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TRAGEDY STRIKES Va. Tech president calls shooting a 'tragedy of monumental proportions'



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INJURED OCCUPANTS ARE carried out of Norris Hall at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Monday. A gunman opened fire in a dorm and classroom on the campus, killing at least 30 people in the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history. The gunman is killed but it's unclear if he was shot by police or took his own life.

By SUE LINDSEY Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart before the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The bloodbath ended with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains with unspeakable tragedy, perhaps forever.

Investigators gave no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not

handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and protect them after the first burst of gunfire. Some students bitterly complained they got no warning from the university until an e-mail that arrived more than two hours after the first shots rang out.

Wielding two handguns and carrying multiple clips of ammunition, the killer opened fire about 7:15 a.m. on the fourth floor of West Ambler Johnston, a high-rise coed dormitory, then stormed Norris Hall, a classroom building a half-mile away on the other side of the 2,600-acre campus. Some of the doors at Norris Hall were found chained from the inside, apparently by the gunman.

Two people died in a dorm room, and 31 others were killed in Norris

shooting who knew one of the victims, but he declined to give details.

"I'm not saying there is someone out there, and I'm not saying there is someone who is not," Flinchum said. Ballistics tests would help explain what happened, he said.

Sheree Mixell, a spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the evidence was being moved to the agency's national lab in Annandale. At least one firearm was turned over, she said.

Mixell would not comment on what types of weapons were used or whether the gunman was a student.

Students jumped from windows in panic. Young people and faculty

immediately released, and it was not known if he was a student.

"Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

Hall, including the gunman, who put a bullet in his head. At least 15 people were hurt, some seriously.

At an evening news conference, Police Chief Wendell Flinchum refused to dismiss the possibility that a co-conspirator or second shooter was But he was also faced with difficult questions about the university's involved. He said police had interviewed a "person of interest" in the dorm

members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive. Many found themselves trapped behind chained and padlocked doors. SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault

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Shootings at Virginia Tech have students questioning TTU safety



DON PETERSEN/Associated Press

MARY ELLEN FOWLER hugs Virginia Tech freshman Matt Malagavi, a friend of her son Ryan, near Norris Hall, the site of a shooting on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Monday. Mary Ellen and her husband drove down from Maryland to pick up their son, who was not injured in the attack, after they heard of the shootings.

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech that saw 32 killed, Texas Tech students and officials find themselves contemplating what would happen if a similar disaster occurred on the Texas Tech campus.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said if the university police were to encounter a shooting disaster resembling the events of Virginia Tech, the key would be a quick response.

"Every situation is different," Hoffman said. "In some similar situation, basically our main concern would be rapid response so we could stop any additional shooting that has already occurred."

Hoffman said the first officer available would be sent to the scene, as time might not be available to assemble a specialized team of officers. The Texas Tech police go through a specialized training program for emergency situations, he said, and the training covers weapons and tactics necessary to handle an attack scenario.

"I think we have enough fire power to do what we would need to do," Hoffman said.

He said the next step would be neutralizing the threat. If a gunman was suspected loose on campus, officers would be placed all over university grounds in hopes of capturing the suspect.

"I know we would certainly be on the lookout for someone," Hoffman said. "We would have officers in every place we could find: in buildings, around buildings, checking everyone that came out."

Situations like that at Virginia Tech are difficult to handle because there are so many variables, he said. There might not be any clues or hints leading up to a tragedy like the Virginia Tech shooting.

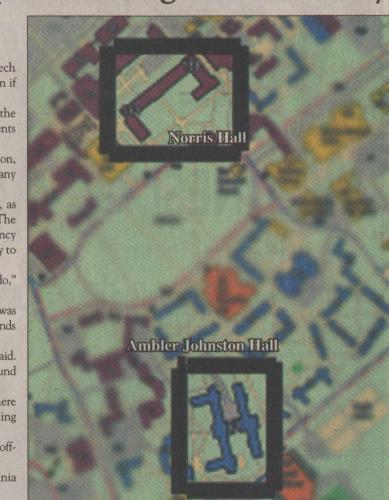
"If you see someone suspicious on campus, we appreciate the call," Hoffman said. "(A disaster) may be able to be prevented."

Hoffman said one way officers try to prevent situations like the Virginia shooing is by being present all around campus.

"We try to be as visible as we can," Hoffman said, "especially around crowded areas and during class change."

As far as what to do in a shooting situation, Hoffman said it is hard to say. While most people probably would try to run, panicking would make

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8:47 A.M. CDT — THE FIRST SHOTS are fired at Ambler Johnston Hall, one of the larger dormitories on the Virginia Tech campus. By 9:04 a.m. CDT authorities confirm one casualty and several injuries as they lockdown Johnston and Squires Halls. 11:23 A.M. CDT - AUTHORI-TIES EVACUATE NORRIS Hall after confirming 22 deaths inside.

University to remember Virginia Tech victims

In response to the shootings at Virginia Tech, Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech, announced a moment of silence will be observed to honor the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings at noon today. During the moment of silence, the bells in the towers of the Administration building will ring.

