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### STATE

#### Legislature considers removing TAKS test

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas moved a step closer Thursday to replacing its high-stakes test with end-of-course exams in high school. The state Senate Education Committee unanimously approved a bill that would revamp the way student learning is measured in the upper grades; elementary and middle school students would still take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, which has long been criticized for putting too much emphasis on a single assessment and forcing teachers to tailor their instruction to a single exam.

### NATION

#### Author Vonnegut dies at age 84

NEW YORK (AP) — In books such as "Slaughterhouse-Five," "Cat's Cradle," and "Hocus Pocus," Kurt Vonnegut mixed the bitter and funny with a touch of the profound. Vonnegut, regarded by many critics as a key influence in shaping 20th-century American literature, died Wednesday at 84. He had suffered brain injuries after a recent fall at his Manhattan home, said his wife, photographer Jill Kremenetz.

### WORLD

#### 5 missing after oil rig capsizes

LONDON (AP) — A Norwegian oil rig support vessel carrying 15 people capsized off northern Scotland on Thursday and five crew members were missing, the coast guard said.

Ten crew members were rescued after the Bourbon Dolphin capsized off the Shetland Islands, said Mark Clark, a coast guard spokesman.

Two coast guard helicopters and three offshore vessels raced to the scene.

"We've issued a mayday call for any vessels in the area to come to us immediately because we need divers. If ... guys are trapped underneath the hull, we need to get to them," Clark said by telephone.

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## Bombing of Iraqi parliament kills 8

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
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BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up in the Iraqi parliament cafeteria Thursday, killing at least eight people — including three lawmakers — and wounding dozens in a stunning assault in the heart of the heavily fortified, U.S.-protected Green Zone.

A news video camera captured the moment of the blast: a flash

and an orange ball of fire causing a startled parliament member who was being interviewed to duck, and then the smoky, dust-filled aftermath of confusion and shouting. The video was shot by Alhurra, a U.S. government-funded Arab-language channel.

The explosion came hours after a suicide truck bomb exploded on a major bridge in Baghdad, collapsing the steel structure and sending cars tumbling into the Tigris River, police

and witnesses said. At least 10 people were killed.

The parliament bombing was believed to be the deadliest attack in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Iraq's leadership as well as the U.S. Embassy, and is secured by American and Iraqi checkpoints.

Security officials at parliament, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, said they believed the bomber was a bodyguard

of a Sunni member of parliament who was not among the dead. They would not name the member of parliament.

The officials also said two satchel bombs were found near the cafeteria. A U.S. bomb squad took the explosives away and detonated them without incident.

President Bush strongly condemned the attack, saying: "My message to the Iraqi government is 'We stand with you.'"

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told The Associated Press that eight people were killed in the attack, which witness accounts indicated was carried out by a suicide bomber.

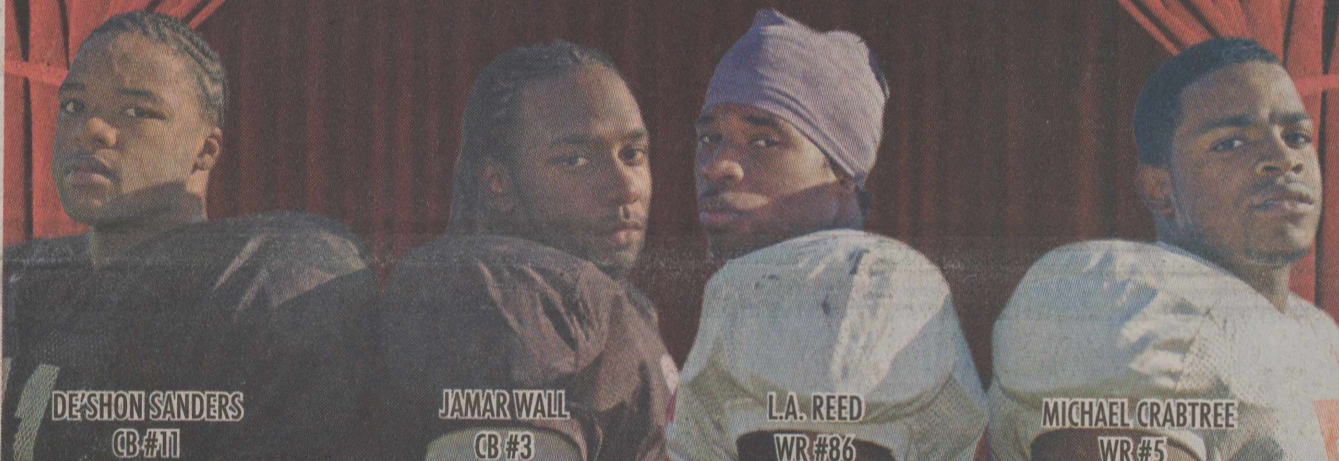
Iraqi officials said the bomber struck the cafeteria while several lawmakers were eating lunch, and at least three of them — two Sunnis and a Shiite — were killed. State television said 30 people were wounded.

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## ROUND ONE

Texas Tech's Red-Black game to bring promising match-ups

## DEFENSE VS. OFFENSE



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Texas Tech football fans will get their first look at the Red Raiders with the 2007 Red-Black Spring Game 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he feels the Red-Black game will give his players a last chance to improve before the summer offseason.

"I think it'll be more, just have them continue to work and get in the best position they can to work through the offseason," Leach said. "One of the most important things in spring is to put guys in a position to where they know things, they learn things, they develop skills, so that as they get into the offseason after spring football, that they can continue to work on them, and hopefully come into camp as good as they can be."

As the offseason comes closer to an end, there are many new faces, new player combinations and new possibilities for position battles.

### Wide Receivers

The wide receiver position may turn out to be a matter of who will play rather than who will start.

The receiving corps lost standouts like Jarrett Hicks, Robert Johnson and Joel Filani, who combined to catch 26 of Tech's 39 touchdowns passes in the 2006 season. Junior L.A. Reed, redshirt freshman Michael Crabtree and sophomore Edward Britton are among the players expected to have the chance to fill those shoes.

