motorcycle.

Landfair, a writer and self-described expeditionary, will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Texas Café about his year-long, 48-state expedition.

Landfair said after he graduated from college with a creative writing degree, he had no money to his name, but knew he wanted to travel.

"I had no money after graduation, so my friend gave me his car to sell, and I sold it for \$3,000," he said. "I left Texas and headed to New York City to get a job."

The funds Landfair earned from selling the vehicle were enough to live off of until November 2006, he said.

"I basically went everywhere I saw a help-wanted sign," Landfair said of his adventure. "I was a door-to-door salesman for about three weeks until I got another job in a hotel restaurant."

He said he was promoted to be a server and bartender at the hotel, but he lived in two different New York

homeless shelters over a three-month period to save money.

"It was a lot of work, but I saved \$3,500," he said.

The homeless shelters inspired Landfair to organize the Dollar and a Dream Award program, which will bestow a cash award of \$3,000 on the individual who submits the best idea for the use of the money.

He encourages anyone who is interested in entering his Dollar and a Dream Award program to apply on his Web site, [www.woodrowlandfair.com](http://www.woodrowlandfair.com). The entries must be received by July 31, and the winner will be announced September 30.

In the meantime, Landfair continues to travel the nation by motorcycle; he is slated to stop in more than 80 cities to share stories from his travels and answer audience questions.

Travis Tolley, a freshman political science major from Lubbock, said he has mixed reactions about Landfair's journey.

"It is a little crazy, but it's a cool thing that he is doing," Tolley said.

"I think it would be so cool to be yourself with just you and the open road and not have to worry about bills," said Tina El Charif, a senior business management major from Houston. "I think it is cool someone is doing this because I know I would if I could."

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## Big dog, medium dog, little dog, it's in the genes

WASHINGTON (AP)—From the towering Great Dane to the feisty little Chihuahua, all dogs are brothers under the skin. Now, researchers have uncovered a reason why the animals wearing that skin vary so much in size.

Dogs have the largest variation in body size of any land animal, so researchers led by Elaine A. Ostrander of the National Human Genome Research Institute decided to look into the reasons why.

They found a section of genes

that controls small size in dogs and reported their results in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

Learning how growth is controlled can improve the understanding of cancer and other diseases caused by growth gone awry, Ostrander said in a telephone interview.

And the research adds to the basic study of variations, perhaps improving knowledge of the differences between people, she added.

K. Gordon Lark of the University of Utah, a co-author of the report,

pointed out that dogs have 200 to 300 diseases in common with people, including high blood pressure, autoimmune diseases and cancer.

"They also share our environment, so if there is an environmental influence that can trigger disease," he said in a telephone interview.

The *DT* Reader's Choice Awards has just gotten easier. The survey will be available only online, so don't miss your chance to choose Lubbock's best. Use the link provided and give us your opinion. The survey will be available until April 20, 2007.

The most popular answers will be published in the April 27 edition of *The Daily Toreador*.

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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## N.M. county voters approve sales tax to pay for part of \$198M spaceport

LASCROCES, N.M. (AP)—Voters in a southern New Mexico county have approved a tax to raise an estimated \$49 million toward a \$198 million tourism spaceport, according to unofficial returns Thursday.

Residents of Dona Ana County voted on the sales tax Tuesday in what backers said was a make-or-break election for the state-supported Spaceport America.

"This positive vote for the spaceport ballot initiative means America's new frontier begins in southern New Mexico," Gov. Bill Richardson said Thursday. "I'm proud that the people of Dona Ana County chose a high-tech and high-wage future, with better math and science education, and expanded

opportunities for young men and women right here in New Mexico."

The complex would cover 27 square miles of desert near White Sands Missile Range, where the U.S. launched its first rocket after World War II. Its anchor tenant would be British millionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic.

Branson envisions starting sub-orbital rocket flights, at about \$200,000 a person, in 2009. Eventually, the spaceport could offer trips into orbit and beyond.

Unofficial results from the county clerk's office showed the tax leading by 265 votes out of more than 17,000 cast, and only 108 provisional ballots were left to be counted, county election supervisor Lynn Ellins said.