Whitmore said Tech students and faculty members mourn Monday's events in Balcksburg, Va., where one gunman allegedly went through a residence hall and an engineering building at Virginia Tech, killing at least 30 people. "The entire Texas Tech University family grieves today with our friends, colleagues and fellow students at Virginia Tech University," Whitmore said. "They are in our thoughts and prayers, and we will honor them in a moment of silence (today) at noon."

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Police blotter: Wal-Mart feels effects of burglaries

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

March 11

A Lubbock woman was arrested for several articles of women's can think of, it's been tried." clothing. The value of the clothes steal totalled \$175. The suspect was transported to the Lubbock Police Department holding facility.

Doug Stuntebeck, marketing asset protection manager for Wal-Mart in Lubbock, said shoplifting is an issue he fights daily.

happens everywhere, every day," Stuntebeck said. "It's like asking shoplifter was caught attempting Avenue. Police said a suspect a police officer how often people to steal a pair of sunglasses valued speed."

ety of shoplifters, each with a to the Lubbock Police Department post. The vehicle spun around different way to exit the store holding facility. with the unpaid merchandise. clothes they were trying to steal," he said. "It's kind of easy to spot someone wearing four of five shirts walking around the store."

tion revolving around theft.

around and one faces peer pres- of the house. sure," he said. "It could be somefor shoplifting at Wal-Mart in one down on his luck, or it could the 1900 block of Fourth Street. be some wealthy person who gets Police said the suspect attempted a thrill out of stealing. It's not just to leave the store without paying one specific reason. Whatever you hicle in the 2100 block of 48th

Stuntebeck said the punishthe suspect allegedly attempted to ments for shoplifting vary and depend on the situation.

"It depends on if they've been caught shoplifting before or what they stole," he said.

March 11

pect for shoplifting at the K-Mart suspect failed to leave proper "It's not just Wal-Mart; it store in the 6500 block of Uni- information after the accident versity Avenue. Police said a male in the 9800 block of Frankford at \$10 and a bottle of Visine worth He said he has seen a vari- \$7. Police transported the suspect road and hit a large concrete

"I once saw someone put on all the a burglary of contents inside a the vehicle collided with a residence in the 100 block of Troy metal barrier. After the accident Avenue. Police said a suspect entered the home and stole a 42-inch left his vehicle at the scene. The plasma television valued at \$2,500 suspect's vehicle was towed. Stuntebeck said he believes he and a laptop computer worth paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

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has witnessed every possible situa- \$3,000. The suspect allegedly entered the home by breaking "It could be that other kids are the sliding glass door at the back

March 9

Lubbock police investigated a burglary of contents inside a ve-Street. According to reports, a victim claimed unknown suspects entered his 1983 brown Buick Le Sabre and stole the title to the vehicle, along with a bottle of Hydrocodone, a bottle of Nabumetone, a set of child's clothes and an Easter basket.

Lubbock police investigated Lubbock police arrested a sus- a traffic accident in which a was driving a 1997 gray Pontiac Bonfire when he veered off the as it went through a chain-link Lubbock police investigated fence and came to a stop when occurred, the suspect fled and

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the situation worse.

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"I would stay behind a locked door," Hoffman said. "Try to take a hard time getting in touch with cover as best you can — that is about anyone in Virginia, but he talked to tragedies like the one in Virginia. the only thing you can do. There is a friend who manages a bookstore at no easy solution to something like the school who was not being allowed more cautious about their surroundthat."

Hoffman said because of its close proximity to Texas Tech, injured small town influenced greatly by the everyone." people probably would be taken to college. University Medical Center. The Lubbock Police Department might that big at all," Brennan said. "Whenbe called for assistance, depending ever something happens at Virginia on the size of the occurrence.

Lt. Scott Hudgens of the Lubbock nity.' Police Department said the LPD would take action if and when Texas Tech police asked for assistance.

Hoffman said the Texas Tech adinvolved as the situation became, in Norris Hall, where the second more contained.

would do their best to serve the needs believe the gunman was on a suicide of students by setting up counseling mission. centers, ensuring residence hall safety and contacting parents.

"I think in a situation like this," Elkins said, "it would involve the to lose." assistance and partnership of many departments."

alumnus and a sports anchor for at Virginia Tech. KLBK-TV in Lubbock, said he was shocked and worried by the events major from Plano, said he feels the that took place in Virginia. He said he knows several faculty members who work at the university.

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to record the sound of bullets echoing shots in all.

shooting erupted next door. The calm look on his face."

said, but by then students had begun moment," said Perkins, 20, of Yor-

shot," he said, adding that he was not shots seemed like it lasted forever."

rifles swarmed over the campus. A

Alec Calhoun, a junior from

those who jumped. He was in a

gunman came to his classroom, he

"Two people behind me were

Shootings

through a stone building.

leaping from windows.

seriously injured.

I get is not someone who is dead,' Brennan said. "I also wonder if I was there this morning if I would be dead right now."

to leave the premises.