In both scrimmages, Reed combined for seven receptions, 83 yards and one touchdown. Crabtree grabbed seven catches for 131 yards and two touchdowns in the second scrimmage, while Britton snagged three catches for 68 yards and a touchdown in the first scrimmage.

Reed said he treats every opportunity to step on the field like it is a game.

"With me, I try to take practice as the same thing as game situation,"

Reed said. "To me, the only thing that changes is that you (have) more people watching — just got a couple fans out there — so it's not really a big difference to me; it's just another opportunity to make plays live."

### Running Backs

The Red-Black Spring Game will feature running backs Kobey Lewis and Shannon Woods as part of Texas Tech's potent Air Raid offense.

Lewis and Woods have strived for improvement this spring, giving Tech a chance to use the two running backs as a committee for the 2007 season. In the first scrimmage, Woods carried the ball four times for 22 yards, while Lewis had six carries for 21 yards. Woods and Lewis were the only backs to carry the ball in the scrimmage.

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## Tech professor runs for City Council again

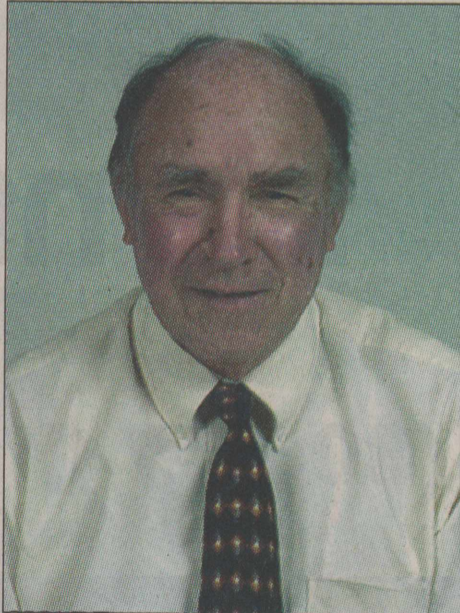
By BEN MAKI  
STAFF WRITER

The May 12 special election for the vacant District 3 seat of the Lubbock City Council has a Texas Tech flair.

Richard Quade, a Tech professor of physics, is running for the position a second time. He ran in the 2006 election and lost to Gary Boren. In 2006, Quade received 667 votes, or 20.9 percent of the total vote.

Boren resigned from the position March 22, attributing the decision to increasing demands on his time, according to his letter of resignation.

Quade, 70, said he wants to help the City Council run smoothly so it can be more effective.



QUADE

"My agenda is to fill the City Council role and managing the affairs of the city wisely and to cooperate with other members of the council," he said. "In my experience, the city is most successful at the City Council level, as in all levels, when the City Council is a team effort."

Quade said if elected, he believes he will have time to juggle both his duties as a professor and those of a City Council member.

"It's pretty demanding to be a City Council member," he said. "Right now, as far as I can see, my research career is over and time-wise, that is a significant portion of my professional activities. The place where I have time available is staying away from heavy research."

According to Quade's Web site, his platform includes keeping the older areas of Lubbock from deteriorating, increasing the ability of neighborhoods to handle more student residents and supporting the water commission in its attempts to find a permanent solution to the water supply and distribution problems.

There are four other people running for the vacant City Council position: Todd Klein, Frank Sikes, Darren Bronaugh and Kevin Glasheen.

Klein, 39, said he is running for office to contribute to the community, and if elected, he will focus on public safety.

"There needs to be more cops on beat — more police in general to increase the ratio of police per capita," he said. "Once we get more police, they need to be strategically placed where they are needed."

Klein said he also is concerned with ensuring the red light cameras are not misused by the city as a money-collection system.

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## 40-year-old Kuykendall had history of prostitution

By PAUL ROBERTS  
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Three days after Lubbock police found the body of 40-year-old Selena Kuykendall, police said they are still searching for a suspect, and no new leads have developed since discovering the body near the intersection of North Olive Avenue and East Municipal Drive.

Lt. Scott Hudgens of the Lubbock Police Department said the investigation is still in the early stages, and police are investigating the last few days of Kuykendall's life and what led to her death.

"No suspects have yet to be taken into custody," Hudgens said.

According to court documents, on Oct. 31, Kuykendall was arrested for a felony prostitution charge. Dur-

ing a prostitution sting performed by Lubbock police, Kuykendall was arrested after being approached by an undercover police officer, according to police reports.

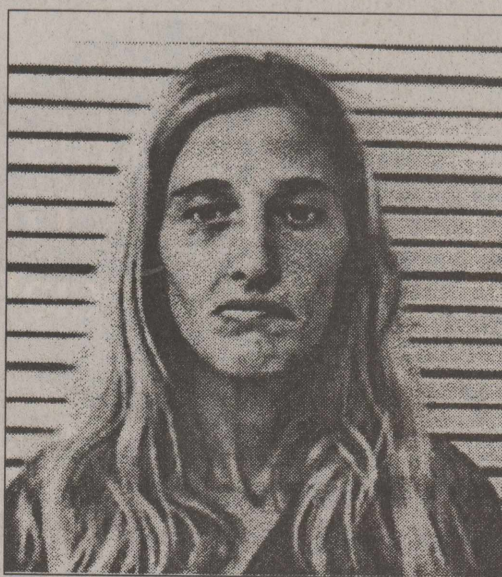
Police discovered she had several previous convictions for prostitution, and she therefore was given a felony charge, according to court documents.

Hudgens said at this point in the investigation, police would have a difficult time determining if her criminal history had anything to do with her death.

"There's just no way to know that or make that conclusion," Hudgens said.

Police said anyone who has any information regarding the homicide should call Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.

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KUYKENDALL

# Gonorrhea resistant to drug therapy, joins list of 'superbugs'

ATLANTA (AP) — The sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea is now among the "superbugs" resistant to common antibiotics, leading U.S. health officials to recommend wider use of a different class of drugs to avert a public health crisis.