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# The Everyday People to rock Hub City Saturday

By **HALEY DAVIS**  
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Texas Tech students not hopping out of town this three-day weekend can catch some live music 10 p.m. Saturday at The Blue Light as the Austin-based band The Everyday People is slated to perform.

The four-member band is comprised of Jeffrey David, acoustic guitar and vocals, A.D. Hernandez, lead guitar and vocals, Chris York, bass and vocals, and Mitch Cheatham, drums.

Saturday marks the band's third stop at The Blue Light, and David said the band's sound could be described as unique — especially to Lubbock.

The group's music is rock-infused soul, similar to the band Maroon 5, he said. The members come together to create a sound that is primarily rock with an eclectic element.

David said the band mates are not on tour right now; they just really love playing in Lubbock.

"We try and come to Lubbock every 10 to 12 weeks," the acoustic-guitar player said. "We're just coming to see you guys. Texas Tech is a great school."

York and David agreed one of the band's favorite parts about performing at The Blue Light is the outdoor barbecue pit that is right around the corner from the bar.

Along with checking out the cities in which they are touring, David said the band mates have a screen in their touring van, which keeps them pretty busy. He said they actually get along great while they are playing NCAA 2007 Football on Sony Playstation.

Along with touring the nation, David said one of the professional

goals The Everyday People has this year is to sell about 30,000 copies of the "Catch Me" album, which was released in March.

David said musicians who make him say "wow" are artists like John Legend and John Mayer.

"He used to be this pop, bubble-gum guy, and he came out with something so original," David said of Mayer.

David said the band has been around for about two and a half years, with David and York writing most of the band's music.

York said he loves the energy he gets from the audience when he is on stage performing.

"It's this relationship on stage you get to have for a couple of hours," the bass player said.

David agreed he loves the fans' enthusiastic reactions to The Everyday People's music, especially when the crowd is large — but not too large.

"I personally like about 500 to 600 people, which is a packed Blue Light," David said. "My ideal situation is intimate — I like to interact with the crowd and still feel it."

David said one of his favorite things about performing live is the spontaneity of it all.

"Every night, there's a different crowd, a different city and we're all in different moods," he said.

One thing David said should be expected at the live show Saturday night is an all-out jam session. The whole band goes nuts and each member performs a solo, he said, adding he believes it's fun watching York's large, multi-colored dreadlocks on stage.

Along with rocking hair, the band's live performance includes a variety of different music types.



COURTESY PHOTO/The Everyday People

THE EVERYDAY PEOPLE will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday at The Blue Light.

"Rock-infused soul, reggae songs, slower ballads, funk and gospel, an all-around experience," David said of the band's set.

As for why Tech students should come out Saturday at The Blue Light, David said there are a couple

of reasons.

"It's a party, something different," David said. "Not much music like this comes through Lubbock — it's refreshing. Plus, we'll give lots of props to Texas Tech."

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# I don't believe in heaven but I believe in Hella

**David Ward**



A few weeks ago, I wrote about the cluster of amazement that is South By Southwest in Austin. One of the biggest problems with the festival is fans are forced to scurry around downtown to try to see all the bands they intend to, yet time just doesn't allow for this.

Because of that, I was unable to see what many of my friends told me was one of the greatest shows of South By Southwest 2007: Hella.

I was distraught for a bit, but then I realized I can actualize my hopes of having Zach Hill destroy my eardrums with overtly complicated time signatures and have Spencer Seim's hands disjoin from his wrist, slap me, punch me in the gut, then reattach without missing a single note. And you, the reader, can experience the same thing.

Hella will perform Monday at Jake's Back Room, and the cost will be \$8. Doors open at 9 p.m., and the show is an all-ages event. This will be the second time the band has demolished our fair city, but Monday's performance will bring a different experience since the band has added three new members, one of which is a singer.

The band's new album, "There's no 666 in Outer-space," has been tagged as "accessible" and "Mars Volta-esque," yet I believe I can sum up the experience of the new album as a stellar step from their previous releases. This is not to say their previous releases like the "Homeboy" EP aren't chaotic and a murderous tour de force — that couldn't be farther from the truth. But with their new album, they have honed their creation into a driving bullet headed straight to your eardrums.

If you are among those individuals who praise Steve Albini and curse the day the Butthole Surfers signed to Capital Records, you can find solace in the continuity of Hella's songs. I use the term "song" loosely.