Brennan said Blacksburg is a

"The town of Blacksburg is not Tech, it impacts the entire commu-

Brennan said when he attended the university, some sort of pass was required to enter the residence halls where the first of the two shootings ministration probably would become occurred. He said he had classes shooting took place and at least 20 Greg Elkins, dean of students, people were killed. He said the way said the faculty and administration the building is set up leads him to know she is probably scared."

> "There are no easy escapes in this type of building," Brennan said. "It seems like the gunman had nothing

Many Tech students said in video interviews they were appalled and Rob Brennan, a Virginia Tech upset by the events that took place

> Azhar Hussain, a freshman history shooting was an awful tragedy.

"Obviously I think it's terrible," Hussain said. "People have to worry "I've been watching the TV all about getting shot; school is supposed

"Everyone hit the floor at that

ktown, Va., a sophomore studying

mechanical engineering. "And the

Erin Sheehan, who was also in

morning hoping the next phone call to be one of those safe places."

Hussain said he lives in Texas Tech's residence halls and feels safe, regardless of the occurrences.

Krisie Devera, a freshman from Breannan said he was having Lubbock, said she believes the carelessness of some students can lead to

"I think students need to be ings," Devera said. "Lock the doors and make sure you watch out for

Devera said she feels safe on the Texas Tech campus for the most part, but she likes to take extra caution when alone at night on campus.

Kristina Merkell, a freshman nutritional sciences major from San Angelo, said she was shocked to hear an event like this took place at a university. She said she was somewhat concerned because she has a friend who attends Virginia Tech.

"It's a reality check whenever you find out one of your good friends is in a situation like that," Merkell said. "I

Merkell said she had not yet contacted her friend, but she plans on to do so when she knew her friend would be home.

Elkins said he believes Texas Tech is a safe place but cautions people to always make smart choices.

"Keep in mind we are part of society as a whole," he said. "Just because we feel safe doesn't mean we as individuals don't need to take responsibility to ensure our safety." ▶ mag8240@hotmail.com

Exclusive video from The DT available online.

Trey Perkins, who was sitting in the German class, told the student a German class in Norris Hall, told newspaper, the Collegiate Times, said

The Washington Post that the gun- she was one of only four of about two man barged into the room at about dozen people in the class to walk out 9:50 a.m. and opened fire for about of the room. The rest were dead or student used his cell-phone camera a minute and a half, squeezing off 30 wounded, she said.

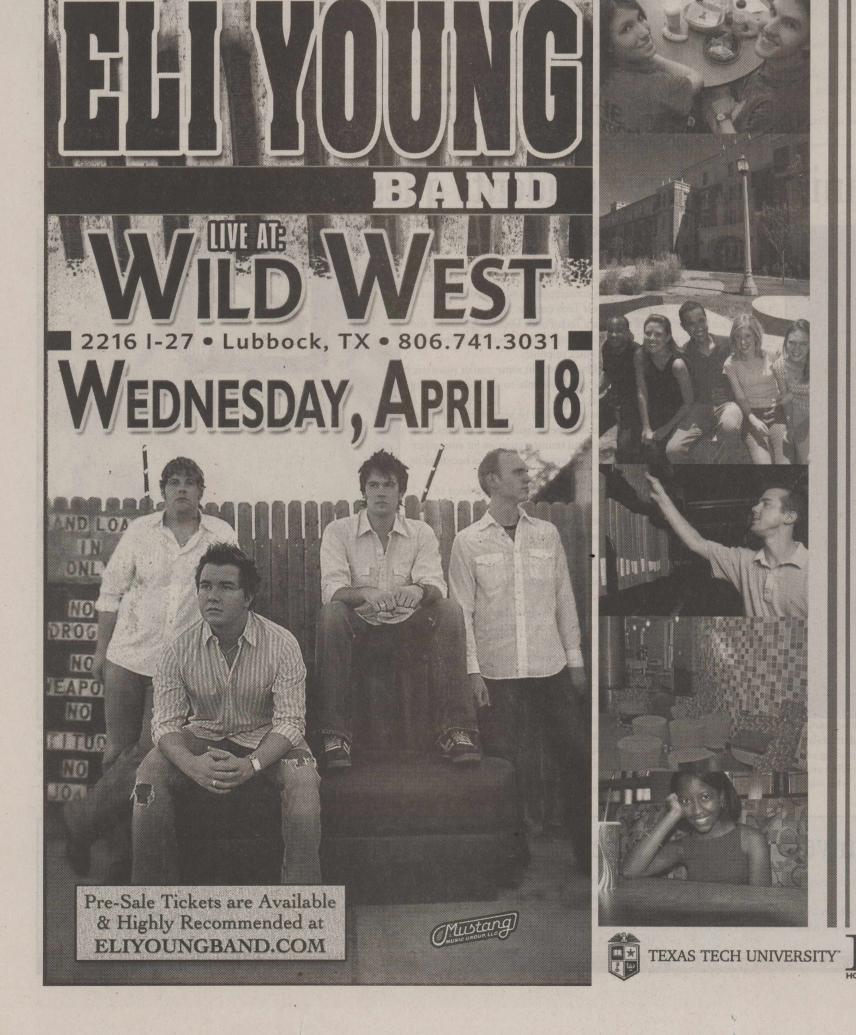
She said the gunman "was just a The gunman, Perkins said, first normal-looking kid, Asian, but he shot the professor in the head and had on a Boy Scout-type outfit. He Waynesboro, said he was among then fired on the students. Perkins wore a tan button-up vest, and this said the gunman was about 19 years black vest, maybe it was for ammo or second-floor engineering class when old and had a "very serious but very something."