The resistant form accounts for more than one in every four gonor-

rhea cases among heterosexual men in Philadelphia and nearly that many in San Francisco, according to a survey that led to Thursday's recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gonorrhea, which is believed to infect more than 700,000 people in the United States each year, can

leave both men and women infertile and puts people at higher risk of getting the AIDS virus.

Since the early 1990s, a class of drugs known as fluoroquinolones has provided a relatively easy cure. These antibiotics, taken as tablets, include the drug Cipro.

But a growing number of gonor-

rhea cases is resistant to those drugs, and officials at the CDC for the first time are urging doctors to stop using fluoroquinolones and switch to cephalosporins, a different class of antibiotics, to treat everyone.

Those drugs — which include the generic ceftriaxone or brand name Rocephin, made by Swiss drug maker

Roche Holding AG — must be given as a shot and aren't as readily stocked as Cipro on most doctor's shelves.

"Gonorrhea has now joined the list of other superbugs for which treatment options have become dangerously few," said Dr. Henry Masur, president of the Infectious Disease Society of America.

## Quade

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Other issues in Klein's platform include not raising city taxes until necessary and not spending money on frivolous items.

Sikes, 62, said his military experience, three years of active duty and three years in the reserves for the Navy, gives him the knowledge and ability to work with people without being combative.

"I have received a lot from the community since I've been in Lubbock, and I thought it was time to give back to the community," Sikes said. "I believe I've got some experience and qualities that will allow me to be effective on the council."

Sikes said the police department is between 25 and 35 officers short of where it needs to be for him to be confident in the public safety of Lubbock.

"I don't want people to go on vacation and have to be worried about if their house has been burglarized," Sikes said. "You don't want to go to bed wondering if someone is going to rob you."

Bronaugh, 29, said if elected, he plans to ensure the residents of District 3 will be represented properly.

"I don't think the voices of the citizens in the district are being heard on the council," he said. "A perfect example would be the red light cameras. I've been knocking on doors and getting to meet the people of my district the last week. Maybe a couple people out of several hundred are in favor of the red light cameras, yet they fly through the city council vote without opposition."

Bronaugh said he only considers one of the other candidates to be a serious contender. He did not give the name of the "other major candidate," but he did say he filed a report indicating he has spent \$6,000 to date on the election.

Glasheen was unavailable for comment.

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## Parliament

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"We don't know at this point who it was. We do know in the past that suicide vests have been used predominantly by al-Qaida," Caldwell said.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh suggested that those behind the attack might work in the building.

"There are some groups that work in politics during the day and do things other than politics at night," he told Alhurra.

The Alhurra video showed the blast, with startled lawmaker Jalalu-

ddin al-Saghir, who is also a Muslim imam, ducking for cover. It then showed the immediate aftermath: People screamed for help in a smoky hallway, with one man slumped over, covered in dust, motionless. A woman knelt over what appeared to be a wounded or dead man near a table. The camera then focused on a bloody, severed leg.

TV cameras and videotapes belonging to a crew sending footage to Western networks were confiscated and apparently handed over to U.S. authorities.

After the blast, security guards sealed the building and no one — including lawmakers — was allowed to

enter or leave.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad said no Americans were hurt.

The bombing came amid the two-month-old security crackdown in Baghdad, which has sought to restore stability in the capital so that the government of Iraq can take key political steps by June 30 or face a withdrawal of American support.

"We know that there is a security problem in Baghdad," added Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, speaking at the State Department. "This is still early in the process and I don't think anyone expected that there wouldn't be counter efforts by terrorists to undermine the security presence."

The dead lawmakers were identified by colleagues as Mohammed Awad of the Sunni National Dialogue Front, Taha al-Liheibi of the Sunni Accordance Front and Niamah al-Mayahi of the Shiite United Iraqi Alliance bloc. A female lawmaker of the Sunni National Dialogue Front was wounded, according to her party leader.

Mohammed Abu Bakr, who heads the parliament's media department, and other lawmakers said they saw the suspected bomber's body amid the ghastly scene.

"I saw two legs in the middle of the cafeteria and none of those killed or wounded lost their legs — which means they must be the legs of the suicide attacker," he said.

Earlier in the day, security officials used dogs to check people entering the building in a rare precaution — apparently concerned that an attack might take place.

A security scanner for pedestrians at the entrance to the Green Zone near the parliament building was not working, and people were searched only by hand and had to pass through

metal detectors, Abu Bakr said.

The brazen bombing was the clearest evidence yet that militants can penetrate even the most secure locations. Masses of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers are on the streets in the ninth week of a security crackdown in the capital, and security measures inside the Green Zone have been significantly hardened.

The U.S. military reported April 1 that two suicide vests were found in the Green Zone, also home to the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government. A rocket attack last month killed two Americans, a soldier and a contractor. A few days earlier, a rocket hit within 100 yards of a building where U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was holding a news conference. No one was hurt.

Ban said Thursday's attack "attempted to undermine one of the country's sovereign institutions," and he urged Iraqis to come together in unity to work for peace, said U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe.

Khalaf al-Ilyan, one of three leaders of the Iraqi Accordance Front, said the attack "underlines the failure of the government's security plan."

"The plan is 100 percent a failure. It's a complete flop. The explosion means that instability and lack of security has reached the Green Zone, which the government boasts is heavily fortified," said al-Ilyan, who is in Jordan recovering from knee surgery.

Hadi al-Amiri, head of the parliament's security and defense committee, said the blast shook the building just after legislators ended their main meeting and broke into smaller committees.

"A few brothers (fellow lawmakers) happened to be in the cafeteria at the time of the explosion," al-Amiri told Al-Arabiya television. "But had they been able to place this bomb

inside the meeting hall, it would have been a catastrophe."

Hours after the bombing, Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and other Iraqi officials met with the commander of all U.S. forces in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and decided to put the Interior Ministry in charge of security at parliament, al-Dabbagh said. The building was previously guarded by a private security company, he said.

Petraeus also said the U.S. military extended condolences to those "martyred" in the bombing.

New U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker called the attack a "heinous act of terrorism."