The members of Hella will bring

with them the opening band Who's Your Favorite Son, God? The bands will be hitting the Hub City after visiting Chicago. Now, Lubbock, are we going to let Hella be disappointed after what will most likely be a sellout show in Chicago? I would hope not, and here is why: Many of you who read this or listen to KTXT-FM or just enjoy music and new shows are fans of a town favorite, John Vanderslice. Well, guess where Hella heard about the great reputation of Lubbock's crowds and vibrant and engaging music scene. Take a minute, I'll Google Map where you live... yes, that's right, it was from Mr. Vanderslice.

What many patrons of shows don't understand is a city's reputation follows the band on tour. If a someone has a fantastic showing, great audience members and is engrossed by his or her entire visit, you can expect to hear from booking agents in the future. If a band had a bad turn out or an unresponsive audience or any other factors that patrons control, that hovers over a city and deteriorates years of hard work.

Think of Lubbock as the inside of someone's nose. One bad show is like snorting a pixie stick. A string of bad shows is like trying coke for the first time. A continuation of bands not having an enjoyable experience when they stop through will make the city's reputation as nonexistent as the cartilage in Paris Hilton's septum.

So, now that I have your attention, I will repeat this: Hella, 9 p.m., Monday, Jake's Backroom, \$8. It will be the perfect after party to your zombie-day celebration.

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# Anna Nicole Smith diaries detail thoughts on love, sex and weight

DALLAS (AP) — Two diaries penned by Anna Nicole Smith in the early 1990s reveal a troubled young woman professing to be deeply in love with octogenarian oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II, and often depressed and concerned about her weight and eating habits.

"I've been really stressed out lately and depressed and I can't quit eating.

I feel like a pig," the former Playboy Playmate, who died Feb. 8 in a Florida hotel from a drug overdose, wrote in an entry dated Aug. 16, 1992.

The starlet's journals, made available exclusively to The Associated Press on Thursday, are among several pieces of Smith memorabilia going up for public auction in a few weeks by Heritage Auction Galleries of

Dallas.

One diary is a purple and green Hallmark hardbound book that includes a handwritten message on the inside cover: "This diary belongs to Vickie Smith. Do Not Read!"

Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Smith, noted — in a very free-form style — the beginning of her relationship with Paul Marciano, CEO

of Guess Inc., where she eventually replaced Claudia Schiffer in the company's jeans advertisements.

"O my Gosh!! Paul Marciano called today to see if I got his books also I'm gonna go to San Antonio to do photo shoot," she wrote on June 23, 1992. "I'm so excited!! I can't believe this. This could be it." The entry ends with five hand-drawn smiley faces.

Two days later she details a trip to a Nieman Marcus store where she bought \$3,000 worth of clothing.

"I'm so happy they look great," she wrote. "I hope it impresses Paul Marciano. ... I'm starving!! I've been starving myself."

By August, Smith revealed a disdain for eating and sex, and growing frustration with Marshall, who was 63 years older than Smith. The two married in 1994.

# Billionaire Kerkorian's Tracinda makes \$4.5B cash offer for Chrysler

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who lost out in Chrysler's 1998 merger with Daimler-Benz, wants to buy the troubled automaker back from its now-unhappy German owners.

Kerkorian's wholly-owned investment company, Tracinda Corp., on Thursday made a \$4.5 billion cash offer for DaimlerChrysler AG's U.S.-based Chrysler unit.

A deal would put Kerkorian in charge of Chrysler a decade after he claims he was tricked out of potentially billions of dollars in the 1998 deal in which Germany's Daimler-Benz joined with Chrysler in the so-called "merger of equals."

Long an active investor in automakers, the 89-year-old former movie mogul once offered \$22.8 billion for Chrysler in an unsuccessful 1995 takeover bid.

The offer disclosed Thursday from Tracinda is slightly lower than at least one competing bid from Canadian auto-parts supplier Magna International Inc., worth a reported \$4.7 billion.

Tracinda said it would place a \$100 million deposit for the right to exclusive bargaining rights.

Tracinda in a statement said it wants "to build and strengthen" the troubled automaker and "will offer the UAW and Chrysler management the opportunity to participate as equity partners in the transaction."