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Outreach programs encourage young students to go to college

BV GLENYS BOLLS STAFF WRITER

outreach programs at elementary sands of students, parents and teachthrough high school students to help students start planning for college at an early age.

The Encouraging Dreams of Getting an Education program focuses kindergarteners around campus," students in Lubbock and surrounding program." communities.

and director of the EDGE program. "We're working on planting the seed

By BEN MAKI

STAFF WRITER

tee of the Texas House of Repre-

would send Angelo State Univer-

sity from the Texas State University System to the Tech system. Rep.

The next step in the process

System.

only absent vote.

tion - earlier." Since its inception in January,

Texas Tech is aiming several 2004, the program has served thouers. In the past year, 2,049 students have visited the Tech campus as part the students' mindsets from 'if I go to academic enrichment camps." of the program.

"I love herding a group of 100 in kindergarten through 10th-grade Hernandez said. "It's a wonderful Development and Enrichment of bers, graduate students and public- at students from specific elementary

Hernandez said the program is "We want to expose them to growing. Last year, she led 33 tours college," said Marlene Hernandez, of the campus; this year the interest ing kindergarten through 12th-grade during the summer for classes on associate director of admissions increased, leading to the need for students to promote academic ex- subjects including art, engineering, recruiting talented students to Tech, 43 tours.

March 9, Rep. Drew Darby, R-Angelo State University is one San Angelo, filed the bill, which helped Angelo State to grow from

The committee heard testimony

The Higher Education Commit- April 10 from members of the Texas committee clears a major barrier

State Board of Regents, who were

added to the Texas State system.

backing Darby's bill.

said, referring to the number of stu- ttu.edu/ode/ideal.asp. dents who will attend Tech. "The key college. We've been trying to change college' to 'when I go to college.""

grams through the Institute for the classes taught by Tech faculty memprogram offers distinctive academic-

State should remain in the Texas

a two-year institution to the point

milestone in the realignment pro-

members as their vote signifies their

recognition of the advantages of an

the university is at currently.

State system because the system vote on the bill soon.

Darby said the approval of the the bill into the Texas House floor

"This marked a very important passed by the Texas State Senate

will be for the House to vote on Wilkinson said he believes Angelo and Angelo State."

out of the way.

In 1963, San Angelo Junior cess of Angelo State," Darby said. "I

Texas State Regent Greg association between Texas Tech

College changed its name to An- am very gratified to my fellow house

"Part of our mission is to recruit is education. You have to plant the first-generation college students," seed and make them want to go to said Martha Hise, director of IDEAL. "One way we do that is by providing

Programs offered through IDEAL Tech offers other outreach pro- include Super Saturdays, which offer Advanced Learners. The IDEAL school teachers; Shake Hands With Your Future, which brings fourthenrichment programs to high-achiev- through 11th-graders to the campus founded to reward students from Iles cellence, citizenship, leadership, photography and law; and Science: fostering leadership and instilling the "I believe Texas Tech wants to diversity and appreciation of the arts, It's a Girl Thing, which stresses the belief that college is within reach,

He said he expects the House to

"I am encouraged by the unani-

The bill would then have to be

and then signed into law by Texas

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mous support from the committee,"

Darby said, "and I am hopeful to get

as early as next week."

tering fifth- through 11th-grade.

sciences," Hise said. "(Science: It's a Girl Thing) only began in 2000, so it's still too early to brag about our results. But other camps have been students. around so long that some of our counselors were campers."

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- the desire to continue their educa- increase the pipeline," Hernandez according to its Web site, www.depts. role of women in science to girls en- according to the IDEAL Web site. McWhorter McRaider Day allows "Females are unrepresented in fourth-graders from McWhorter Elementary to spend a day at Tech.

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Hise said she is proud about the many ways IDEAL has helped

"It gives us a sense of security and accomplishment," she said, "to see IDEAL also has programs directed future generations succeeding as a result of our programs." ▶ glenys.bolls@ttu.edu

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Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, was the gelo State and was subsequently

ber of the Texas Tech University Committee March 21.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Sutime it has allowed a significant injectroops struggling to bring peace to the region.

been pushing Sudan to accept thou- at the U.N., has also increasingly leaned sands more U.N. troops to build up a combined AU-U.N. force of 20,000. repeatedly rejected a U.N. force, but his Darfur — then China's assistant foreign agreement to the 3,000 troops could be minister last week directly called on a sign that the pressure was beginning to have an effect.