"This cowardly attack is an attempt to undermine the efforts of all who are working to build a peaceful, unified, and stable Iraq. It will not succeed," he said.

Attacks in the Green Zone are rare. The worst previous known assault occurred Oct. 14, 2004, when a blast at a market and a popular cafe killed six people — the first bombing in the sprawling region.

On Nov. 25, 2004, a mortar attack inside the zone killed four employees of a British security firm and wounded at least 12. On Jan. 29, 2005, insurgents hit the U.S. Embassy compound with a rocket, killing two Americans — a civilian and a sailor — on the eve of landmark elections. Four other Americans were wounded.

In addition to killing 10 people, Thursday's bombing of the al-Sarafiya bridge wounded 26, hospital officials said, and police were trying to rescue as many as 20 people whose cars plummeted off the span.

Waves lapped against twisted girders as patrol boats searched for survivors and U.S. helicopters flew overhead. Scuba divers donned flippers and waded in from the riverbanks.

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# Honors College hosts rape-prevention lecture

By **GLENYS BOLLS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Honors College hosted a lecture about rape and crime prevention on college campuses Thursday evening to make students aware of the preventive measures they can take to deal with sexual assault.

Tech Police Department Cpl. Jack Floyd, the department's crime prevention officer since 1996, and Beth Maeker, the youth educator and volunteer coordinator for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, presented the lecture.

"Sexual assault can be a hard topic to talk about," Maeker said. "Sexual assault is an act of control and violence, and it has nothing to do with sex. Sex is the vehicle (the assailants) use to assert this control over another human being."

According to crime report statistics from 2003 to 2005 provided by the Tech Police Department, Tech had one reported rape each year. In 2003 and



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TEXAS TECH POLICE Cpl. Jack Floyd and Lubbock Rape Crisis Center volunteer Beth Maeker give tips to Tech students on rape prevention at the Business Administration building Thursday evening.

2005, the rapes reportedly were committed in campus residence halls, and the reported rape in 2004 occurred at one of Tech's other campuses. Floyd said the department had six reported rapes on the Tech campus in 2006.

"These have all been acquaintance rapes," he said. "In my 10 years at Tech, we have not yet had a case of stranger rape here on campus."

There is a prevailing misconception that acquaintance rape is not as serious and not as criminal as stranger rape, according to the Safe Campuses

Now Web site, <http://www.safecampusnow.org>. This may lead to the belief acquaintance rape is not as damaging to the victim as stranger rape.

"Just because you know them doesn't make it less (serious)," Maeker said.

More than 80 percent of rapes are date or acquaintance rapes according to the EnglishMajor.com Rape Facts Web site, which was created by a former rape crisis counselor. Among college students, 90 percent of rapes are date-related or acquaintance-related and between one-fifth and one-eighth

of college women will be raped while in college.

One point the presenters made was that women are not the only victims of rape. Floyd said a male was the victim of one of the six rapes reported at Tech in 2006. According to statistics from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, one in 20 men in Texas will be raped in his lifetime.

Rape is the most common violent crime on American college campuses today, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Women ages 16 to 24 years old are four times more likely to experience rape than women in any other age bracket. Fewer than 5 percent of college women who are victims of rape or attempted rape report it to police, although about two-thirds of victims tell someone, usually a friend.

Because friends are the most likely people to be around during a sexual assault, the presenters cautioned audience

members to use a buddy system when going out to drink. Maeker said one of the most powerful suggestions she ever heard was to open the door.

"If you're at a party and a door is closed, open it," she said. "The worst thing that can happen is that two people are having consensual sex and you'll be embarrassed. But what if it's not consensual and the woman just can't call for help?"

In 2004, the Harvard School of Public Health released its College Alcohol Study findings that rape is more common on college campuses with higher rates of binge drinking; alcohol was cited as a central factor in most college rapes. The findings were based on the results of three separate surveys in 1997, 1999 and 2001.

The Lubbock Rape Crisis Center's statistics found 56.23 percent of rape victims had no drugs or alcohol in their systems, 30.09 had used alcohol, 3.34 percent had used drugs and alcohol, 3.65 percent had used just drugs, 3

percent had used prescription drugs and for 6.38 percent of victims the drug or alcohol usage was unknown.

"This happens when the person wakes up and says 'I don't remember anything,'" Maeker said. "This is a bad sign because this implies that there may have been predatory drugs used."

Maeker said utilizing practices like maintaining a buddy system, keeping an eye on drinks and being aware of surroundings can reduce a person's risk of being sexually assaulted.

"We've gone from calling it 'prevention' because you can't ever prevent it," she said, "but you can reduce your chances."

According to the Tech Code of Student Conduct, students are subject to disciplinary sanctions if they are found to have committed sexual misconduct or unwanted sexual behavior, including but not limited to any attempted or actual physical conduct of a sexual nature, regardless of gender.

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# Tech students, faculty celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and one organization on campus has become involved in hopes of raising child-abuse awareness around the Texas Tech campus.

The Delta Kappa Delta National South Asian Sorority has participated in Child Week and hosted a carnival at the Children's Home of Lubbock Thursday night.

Pooja Patnak, the service philanthropist and secretary of DKD, said she and other members spent Tuesday and Wednesday handing out blue ribbons that promote child-abuse prevention.

The blue ribbons state, "It shouldn't hurt to be a child" and are sponsored by Covenant Medical Center and the Family Guidance and Outreach Center.

Patnak said the main event of the week was the carnival that took place at the Children's Home.

About 25 of the 80 or so children living on the Children's Home campus showed up to participate in games

and contests, such as musical chairs, jump-roping, a water-balloon toss, face painting and an Easter egg hunt.

Danny Pectol, recreational coordinator of the Children's Home of Lubbock, said most of the children living at the home come from abusive households.

"Greater than 95 percent of our children come directly to us from (Child Protective Services)," Pectol said.

The children living at the home are rarely alone because so many Tech organizations come to help out, Pectol said.

"It has gotten to the point, sad to say, that I have had to start turning (volunteers) away," Pectol said. "Tech has great, great people."