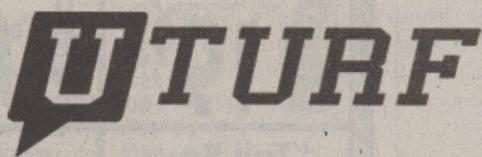
DaimlerChrysler shares climbed \$3.81, or 4.7 percent, to close at \$84.80 on the New York Stock Exchange after rising to a new 52-week high of \$84.90 earlier in the session.

California-based Tracinda said its offer is subject to Chrysler reaching a new collective bargaining agreement with the United Auto Workers as well as a deal with DaimlerChrysler on sharing the estimated \$22 billion unfunded pension liabilities and health care costs of Chrysler retirees.

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# Tech tennis teams to play home and away this weekend

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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As the season comes closer to an end, the Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams look to continue their push toward earning solid positions in the Big 12 Tournament.

The Tech women have collected two Big 12 Conference wins and will be looking for another victory against Kansas State noon Saturday in Manhattan, Kan., — Tech's second road trip of the season. The Tech men, after two losses to ranked opponents Texas and Texas A&M last weekend, face Lamar beginning 1 p.m. today and New Mexico State noon Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex. The pair of matches will mark Tech's first home contests since it played Abilene Christian Feb 27.

The last time the women were on the road, they dropped two matches to conference foes Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Sophomore Samantha van der Drift said the upcoming road trip is a fresh start after the pair of conference losses.

"I don't think the matches with OU and OSU have any influence on the matches we're going to play on the road now," van der Drift said.

As the wins against Missouri and Kansas gave the women confidence going into the Kansas State match, Tech coach Cari Groce said playing many home matches can hinder the way a team performs on the road.

"The one bad thing about playing a lot of home matches is you aren't as used to playing on the road," Groce said. "In the past, we've been very strong on the road because we play a lot on the road. This year is a little different."

The Tech women (9-7, 2-4 Big 12) are coming off wins against Missouri and Kansas, but they fell out of the polls heading into this weekend's match. Kansas State (2-11, 0-4) comes into this match in the bottom two of

the Big 12.

Van der Drift, Tech's No. 1 singles player, has won six of her last eight matches and is looking for her 13th singles win of the season. Junior Janet Durham and van der Drift will be looking for their 11th win as a duo after beating the formerly undefeated duo of Elizaveta Avdeeva and Edina Horvath from Kansas.

Groce said picking up the victory against Kansas State is a matter of playing with intensity.

"I think we've gotta go into Kansas State and get after it just the way we've been doing it," Groce said. "Start off with aggressive doubles, going after the ball and let that carry into singles."

The men, who took a 4-3 loss to No. 12 Texas, are looking to enjoy a rare home appearance.

Senior Teddy DiBlasi said the team looks forward to playing at home this weekend.

"We're all excited to get back on home court, DiBlasi said. "This is

going to be our real first home match out here. We expect to come here and take care of business and come out with two wins."

The Tech men (10-7, 1-2) come in this weekend's matches ranked No. 39 in the country. They will face a Lamar team looking for its fifth win of the season and a New Mexico State team looking for its eighth victory. Sophomore Michael Breler, who is on a four-match losing streak, will be looking for his 10th win in the No. 5 spot. Sophomore Christian Rojmar and junior Bojan Szumanski are 7-5 as a duo this season and are ranked No. 51 in the country.

Tech assistant coach Petar Danolic said the two home matches this weekend are must wins.

"I think these are two matches that we should win, but we have to win," Danolic said. "We just have come out here and play hard and wins those two matches."

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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR Janet Durham returns the ball during a doubles match Thursday afternoon against the Texas Longhorns March 29, 2007, at McLeod Tennis Center.

# Tech managing offense well despite loss of second quarterback

By BEN MAKI  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team is adjusting to an altered quarterback situation one week after senior Ryan Rowland left the team to concentrate on academics.

Rowland is the second quarterback since the 2006 Insight Bowl to leave the team. Former Red Raider Chris Todd transferred to Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan., at the beginning of the spring semester.

Rowland played in one game

during the 2006 season against Southeastern Louisiana. He was 1-of-3 passing for seven yards. His departure leaves junior Graham Harrell as the only signal caller on the roster with collegiate experience.

Offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen said he understands Rowland's decision, but the program still has two backups ready to compete.

"We're sad to see Rowland leave, but he wanted to focus on his academics a little bit, which is understandable," Holgorsen said. "We (have) got two young guys that are competing real hard in Taylor Potts and (Steven) Sheffield. They have been competing hard all spring, and they need to go on into camp. They have to compete all summer, then we'll get them back in camp and let them compete there as well."

Harrell, who started all 13 games last season for the Red Raiders, said Rowland will be missed, but the team has to move on.

"He was splitting reps with Potts and (Sheffield)," Harrell said. "It kind of hurts at practice. We miss him as a player and as a guy. We hung out with (Rowland) and stuff like that, but you know, at quarterback, I don't think we handle anything different now."

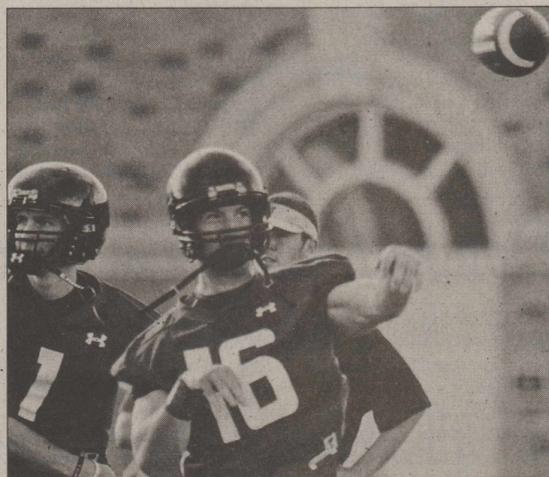
Tech football coach Mike Leach said the addition of high school recruit Stefan Loucks, from Little Rock, Ark., next semester will help the Raiders' depth at quarterback. According to the Web site scout.com, Loucks is the 56th best quarterback of the 2007 recruiting class.

"We've got Loucks coming in in the fall," Leach said. "We'd like to have four on scholarship — and Sheffield is playing well right now, so that helps."

Currently, Sheffield, Potts and Harrell are the only quarterbacks listed on the spring roster.

Leach said he does not have as many quarterbacks as he would like, but he can work with what he has.

"The ideal thing is to have four



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR RYAN ROWLAND left the Texas Tech football team, which leaves three quarterbacks for spring practice.

on scholarship and then two off and then go from there," he said. "We're short of that but not too far. I know a lot folks who will scholarship seven quarterbacks,

but I think that's a waste of time. I'd rather have two quarterbacks sitting on the bench eating ice and bitching than five."

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Matsuzaka (1-0) allowed six hits, including a sixth-inning homer by David DeJesus, and walked one in his first game in the major leagues, his fastball clocked at 95 mph.

His famed array of fastballs, changeups and breaking pitches at times was dazzling. Flashing a reddish-orange glove during his slow-motion windup, he retired 10 batters in a row during one stretch starting with the final out of the first inning. He struck out the side in the fourth on 14 pitches.

He also proved himself a skillful fielder, pouncing off the mound three times to field weak grounders.

Matsuzaka left the Seibu Lions to sign a \$52 million, six-year contract with the Red Sox, who bid \$51,111,111 for his rights.

The crowd of 23,170, bundled on a 36-degree day, booed Matsuzaka in the first when he stepped behind the mound and started doing half jump-

ing-jacks, snapping his heels together in the air.

With about 200 media chronicling his moves, Matsuzaka gave up a single to DeJesus on his third pitch. He walked Mark Teahen with one out, then got Emil Brown to ground into a double play, Matsuzaka didn't allow another runner until Alex Gordon singled leading off the fifth.

DeJesus homered on Matsuzaka's second pitch of the sixth. Estaban German followed with a single, and Matsuzaka's shoulders seemed to droop, and pitching coach John Farrell visited the mound. German was caught stealing as Teahen took a called third strike, Brown doubled off the left-field wall, but Gordon took a called third strike, the first of three straight strikeouts.

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# New Rangers manager is 'baseball man' with unbridled enthusiasm

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ron Washington doesn't have some elaborate plan now that he's finally getting his chance to be a manager.