The Sudanese government, however, had resisted a U.N. force in the past and frequently reversed position after appearing to agree to a peacekeeping mission.

dan on Monday accepted the deploy- Negroponte, ending a visit to three-day ment of U.N. attack helicopters and visit to Sudan on Monday, warned that 3,000 peacekeepers in Darfur, the first the government in Khartoum faced "intensified international isolation" if tion of U.N. forces to help African it did not move quickly to allow the larger U.N. force.

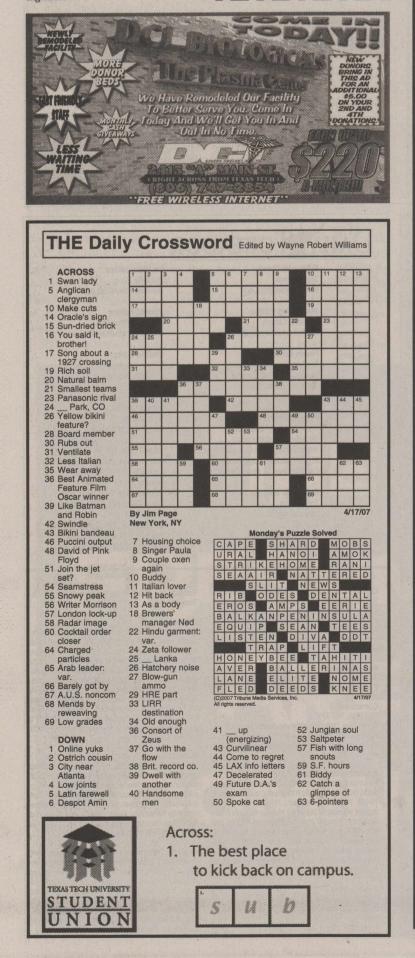
China, which buys two-thirds of The United Nations and U.S. have Sudan's oil exports and has veto powers on al-Bashir. Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Khartoum in February and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has urged it to give the U.N. a bigger role in

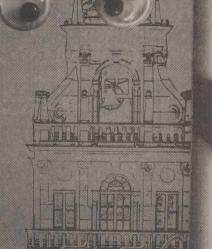
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Thinking of Virginia

Sam Houston was born there, Their State dance: square dancing; Patsy Cline was a Virginian, And their state beverage is milk.

Texas and Virginia may not have everything in common, But the bond it goes unspoken, And if Virginia's heart is bleedin', You'll find the heart of Texas broken.



STAFF EDITORIA

A heinous event took place Monday morning on the campus of Virginia Tech University. Reports say a lone gunman walked into a residence hall and a classroom, shooting and killing at least 32 people. We do not know yet how many victims there are. We do not know who committed this senseless crime. All we know is once again, just as with the Columbine High School shootings of April 20, 1999, and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a new entry has been added to American history's list of tragedies. We have witnessed another day about which children will ask their parents "Where were you when ... ?" We have seen another event for which monuments will be erected. We have shared the shock and horror of another moment in time when only tears could express our thoughts. In the coming weeks, news stations will show us the faces of the

innocents who were lost. Unfortunately, the media also will over analyze what happened Monday, scrutinizing the shooter's every life experience while trying to determine why this happened. The political arena will be filled with talk of gun control, campus security and other related issues. But not now. Today, we mourn.

The young go to college with the intent to grow old. They go to learn and prepare for life. They go to dream. These Virginia Tech students are no different than us, and what happened to them just as easily could have happened to us. Today we share in their grief. We hope they will find consolation in the words of their own alma mater, which remind us even on the stormiest of nights, the sun always rises the next morning:

> "Our strife will not be long this day, For glory lies within this fray."

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the dead, and with the entire student body of Virginia Tech.

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Tech employee gives his final answer, wins \$16,000

By JAY LANGLEY NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech safety officer Adolfo Varela walked away with \$16,000 on Monday's episode of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

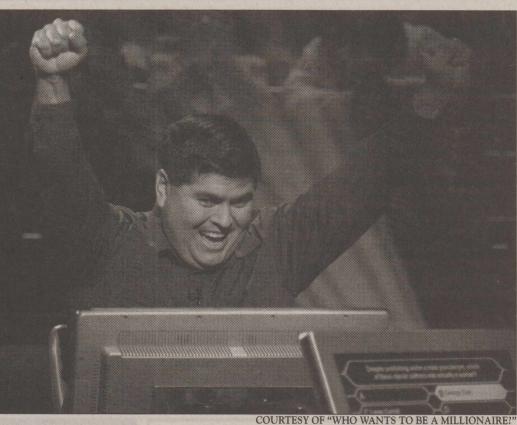
While the showed aired Monday, Varela taped the episode in December, and because of an embargo he could not tell anyone how much money he won. Varela found he would be a contestant in November.

"I came home for lunch in November, and I found out through the mail that I was going to be on the show," Varela said. "I was really caught off guard and I got all nervous and excited."

Once he took the "hot seat" Varela's nervousness continued.

"I just kept telling myself 'don't mess up' and 'don't get too excited,"" he said. "They keep the studio cool, but once you're in that seat you really get nervous and you really start sweating. It's called 'the hot seat' for a reason."