Aaron Lowe, the office coordinator of the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock, said representatives from the center begin handing out the blue ribbons at the beginning of April to raise child-abuse awareness. He said locations the ribbons were handed out include the Tech campus, Lubbock public schools and churches.

"We try to blanket the city with blue ribbons," Lowe said. "We try to get a lot of people to wear them so that more people can be in touch."

Lynette Wilson, the director of the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock, said 2007 will be the ninth year the center has hosted the Blue Ribbon Rally.

She said the purpose of the rally is to raise money for child-abuse-prevention programs.

Some preventative programs Wilson said the money will go to are Never Shake a Baby informational classes, parenting classes and health fairs.

"One of the preventative programs we do is a mentoring program at one of the LISD schools," Wilson said. "Pregnant teens can come to school and there is a day care. Mainly we are there to support them and let them

know that someone cares."

Wilson said the rally will include a classic car and bike show, food vendors and a children's area with prize games.

"That evening is the actual Harley party where we have a dinner and live bands and a silent auction," Wilson said.

People attending the rally will be able to buy a \$30 raffle ticket, Lowe said, for a chance to win a 2007 Harley Street Glide motorcycle.

"The money raised will go to the programs that we do throughout the year," Wilson said. "Without it we wouldn't be able to do the programs that we do."

Wilson said last year the Blue Ribbon Rally helped the center raise about \$52,000, and this year's goal is to raise about \$60,000.

The rally will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 28 in the Depot Entertainment District, which will be closed to traffic for

the event. For more information visit the Web site <http://www.blueribbonrally.com>.

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(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — I have been hesitant to write a political column for fear of my words being torn apart, seeming inaccurate or taken out of context. But after reading about Nancy Pelosi's visit to Syria that subjected her to becoming a victim of all three of these things, I realize politics, at its media-fueled heart, will always result in individuals throwing words back and forth, finding the faults in every single statement.

The combination of instantaneous media outlets and critics waiting to pounce on politicians' every move is deadly. Especially when it's Nancy Pelosi, the female Democratic speaker of the house, who made a controversial move.

The terrible thing is this "controversial move" should not have even been considered controversial.

Pelosi made a trip to Syria and conveyed Israel's message that peace talks will occur once Syria takes steps to stop supporting terrorism.

Simple enough? Hardly. The media has showcased a tidal wave, make that a tsunami, of criticism for her mentioning the word "peace." God forbid!

Critics have deemed her actions anywhere from communicating an inaccurate translation of Israel's message to being a felon for disobeying the president — both of these being false accusations.

While Syria's ease to allow terrorist aids of arms and people to cross the border is currently just an accusation, it is understandable that these actions would be against our anti-terrorism crusade. The answer to this problem is not to isolate Syria from all active diplomatic relations. Instead, it is necessary to engage the country and participate in active negotiation in order to give them incentives to com-

ply with our wishes. The diplomatic relations with Syria since Sept. 11 have not worked. Opening up the possibility of peace talks should not be reason for conservatives to be up in arms. Our stubborn administration was forced to give up its pride for a brief moment to reason with Syria. The results of this move are not even visible yet, so who is to say it was the wrong decision?

This is even assuming Pelosi unjustly stretched her power at all, which is the issue at hand.

Nancy Pelosi did not misinterpret Israel's message. The U.S. and Israeli governments haven't spoken against her actions. In fact, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's spokesperson was quoted saying, "Pelosi is conveying that Israel is willing to talk if they (Syria) would openly take steps to stop supporting terrorism."

Pelosi did not contradict the United States' foreign policy. She simply did not beat around the bush

to achieve the possibility of peace.

Pelosi did not blatantly disregard the president and White House. She met with the president before the trip. She met with state officials. She was in the clear for her itinerary during her trip to Syria. This throws out the outrageous idea that Pelosi acted without any regard for the administration.

America wanted a change in the Middle East when they voted in a Democratic Congress. After six years of the same guidance, a small change will obviously seem like a big one. Don't let the conservative media's rhetoric sway you to believe this move toward peace was a bad one. One must actively work toward peace through the testing of a variety of changes and relations to see what works. The people asked for change. Here it is — in a very small dose, at that.

Don't be bitter that this long overdue change is finally occurring.

## Stupid is as stupid tests

By **CHELSEA JO SIMPSON**  
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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — When this column goes into print, I will be 7 months, 14 days and 30 minutes away from being able to order a beer. I don't have to do anything except wait it out. But what if I could pass a competency test and then walk over to Dierbag's and have a beer tomorrow?

In his book "The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen," Harvard professor Robert Epstein argues that a kid of any age who can pass "an appropriate test of maturity" or "pass one or more relevant competency tests" should be allowed to have adult privileges.

The test would replace the arbitrary age assigned for the rights that kids get with each birthday. Essentially, if a kid could pass the test or tests, they could vote, sign contracts, drive, drink, smoke, have sex, watch porn and get a tattoo.

In many ways there is something to be said about choosing an alternate form of judgment instead of depending on age to grant kids with new privileges. Epstein is on to something, but I think we should expand this idea to where it is needed most — incompetence. There are plenty of grown individuals with all of these privileges who probably couldn't spell their own names on the top of a competency test.

And let's face it: Some bozos never could pass a "maturity" test, no matter how many times they tried or how many birthdays passed. So should we really allow them behind the wheel or, worse, to populate the world?

I propose an "immaturity test" to be administered to adults who abuse their "adult privileges." This, in theory, could fix traffic issues, drinking issues and ultimately, rid society of stupid people.

Now, please don't get upset with me; I realize some people can't help it if they're idiots. But they can stay home.

Let's break this down: Traffic. If you have ever driven through the university and around Tucson around 5 p.m., well, then you've probably wanted to get out of your car and hurl yourself into oncoming traffic.

I am a firm believer that there are plenty of individuals who suffer the same frustrations. And I realize that there is already a driving test. But I passed that test four years ago, and if I remember correctly, it wasn't a test of competency but rather of memorization. And to top it off, according to my license I don't even have to renew it until 2051. Whoever thought that was a good idea didn't pass a competency test.