Except for his leadership title and role with the Texas Rangers, who play Boston in their home opener Friday, nothing has really changed for Washington.

"I'm a baseball man," Washington has said repeatedly since being hired by Texas in November.

After 10 seasons as a part-time player for five teams and 11 years as a beloved assistant coach in Oakland, Washington hasn't changed his philosophy as a manager. He stresses fundamentals and a team-first attitude with a "keep it simple, stupid" approach.

And he's doing it with an unbridled enthusiasm and passion.

"He has that desire every guy should have, and that's to love the game and to cherish it and give the game whatever you can with no regrets," catcher Gerald Laird said.

None of that has wavered for Washington after his managerial career started with Texas being swept in a three-game series at the Los Angeles Angels. The Rangers never had a lead against their AL West rivals.

"You want to win, so some frustration sets in, but we're not going to feed on that," Washington said. "We know we're better than we played here. We will get better."

After a day off at home Thursday, the Rangers begin a six-game home-

stand against the Red Sox. Robinson Tejeda starts Friday for Texas against knuckleballer Tim Lincecum.

The Rangers will miss Japanese sensation Daisuke Matsuzaka, who struck out 10 in seven innings and beat Kansas City 4-1 in his major league debut Thursday.

Washington's managerial debut at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington will also be Sammy Sosa's first home game there. The stadium opened five years after Sosa played 25 games for Texas as a rookie in 1989 then was traded to the Chicago White Sox for Harold Baines.

The 38-year-old Sosa came to camp this spring on a minor league deal after a year out of baseball and earned his roster spot by hitting .408 with five home runs in 17

games. He was 1-for-7 with three strikeouts against the Angels and stayed at 588 career homers, fifth on the all-time list.

While Sosa tries to regain his timing in games that count, Washington is making an even bigger adjustment.

"Not being on the field, not out there getting dirty, that's the biggest thing," Washington said.

As Oakland's infield instructor, Washington helped develop third baseman Eric Chavez into a six-time Gold Glove winner. The A's led the AL in fielding percentage in 2004 and 2005 and were second last season.

Washington also was the Athletics' third-base coach the past 10 seasons, but wasn't chosen as their

new manager when Ken Macha was fired after the playoffs.

"I'm just happy he has an opportunity to do what I think he's going to be really good at doing. It's just unfortunate it's not a chance to do it here," Chavez said.

"Ron brought a nice enthusiasm about him. The players liked him and responded to him," said Bob Geren, who worked alongside Washington on Oakland's staff before being promoted from bench coach to replace Macha. "He's going to be successful in Texas, and we're going to miss him."

Texas is much closer than Oakland to Washington's New Orleans home, which is still being rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina. Washington expects about 10 family members

from New Orleans to be at his first home game.

New Rangers center fielder Kenny Lofton has been to the playoffs 10 times with six teams in his 15 major league seasons. Playing big factors into Lofton's decision to come to Texas were having Washington as his manager and the chance to win again.

"He wants you to go out there and work hard, but have fun," Lofton said. "He's been around the game for a long time. You have that, you know what it takes to win. He's been part of winning clubs, so he understands that."

Another thing Washington knows is that it's only three games into the season. There are 159 games left, including all 81 at home.

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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods is competing for playing time against Kobey Lewis for the 2007 season.

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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At the completion of the 2006 season, it appeared Texas Tech running back Shannon Woods was a lock for the starting role in 2007.

But with a little more than a week before the Red/Black Spring Game, Woods has competition — in the form of sophomore Kobey Lewis — for that No. 1 spot in the backfield.

Although there is a considerable amount of time left before the season starts, Tech running backs coach Seth Littrell said Woods and Lewis are showing improvement every day in practice.

"We're getting better every day," Littrell said of the running back position. "We have a lot of things we need to work on, but it's coming along great. They're getting after it, they're competing hard, and actually getting better each and everyday and that's what we're asking them to do. As long as they get better each and everyday, I'm all right."

Woods finished the 2006 season with 926 rushing yards on 152 carries and 10 touchdowns. He was the only running back to play all 13 games last season and averaged 6 yards per carry.

Woods said he looks to improve on many aspects of his game.

"It's my third spring, so it's pretty much clockwork to me," Woods said. "I want to do better than what I did last year; (I) just to get better at pass blocking."