Varela said he had no trouble answering questions until he was asked the \$8,000 question which featured prominently in the season glad they were right this time."



finale of what TV show?" Varela used his "ask the audience" lifeline to correctly guess "Grey's Anatomy."

"You have to go with what the was: "In 2006, the love song 'Chasing audience says," Varela said. "Most Cars' became a giant hit after it was times the audience is right, and I'm

To be a contestant on the show, personality. Varela took an online questionnaire and interviewed with producers from trying to entertain people who are "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

show, said producers look for contes- possible contestant to be knowledge-

"You have to realize that we are sitting at home watching," Miller Trisha Miller, a publicist for the said. "While it is important for the

who is personable and who they did more than that so I am really think people at home would enjoy happy.' watching."

"phone-a-friend" lifelines to answer be formed by placing two symbols the \$16,000 question which was: from the periodic table of elements "Despite publishing under a male side by side?" The possible answers pseudonym, which of these classic he was given were Line, Rage, Scar authors was actually a woman?" The and Flat. Adolfo Varela decided not possible answers Varela was given to take a guess and walked away were: Ezra Pound, George Elliot, with the \$16,000. If he would have Lewis Carroll or Theodore Dreiser. After utilizing his lifelines, Varela would have walked away with just correctly guessed George Elliot to \$1,000. He said the thought of guesswin \$16,000.

Adolfo Varela's wife, Esmerelda Varela, went to New York City and sat in the audience as his on-air companion. She said sitting in the decision I made." audience, she was as nervous as her husband.

there," Esmerelda Varela said. "It's so quiet in the studio that you can hear a pin drop. And you're part of the audience and you can help or hurt the person trying to answer the one question at a time."

Esmerelda Varela said there was one condition she gave her husband before letting him go on the show.

"I just wanted him to make enough to pay for the expenses for tants based both on knowledge and able, the producers look for someone us to go to New York," she said. "He

Adolfo Varela's \$25,000 question Varela used both his "50-50" and was: "Which of these words cannot guessed incorrectly, Adolfo Varela ing never crossed his mind.

"It's a gamble," he said. "You have to ask yourself if you're willing to risk the money, and I am happy with the

Adolfo Varela and his wife have four children, three of whom are ad-"You get overwhelmed sitting opted. He said he plans to put most of the money into a savings account.

> "I might spend some on my family," he said. "But I'm trying not to just spend it foolishly."

Esmerelda Varela said the experiquestions. I just kept thinking 'take ence of going to New York and seeing her husband on the show is worth more than any monetary value.

"I think the whole experience was great," she said. "Even if he would have made less money, it would have been worth it."

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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 cho ot listed.



TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador TYLER BRIDGE (LEFT) and Kari Rodgers (right) pass off their guns to the new Raider Red during the Passing of the Guns ceremony Sunday.

BY RICHARD CAMPANARO STAFF WRITER

three years and said it is hard to see his time as Raider Red expire. He said he believes it is time for him to step aside per year to serve as the mascot. The spirit publicist.

The first drawings of Raider Red were created in 1971 by the late Dirk by Jim Gaspard, who was a member of the Saddle Tramps at the time.

Two students retire mascot duties in 'Passing of the Guns' ceremony Dirk West's wife, Mary Ruth West, students' duties include appearances who is playfully known as "Raider at Tech football games, men's and Red's mom," attended the ceremony women's basketball games, women's and offered words of encouragement volleyball games, men's baseball games and thanks for the students who carry and several philanthropy events. Dur- on the tradition her husband created. ing the 2006-07 school year, Raider Though the West family gave the rights Red appeared at 150 events, which to the mascot to Tech, she said Raider were coordinated by Bruce Bills, Tech's Red is still close to her family members' hearts.

> "Raider Red is still family," Mary Ruth West said. "Dirk West would have West and developed into Tech's mascot never believed after 30 years (Tech) would still be doing this." ▶ richard.j.companaro@ttu.edu

The Hispanic Student Society of Texas Tech University would like to invite the Lubbock community to its annual Cultural Awareness Week from April 16th through April 20th. The following is a list of our scheduled events:

Monday April 16th- "Fajita Cookout"- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located outside of the Student Union Bldg. \$6 Combo: Fajita taco, tostadas and salsa. \$3.00 single taco.

Tuesday April 17th- "The Secret Revealed"-Chicano Secret Service takes swipes at political and cultural figures, trends and items from the daily news, representing a sector of society that is ignored by "color blind" mass media agents. Begins at 7 p.m. in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Texas Tech honored two retiring Raider Red mascots at the inaugural tradition. Passing of the Guns ceremony Sunday in the Student Union Building.

retiring mascots, appeared unmasked program and its supporters for their contribution to the Tech tradition. Bridge and Rodgers also passed Raider Red's ties to be Raider Red. guns to the incoming mascots, whose identities will remain anonymous.

Saddle Tramps spirit organization. In and basketball games from the stands. 2005, the Center for Campus life colto the spirit program Web site http:// www.depts.ttu.edu/spiritsquads/.