Drinking. There are people who simply should not be allowed to consume any amount of alcohol. This goes beyond people drinking too much, stumbling, saying things they probably shouldn't or thinking that a two-story beer bong is a good idea. No, I am talking about something much more serious: Reproduction.

## Criminal role models need to be suspended for once

By **MATTHEW PLOTNIK**  
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(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Put this into perspective: My high school math teacher made as much money in a year as some professional athletes make in a week. Although I love sports, it doesn't change my disgust for the lopsided salaries of pro athletes.

Football players Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry were

suspended Tuesday morning for a full NFL season and eight games, respectively. It's about time.

I don't feel pity for people who take their careers for granted. According to ESPN, Jones has been involved in at least 10 incidents in which the authorities were involved, and Henry has been arrested four times during his tenure.

This pending decision has been looming in the media for weeks

and has lasting effects, not only for these two players, but also for player conduct in the future. Athletes need to be accountable for their actions. The NFL finally has a leader who is not afraid to punish the "stars" when they deserve it.

With the suspensions, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell sent a message to every athlete that off-the-field digressions would not be tolerated.

It's a tragedy if a high school football player decides to model himself after a troubled professional player who is nonetheless rewarded with a lucrative contract. It has always been a problem on all levels when athletes seem to be given free passes not afforded to nonathletes.

Jones and Henry hoped to overshadow their off-field transgressions with success on the field, but their suspensions were a big step in preventing similar incidents in the future.

We can't blame the athletes for everything, however. Athletes are people, too. They make mistakes because they are human, but they must remember that they are role models — deserved or not — and that all of their actions will be scrutinized.

Before feeling bad for Jones, Henry or other players severely punished for misconduct, remember the kind of money these athletes earn. Many make millions upon millions of dollars each year. We as fans pay money to see these players, in part subsidizing their salaries, and we don't want to have our children watching a field filled with such poor role models. Jones was given millions in guaranteed money, and he is throwing that all away because he can't keep himself out of trouble.

Unfortunately, the guilty parties in these incidents don't care about the images their teammates or themselves send, but a hit to their pockets will hopefully send a message: Clean up your act, or get new jobs.

I do not mean to target all professional athletes, because many are actually stand-up citizens who use their stature to help people. These athletes don't deserve to have their fame and the NFL's reputation tarnished by a few rotten eggs.



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# Council members consider rear unit apartment ordinance

By NAOMI KASKELA  
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An ordinance concerning rear-unit apartments in Lubbock generated several citizen comments during the Lubbock City Council meeting Thursday morning.

According to the ordinance, if passed, landlords will be required to occupy one of the buildings, while the other building can be rented out.

The first reading of the ordinance was supported by the City Council, said Floyd Price, councilman for District 2. The second reading is slated to take place in two weeks.

Price said he believes most of the landlords of the rear-unit apart-

ments do not live in Lubbock, and the apartments are not always up to code.

"If that ordinance is passed, they're going to bring that property up to code and (the landlords) are going to have to live here," he said. "I think that's a good thing."

Several individuals from neighborhood associations, particularly individuals residing in the Tech Terrace neighborhood, voiced their support of the ordinance during the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

James Mahan, a Lubbock resident, said he is in support of the ordinance because it will eliminate problems associated with rear-unit apartments.

"Owner occupancy ... was a positive thing for our neighborhood," he said. "I believe this is the first time we've ever come before the council requesting an increase (in apartments)."

While many of the residents were in support of the ordinance, several realtors and property owners voiced concerns about it.

Realtor Paul Garrett said he came to the meeting not necessarily in opposition to the ordinance, but in opposition to the way it was written.

"All we're asking at this time is to table the issue in its current form," he said.

Garrett, along with several other realtors, asked for more

discussion of the ordinance to occur.

Lloyd Headrick, a Lubbock real estate broker, said he does not believe a new ordinance is needed because he believes the old one is fair and works properly.

John Leonard, councilman for District 5, asked Headrick several questions concerning Headrick's opinion of the ordinance.

"I'm also a little uncomfortable about restricting someone's property rights," Leonard said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the Texas Tech University System aligning with Angelo State University.

According to the meeting agenda, the City Council considered

"a resolution supporting efforts to align Angelo State University with the Texas Tech University System and further support State Senator Robert Duncan, State Representative Drew Darby and the Coalition for ASU in their efforts to forge a tremendous educational partnership for both institutions and the communities of San Angelo and Lubbock."

Price said the resolution was supported unanimously by the City Council.

"It's going to be good for Texas Tech," he said. "Tech is going to be a flagship university."

Price said for Tech to become a flagship university, the enrollment will need to increase, which

will happen if San Angelo State and Tech align.

An issue concerning the re-dedicating of Canyon Lakes Drive and Park Road 18 to Cesar E. Chavez Drive brought one citizen with concerns, but a decision was not made concerning the agenda.

A citizen came before the City Council and said he did not support the name change because he believes Canyon Lakes Drive and Park Road 18 are part of Lubbock's history and should not change.

Price said the issue did not come up and said he is unsure if it will be addressed at a later meeting.

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# Tech professors, students gather to discuss immigration issues

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Immigration took center stage as Texas Tech faculty, students and Cecilia Balli gathered for a viewing of the movie "Crossing Arizona" and an accompanying discussion Thursday evening at the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

Balli, a journalist with Texas Monthly magazine, said people should not attempt to reduce the issue of immigration to one core question or solution. She said she believes college students tend to focus on human rights as well as economic and political issues.