With the strides Lewis and Woods are making this spring, there is a possibility the two players could be used as a committee instead of just one player being utilized as a full-time starter. Although the combination is only a possibility, Lewis, who had seven carries last season, may have a chance to compete with Woods for the starting job as the offseason progresses.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he likes Lewis' progression this spring, and with the running back position being competitive, the combination of Woods and Lewis may be helpful

to the team late in games.

"He's playing really well right now," Leach said of Lewis. "I think it's a more competitive position right now; you don't know who's going to start. They're both fighting for playing time, so I think that's helped both of them. I do think the two of them together — I think that's going to be pretty hard (on opponents), then everybody's fresher, everybody's faster late in the game than the rest but I think they're both really good."

Lewis said there is always competition with Woods at this point in the offseason, but neither player will know what his role will be until the beginning of the season.

"Every year, we always compete against each other," Lewis said. "We're competing, but we won't know who's playing what until the season starts."

Lewis said he looks forward to getting back on the field this season to aid the Red Raiders.

"Some personal goals going into the season (are) mainly, just to get back on the field," he said, "just to

make sure I pick up all my reads and really just to run hard every play."

Other factors play into the competition for the running back position as sophomore Baron Batch has been unable to participate this spring because of injuries. As Woods and Lewis continue to impress their coaches leading up to the Red/Black Spring Game April 14 at Jones AT&T Stadium, it may open up the possibilities of who could start or what roles will be played at the beginning of the season.

Littrell said he feels better this spring with two running backs who have the potential to receive a lot of touches this season, but in the end, the best player will be chosen for the starting job.

"The best guy is the starter in my book, and I tell them that every single year," Littrell said. "Last spring, I didn't feel as comfortable as I do this spring. If I have two guys who can play, who can get it done, I'm going to play two guys who can get it done."

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## A&M takes first game of three-game series with Tech baseball

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The only rain that came down during Thursday night's overcast was the downpour of balls onto Dan Law Field off of the Texas A&M bats.

The No. 13 Aggies put together seven runs off of 12 hits and held Tech scoreless in eight out of nine innings to win 7-4 for the early lead in the Easter weekend series.

"One inning is not going to do it," Taylor Ashby said of the offense's output in the loss. "We got to score in more than just an inning to win ball games."

After losing three straight games, Thursday marks the first time A&M has won the opening game of a series against Tech at Dan Law Field since 1994.

The base hits began to fall in the second inning as A&M (27-6, 6-4 Big 12) knocked around Tech's starting pitcher Travis Young for five hits, scoring five runs including a bases loaded, three-run double from A&M's Ben Feltner.

Tech (20-13, 4-6) rallied back

in the bottom of the fifth to get within one run of A&M. Kyle Martin knocked A&M's David Newmann's two-strike pitch off the right-field wall for an RBI single, scoring Roger Kieschnick and advancing Matt Smith to second. The next batter, Taylor Ashby, belted Newmann's pitch to right center for a triple, scoring Smith and Martin.

"He threw me a fast ball, outside corner, and I was sitting on that pitch," Ashby said about his triple. "I was happy he threw it."

Later that inning, Chris Richburg hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Ashby from third and cutting A&M's lead to 5-4. That would be the only inning Tech put up any runs.

"We had our one big inning, but it wasn't big enough," Tech coach Larry Hays said.

Young stayed out of trouble through the mid innings until he loaded the bases in the eighth and was replaced by reliever Chris Ortmeier. Young finished with seven innings pitched, allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits.