Bridge has served as Raider Red for

and let the new mascots carry on the

"I've had the privilege of not growing into the costume but growing with Tyler Bridge and Kari Rodgers, the the character," Bridge said.

Bridge is involved in several student at the ceremony and received praise activities such as playing the lead role and awards from members of the spirit of Danny Zuko in the Tech School of Music's rendition of "Grease." Bridge said he advocated women's opportuni-

Rodgers said she is sad her time is over, but she will stay active with the The Raider Red tradition used to program as a High Rider. Now she will be reserved solely for members of the have to get used to watching football

In 2005, the spirit program instilaborated with the Saddle Tramps and tuted a rule stating mascots can serve extended the opportunity to the High for a period of no longer than two Riders, a female organization, according years. The rule is designed to offer more students the opportunity to serve as Raider Red.

The program selects four students

Wednesday April 18th- "No One Makes It Alone" Judge Andrew A. Valdez will lecture and discuss his new book in the English Bldg, Rm 001, Begins at 6p.m. and will follow with a reception. Judge Valdez is the first Hispanic judge in Utah. Open to the public.

Thursday April 19th- "Baile de Cultura"- Ballet Folklorico and Mariachi performance in front of the Student Union Bldg, at 12:00 p.m. The performances will showcase traditional Mexican dances & music.

Friday April 20th- "Noche Caliente" at South Beach Club and Lounge, 1816 Ave.G. Door open from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cover charge: \$5 with college I.D., \$7 for the general public. Adults 18+ welcome. Will be playing salsa, cumbias, merenegue, hip-hop, bachata, and much more. Door proceeds to benefit the Hispanic Student Society scholarship fund.



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but tonight they will have the opportunity to learn more about ing for the Tech School of Medithe disease through a free seminar cine, has helped coordinate the Professionals in the medical hosted by Texas Tech Physicians seminar. She said the seminar will field are making an effort to re- and the University Medical Center: contribute to Cancer Awareness mind the Lubbock community that "There is No Place Like Home: Month, an important celebration more is being battled in April than Advances in Treatment and Ser- that the cancer society has had rainy days and high winds — many vices in Lubbock." The seminar for 40 years, by focusing on cancer people, young and old alike, are will take place at 6:30 p.m. today treatment available in Lubbock. at the UMC Southwest Cancer Students may not know that Treatment and Research Center at important for people to realize that

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Jo Vaughan, director of market-

Vaughan said she thinks it is cancer can be prevented.

"Cancer continues to be one of the main killers of men and vomen alike," she said, "and a lot

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cause of death in modern society, according to the Web site www.cancer.org. Yet, 21 percent of adults in the United States smoke, according to Web site for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, www. cdc.gov, which also lists UV rays as a prominent cause of cancer.

caught early," Vaughan said.

progression.

Tonight's seminar is open not only to students, Vaughan said, but to anyone who has an interest.

Smoking is the most preventable hear of the treatment available," she said.

> David G. Allison, president and chief executive officer of the UMC Health System, said most people do not realize the treatment that is Center has doubled, providing available in Lubbock.

"Patients and families are often unaware of the treatment options "So much of it is treatable if is available to them or think that they have to travel to bigger cities Information on cancer screen- to receive advanced care," Allison ings and treatment will be provided said. "As a patient, that added at the seminar, giving those in at- travel not only takes you away from the Southwest Cancer Treatment tendance a few ideas on ways they your family and friends during a and Research Center, and Carlos can catch the disease early in its difficult time, it can mean added expense."

Allison said that the UMC's partnership with the Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research "People with family members Center has helped the UMC pro- >> anne.m.shepherd@ttu.edu

touched by cancer will be happy to vide more current research, programs and treatments to West Texas families.

> Allison said in the last two years, the size of the Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research additional programs and services to patients.

> Vaughan said speakers at the "There is No Place Like Home" seminar include Everardo Cobos, M.D., oncologist with Texas Tech Physicians and medical director of Torres, M.D., medical director of radiation oncology at the UMC Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research Center.

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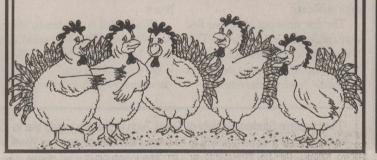
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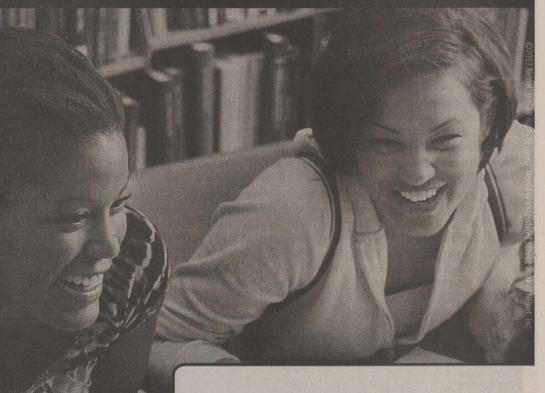


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SPORTS

Tech football springs into next phase of offseason

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

After numerous practices and the Red-Black Spring Game, the Texas Tech football team is looking forward to some off time before the summer.