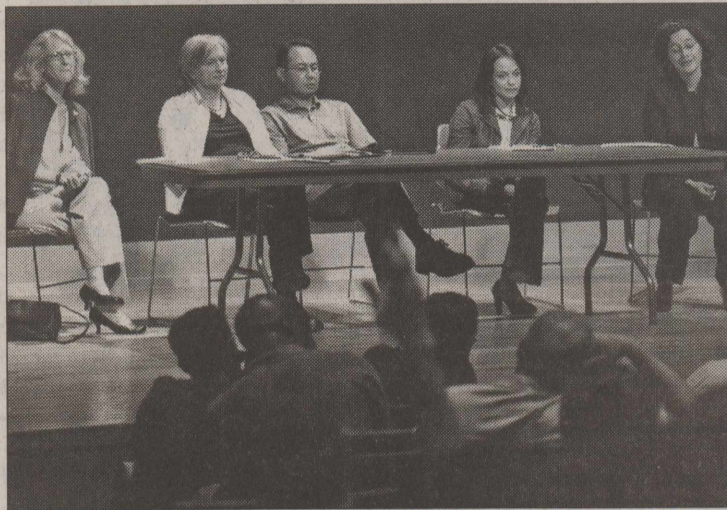
"I think the next generation, the young generation, needs to think about the question of citizenship," Balli said, "and what American citizenship is going to mean in the future and how we are going to decide who gets to become an American citizen."

Balli said the issue of changing demographics in the United States during the next few years is going to continue to grow at an increasing rate.

"Throughout the world, people are moving across countries in unprecedented numbers," Balli said. "Youth everywhere needs to begin to ask the bigger questions, such as how the U.S. will manage a new world where people are not so easily divided by race and national origin and how to manage the flow of people across borders."

Tech professors joined Balli in a discussion panel to field questions from the audience.

Ignacio Luis Ramirez, assistant professor of sociology, anthropol-



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A MEMBER OF the audience raises his hand to ask a question to panelists (L to R) Cynthia Sorrensen, assistant professor of economics and Geography, Martha Smithey and Luis Ramirez, associate professors of Sociology, Cecilia Balli, Texas Monthly writer, and Priscilla Solis Ybarra, assistant professor of Latino Literature; about issues on immigration and border crossing Thursday evening at the SUB's Escondido Theater.

ogy and social work, said faculty members and students should address core issues such as drug policy, illegal immigration and the global economy.

The discussion panel addressed the issue of transportation of marijuana across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Martha Smithey, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, said the main problem surrounding the importation of illegal drugs into the United States is the demand for drugs, rather than the supply. She said she believes the problem is not addressed often, and if the demand for illegal substances was reduced, the supply would follow suit.

Phillip Pride, one of two Latin American and Iberian studies majors at Tech, said he believes when

people think about immigration they mostly focus on the physical border, which he considers just the surface of the problem.

"When you watch FOX News or CNN, all you see is the polarized issues — the ones that are real sensational," Pride said. "You don't see the underlying causes for the influx of people that come, not just from Mexico, but all across South America."

Whether it is U.S. economic issues, international policy or the global climate in general, how politicians act influences what goes on outside U.S. borders, Pride said. Students should think about immigrants and foreign citizens who want to come to this country as individuals, he said.

"Think about humans not just numbers," Pride said. "The large human issue that people focus on is the staggering numbers of immigrants who have died trying to come to this country. It's important to focus on the individual and the sacrifices they've made."

Beau Stephenson, the other Latin American and Iberian studies major at Tech, said he believes students could mobilize and raise awareness among the campus community to ensure immigration issues stay visible. He said it is difficult for Americans to focus on individuals when they see immigration as Mexicans taking their jobs.

Balli expressed concerns for the lack of regulation of business practices in the global market. She said she believes there will continue to be those who exploit the lack of regulation until policies are instituted to ensure that foreign markets are taking action

to prevent exploitive practices, such as sweat-shop labor and transporting stolen goods across international borders.

Balli said she believes trying to instill rules while still guaranteeing jobs is a "slippery situation." Powerful countries want open-ended economic policy but do not want to take the necessary steps to ensure that it is regulated

properly, she said.

The purpose of the discussion, as defined in closing by Priscilla Solis Ybarra, assistant professor of Latino literature at Tech, is to open avenues of inquiry for the community. The professors said they hope to continue similar discussions throughout the 2007-08 school year.

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## Pride of Texas: Big 12 foes square off in Austin

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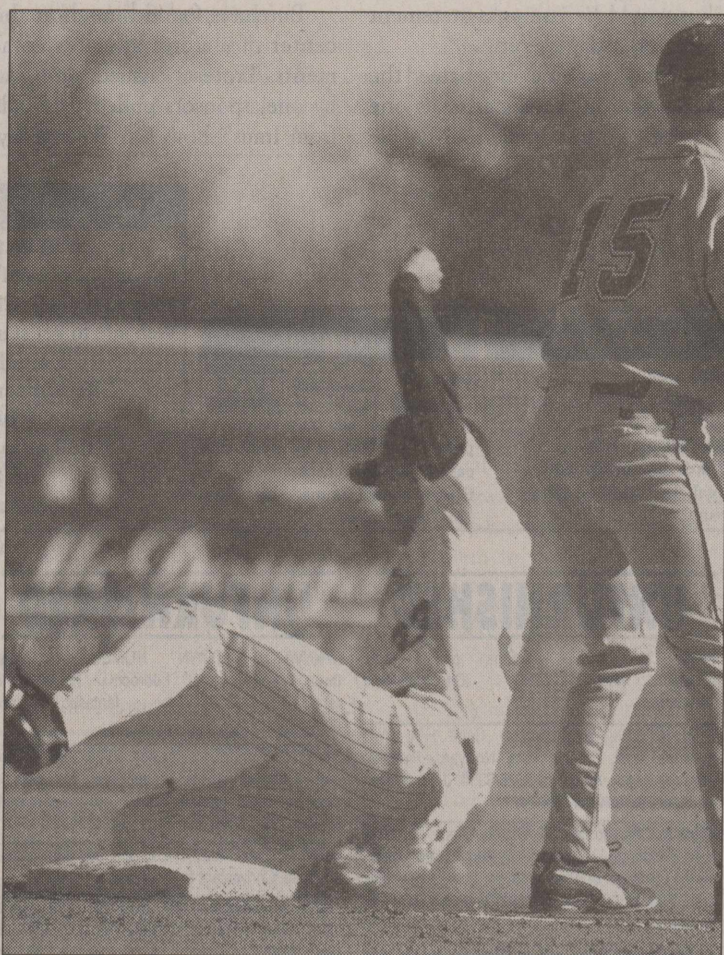
The Texas Tech baseball team faces off against No. 6 Texas today in the beginning of a three-game series in Austin.