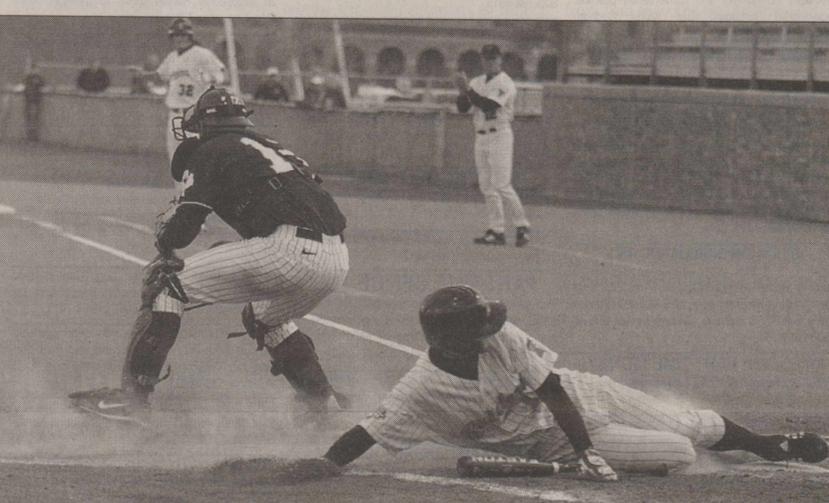
"Travis showed character to-

night," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "He struggled in location for that one inning, but he showed what kind of person he was by coming back. He kept us in the ball game."

Ortmeier was not able to keep the Aggies at bay as A&M scored two runs in the eighth before James Leverton ended the inning with a diving catch off an attempted bunt. He was able to make the grab and throw the runner out at third for an inning-ending double play to keep the Aggies lead at 7-4 after eight innings.

In the bottom of the ninth, A&M's closer Kyle Nicholson shut down Tech's attempt at a come back for an A&M victory.

Young picked up the loss and is now 3-1 on the season. A&M's Newmann was awarded the win



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TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN outfielder Taylor Ashby slides into home giving Tech its fourth run of the fourth inning in the game against Texas A&M University, Thursday evening at Dan Law Field.

after throwing five innings and allowing four earned runs off seven hits to move to 5-1 on the season.

Hays said Tech was without Geoff Byrns and Doug Thennis in

the lineup, not because of suspensions, but because "they need to get some work done."

Saturday's game was moved to today because of inclement weather

forecasted for that day. Tech will finish its series with A&M with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. today.

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## 1 Million G's: Texas introduces Goestenkers as new women's basketball coach

AUSTIN (AP) — She's still learning the "Eyes of Texas," and her sweater was ever-so-close to burnt orange.

Gail Goestenkers figures she has plenty of time to work on her singing voice and update that wardrobe away from Duke blue. Introduced as the new women's basketball coach at Texas on Thursday, the 44-year-old Goestenkers said she'll be here until she retires.

"This is it for me," Goestenkers said. "There's no other job that would interest me."

She can even build a pretty nice nest egg with a seven-year contract that guarantees her at least \$1 million annually and incentives that could push it to close to \$1.3 million, making her one of the highest paid women's coaches in the country.

Goestenkers built a national power over the last 15 years with

Duke, but came to Texas for a chance to lead a program considered among the vanguards of women's college athletics.

"It was tough for me to leave, but I felt it really was time to make a change," Goestenkers told the crowd of about 200 Texas officials, cheerleaders, fans and media who attended her introductory news conference. "I knew deep in my heart this is the place I wanted to be to start a new

tradition and bring back the glory."

Goestenkers ranked No. 1 on Texas' list since March 12 when Jody Conradt, one of two Division I coaches with 900 wins, retired after the Longhorns didn't make the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

"The University of Texas is a special institution, and we believe it attracts people with good hearts and minds," said women's athletic director Chris Plonsky. "Gail possesses skill, integrity and class."

Goestenkers was in Austin for three days last week for an interview process she called a "validation" of why she wanted to come to Texas.

She got the red-carpet treatment and the hard sell from football coach Mack Brown, men's basketball coach Rick Barnes, baseball coach Augie Garrido and women's track coach Bev Kearney. Brown, Barnes and Kearney attended Thursday's news conference.

"(Brown) put the full-court press on me," Goestenkers said. "The one common thread: There's greatness here. ... This is not about money. This is about people. This is about a challenge."

Goestenkers left a Duke program where she won five Atlantic Coast Conference championships, went to four Final Fours and reached the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament the past 10 years. The Blue Devils played for the national title in 1999 and 2006 but lost both times.

Conradt, who won her only national championship in 1986 when Goestenkers was a graduate assistant at Iowa State, said she believes Goestenkers is a perfect fit.

"Texas is a special place," said Conradt, who coached the Longhorns for 31 years. "I think she is an excellent choice."

Goestenkers faced a whirlwind 48 hours.

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