Monday's practice marked the end of spring workouts, and with the end of the semester approaching, senior safety Joe Garcia said this part of the offseason gives him and his teammates a chance to concentrate on academics.

"Right now, just finish up school," Garcia said. "Everybody (has to) work on their studies. Everybody (is) a little bit behind, so, we catch up, knock those grades out and we get a little bit of a break, and come back for the summer."

At Monday's practice, the team walked through plays from the Red-Black game and previous practices. The practice also was used

third-string players add reps. This spring, some players, like senior cornerback Chris Parker and sophomore running back Baron Batch, have been unable to participate in practice because of injuries.

Tech coach Mike Leach said many players had a chance to work Monday, and as a result, the last practice of spring turned out well.

"We got a lot of people involved," Leach said. "Today's focus was that (we) have a good practice and then let our (third string) get a little bit of work."

Besides studying, some players plan to continue to work on their techniques at their respective position.

Junior quarterback Graham Harrell said he plans to help the quarterbacks and receiving corps continue to gell together.

"More than anything, I think we just have to continue to grow as a unit, as a team," Harrell said. "We'll to help some of the second- and throw some (passes) our own. We 🕨 adam.coleman@ttu.edu

just have to continue to get on the same page as the receivers and all the young guys. If we continue that, we're going to be really good."

The seniors have been through many spring practices throughout out their career, and the completion of Monday's practice marks their last as a member of the Tech football team.

Overall, Garcia said the final practice of the spring turned out to be a good way to end leading into summer workouts.

"I thought it was good," Garcia said. "I thought it (went) really well. We had intensity out there (these) last days. It was fun."

Leach said the team improved this spring, but there are still some areas to work on before the 2007 season starts.

"I think we accomplished some things," Leach said. "I think we can improve, but we'll steadily do that and continue the best you can."

Over the past couple of weeks. The Daily Toreador sports staff compiled a list of the greatest athletes to come through Texas Tech over the last three decades and you the reader voted online. After counting the votes, the final five athletes are Sheryl Swoopes, Wes Welker, Zach Thomas, Andre Emmett and Sally Kipyego. Of these five, The DT wants our audience to vote from the field of 14 who they believe is the best athlete. Voting begins today and will continue through Wednesday of next week. The winner will have a feature writ-

ten about them in a future edition of The Daily Toreador. = VOTE ONLINE AT WWW.DAILYTOREADOR.COM

TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Danny Amendola attempts to catch a pass as Tech defenders react at the spring football game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Stars needing veteran scorers to step up in current playoff series against Vancouver

pursuit of the Stanley Cup. And Tuesday night. the Dallas Stars can proudly say they're getting that.

Problem is, the guys they pay to score aren't.

and Niklas Hagman — Dallas' top players to contribute." five goal-scorers in the regular season - have yet to beat Van- games have come from guys who Taylor Pyatt. Pyatt's goal was the

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DALLAS (AP) — Getting a big reason why the Stars are so that's only been three goals, but Sunday night. goals from the checking line is the trailing Vancouver 2-1 going into everyone knew coming into this kind of thing NHL teams need in Game 4 of their first-round series series there wouldn't be many. So ging for the first 30-plus minutes and we created a lot of chances, said. "We've got to have a purpose

"Some of those people, a timely notice from the start. goal by them would certainly help the cause," Stars coach Dave Tipeither. The teams have combined pett said Monday. "Even though Mike Modano, Jere Lehtinen, our team is built around scoring players. The difference is that combination produced the tying Philippe Boucher, Mike Ribeiro by committee, we need those top the Canucks' goal-scorers have goal in the third period, when the time of any forward yet managed and none out there," he said.

All of Dallas' goals the last two Daniel Sedin, Markus Nasland and four by Dallas. couver goalie Roberto Luongo, earn their ice time with grit. OK, winner in overtime of Game 3 on

the most-skilled players were on of that game, so coach Alain too, so it was a good shake-up." Vigneault changed up his top Sedin twins. He also hooked up of goals, figuring one will lead to for seven goals by seven different Jan Bulis and Jannik Hansen; that the other. included the usual suspects like Canucks fired off 15 shots to only only a single shot. Captain Bren-

"It's always great to play with the twins," Naslund said. "They're shot. smart players and they make it easy

for you. I thought the other line but a lot of them are just hope-for Vancouver's offense was drag- combinations played really well plays thrown out there," Morrow Vancouver hasn't scored much line, pairing Nasland with the bothers Tippett as much as the lack

Modano logged the most ice

"We're getting pucks at the net,

for it and get it into the area, get Dallas' lack of scoring chances effort in there to get rebounds. We haven't done that enough."

Modano sounded worn out from trying and failing.

"The scoring chances are slim "You try to make the most of it den Morrow played just under when you do get it. You've got to 20 minutes and didn't register a work through their checkers, then you've got to go through (defen-

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