This weekend's series against the Longhorns (28-10, 9-3) will be the toughest Big 12 challenge yet this season for Tech (22-13, 5-6). Texas is currently at the top of the Big 12 and has not lost a conference series all year.

Tech coach Larry Hays said Tech does not need to focus on who it's playing this weekend; the players need to treat every opponent the same.

"You don't worry about the name on the uniform," he said. "You just play the game. If you do that then you are going to remain consistent."

The power-packed Longhorn offense is second in the conference with a .328 team batting average. Six of the Longhorns' seven starters average more than .300, including Bradley Shuttlesworth who leads the ball club with a .406 average and is second in the Big 12 in hits with 58. Texas right fielder Kyle Russell has emerged as the dominant power hitter in the conference. His 20 home runs and 119 total bases lead the Big 12. The sophomore leads the team with a .915 slugging percentage and 48 RBIs.



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Balancing out Texas's explosive offense are its sound defense and pitching. The Longhorns are first in the Big 12 in fielding percentage with .978. The pitching staff

has combined for a 3.60 ERA, good for second in the conference. Texas' James Russell will start on the mound today. In 12 appearances, including 10 starts, the south paw has posted a 7-2 record with 55 strikeouts and 19 walks. Scheduled starter for Saturday is Adrian Alaniz, who is 8-2 with a 2.41 ERA, while the scheduled starter for Sunday is Joseph Krebs, who is 4-0 with a 3.08 ERA.

Russell and company face a Red Raider offense currently tied for fourth in the Big 12 in team batting average with .296. Tech's preseason All-American Roger Kieschnick leads the team with a .342 batting average and a .698 slugging percentage. The right fielder leads

the conference with 19 doubles and five triples.

Matched up on the mound against UT will be Tech right-hander A.J. Ramos. Tech's pitching staff is ranked second to last in the Big 12 with a team ERA of 5.08. Ramos owns a 7-1 record with a 3.72 ERA and leads the Big 12 in strikeouts with 63.

Ramos said he is not going to take a different approach with Texas' hitters than he has for any other game this season.

"If you try to change too much then you end up doing too much," Ramos said. "I just need to keep the ball low and keep it from where they like it."

Rounding out the starting rotation for the Red Raiders are left-hander Josh Scofield, who is 0-1 with a 6.23 ERA, and right-hander Travis Young, who is 3-1 with a 3.07 ERA.

Tech has some health questions coming out of the bullpen. Cory Large, who threw 2 2/3 innings Tuesday, and Paul Gonzales, who threw one inning Tuesday, both have been nursing shoulder injuries.

"Since Week 1, our problem has been having enough pitchers that are capable of handling situations," Hays said. "If Gonzales and Large are feeling good this weekend, then that gives us a couple more pitchers to use."

Tech catcher Matt Smith said the team sees the upcoming series against Texas as just another set of road games. It does not matter who the team plays, the players are going to focus on playing ball.

"Texas is a tough team but we belong in this conference just as well as they do," he said. "So we need to play our game and not be intimidated by them. We can play ball just as good as anyone else."

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## Men's, women's tennis to face high-ranked opponents this weekend

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The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams will finish this weekend one step closer to the Big 12 Tournament. Still, before the women reach any tournament, they have to go through two of their highest-ranked Big 12 Conference foes — No. 20 Texas A&M 11:30 a.m. Saturday in College Station and No. 15 Baylor 1 p.m. Sunday in Waco. The men have a similar task in facing their highest ranked opponent yet: No. 4 Baylor at 2 p.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Tech women's coach Cari Groce said her team has to be prepared for two of the top teams in the Big 12.

"There's no doubt that these are our two toughest matches of the year," Groce said. "I think we can go out there and really get after it and play with a lot of heart and see what we can do. If we're not prepared and don't go out ready to go, then we're going to get smacked around pretty good."

Last time out, the Tech women (9-8, 2-5 Big 12) fell to Kansas State — a team with only one win prior to its match with Tech. The women will face a Texas A&M squad with a 5-1 conference record and a Baylor team with the best record in the Big 12 at 8-1. The Aggies will be led by No. 17

singles player in Anna Lubinsky, who boasts a combined record of 43-12 over the course of the fall and spring seasons. Tech's Janet Durham will be looking to improve her singles wins to 13, keeping pace with teammate Samantha van der Drift for the team's best record.

The Tech men (13-6, 1-2) are coming off shutouts last weekend against Lamar and New Mexico State.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the highly ranked Bears comprise a team the Red Raiders are familiar with and will provide one of the toughest matches of the season.

"We know the team well," Siegel said of Baylor. "The guys look forward to the opportunity. We'll play in front of a good crowd."

Baylor has been ranked as low as No. 8 and as high as No. 2 in the country. The Bears are headlined by two top-20 singles players in No. 16 Michal Kokta and No. 13 Lars Poerschke. The Bears have only two losses this season, which came at the hands of Florida and Ohio State. Tech's Bojan Szmanski is among the best players in the country at No. 39.

Facing No. 32 Oklahoma following the Baylor match, Siegel said his players are ready for what lays ahead of them in upcoming weeks.

"These two weeks ahead of us are very important, but our boys are certainly not intimidated," Siegel said.

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## Texans sign free agent receiver Davis

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans signed free agent receiver Andre Davis on Thursday.

The Texans are the fourth team Davis has been with in as many years. He spent last year with Buffalo, 2005 in New England and 2004 with the Browns. Davis appeared in 16 games last season for the Bills, but had just two receptions for 13 yards.

He spent his first three seasons with the Browns and had his best season in 2003 when he had 576 yards receiving with five touchdowns.

A former track standout at Virginia Tech, the speedy Davis also returns kicks. He had six returns for 99 yards last season. As a rookie in 2002, he had 50 returns for 1,068 yards and a touchdown.

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