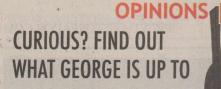
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### Man, woman found dead after standoff

HOUSTON (AP) - A man is suspected of fatally shooting his mother and injuring a sheriff's deputy before killing himself early Sunday morning.

A standoff began about 2 a.m. when a Harris County Sheriff's deputy arrived at a home to investigate a 911 hang-up call. No one answered the door. But as the deputy turned to leave, he was shot by someone in the house, police said.

### NATION

### Fed ready to lower rates

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the first time in more than four years, the Federal Reserve appears ready to lower interest rates to prevent a housing meltdown and a painful credit crunch from driving the economy into a recession.

A rate cut would affect millions of borrowers, with the intention of getting them to spend and invest more, which would revitalize the economy.

In one of their most important and anxiously awaited decisions,

# Gates suggests veto of troop rest measure

### By HOPE YEN **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Deing it a dangerous "backdoor way" as they stay in the field." to draw down forces.

fidence they could round up the votes limited drawdown but indicated that margin to override a veto.

"The operational tempo that our fense Secretary Robert Gates said forces are under is excruciatingly dif-Sunday he would recommend a ficult for our soldiers, Marines, all of veto of a Senate proposal that, our personnel and their families," said criticism of Webb's proposal. It would

The comments represented the Democrats pledged to push latest political clash over the fu- terviews about recommending a veto Levin, D-Mich., seeks to restrict the he said. ahead with the plan by Sen. Jim ture course of the war. Last week, to Bush should the proposal pass. "Yes Webb, D-Va., and expressed con- President Bush announced plans for a I would," the Pentagon chief said.

past 2008

war legislation, Gates sharpened his troops," he said. ments to the war front.

Gates was asked in broadcast in-

"If it were enacted, we would to pass it, although perhaps not by the combat forces would stay in Iraq well have force management problems rot in front of the American people With the Senate expected to in fact, affect combat effectiveness Levin said. "But, again, it is an illuresume debate this week on anti- and perhaps pose greater risk to our sion of a change of course and the

Supporters of Webb's proposal would give troops more rest be- Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. "They deserve require troops get as much time at say it has at least 57 of the 60 votes tween deployments in Iraq, brand- the same amount of time back home their home station as their deploy- needed for passage. It would need 67 of getting to the 60 votes to call for votes to override a veto.

mission of troops to fighting terrorist and training the Iraqi security force.

"The president has dangled a carthat would be extremely difficult and, talking about troop reductions," American people are not buying it. My colleagues are not buying it."

"I think we have a good chance a change in policy. I hope we get A separate proposal by Sen. Carl there in the next couple of weeks,"

GATES continued on page 3

HOUSTON - As the Rice Owls football team ran onto the field, the Rice banner was dislodged from its staff and floated to the ground. That omen proved to bring misfortune to the Owls as Texas Tech scored on its first two drives and never surrendered the lead, eventually winning 59-24 Saturday at Rice Stadium in Houston. The opening-drive score

marked the first time in the Mike Leach era the Red Raiders scored on their opening drive in each of the season's first three games. 'The first two drives we had really bad field position," Tech quarterback Graham Harrell said. "I thought offensively, we did

a really good job of playing through that field position, going down and getting a couple of quick scores.'

Rice quarterback Chase Clement said his team's start against the high-powered Red Raiders (3-0) made it tough for the Owls (0-3) to make a comeback.

We just kind of came out a little bit slow," he said. "If we kept that tempo up in the first half, I think we would have been in good position, but we just kept shooting

## Poll shows **GOP** race up for grabs

WASHINGTON (AP) -White men, conservatives, evangelicals and other pivotal blocs are divided among the Republican Party's leading contenders for president, leaving the race for the 2008 GOP nomination highly fluid, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

Rudy Giuliani and Fred Thompson are each attracting significant support from core GOP groups, based on the poll conducted this week. Even Sen. John McCain of Arizona, whose campaign has been staggered by money problems and staff shakeups, is backed by solid shares of suburban, college-educated and Midwestern Republican voters. The roughly one-third of Republicans in the poll who said they disapprove of the job President Bush is doing were gravitating around all three of those hopefuls. Overall, the survey underscores that no contender has yet to convincingly make the case that he is the candidate for change that so many voters want as the party searches for its identity and a successor to Bush. "I like Rudy's stand on the war on terror, and I also like his leadership qualities and I don't just mean 9/11," said August Olivier, 61, a conservative Giuliani backer and retired automobile executive from Rochester, Mich. But he said he also liked Thompson and might change his mind, adding: "I'm not against him. We've got time." The poll showed the contest remains a virtual tie between Giuliani, the former New York mayor, at 24 percent and Thompson, the actor and former senator from Tennessee, at 19 percent. Not far behind at 15 percent is McCain while former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has 7 percent.



Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues meet Tuesday to determine their next move on interest rates.

### WORLD

### Bus carrying tourists crashes in western Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A bus carrying tourists including passengers of a flight from Phoenix crashed in western Mexico on Saturday, killing at least 17 people, authorities said.

The bus was carrying 35 passengers from the resort city of Puerto Vallarta to Guadalajara when it ran off a mountain road and plunged into a ravine near the town of Compostela, about 125 miles from Guadalajara, the Nayarit's state prosecutor's office said in a statement.

At least 17 people were killed, including 13 men, three women and a 1-year-old child.



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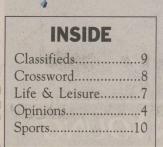
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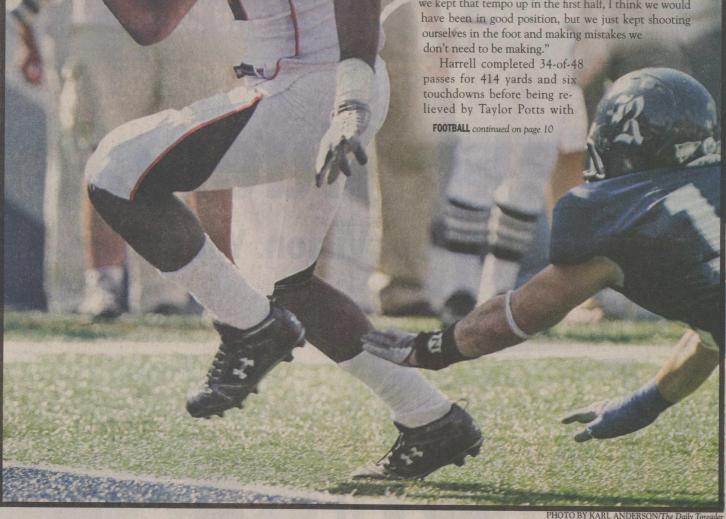
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Tuesday





TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Michael Crabtree breaks away from a defender during Tech's game Saturday afternoon at Rice Stadium. Crabtree leads the nation in receivng with 38 receptions, 538 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

## Tech law school ranks high in nation for best value

### **By ADAM YOUNG** STAFF WRITER

is ranked ninth in the nation, ac- in the state cording to The National Jurist and of Texas," preLaw magazine's Best Value Law said Terence Schools report. Cook, assis-

The magazine's rating system tant dean for was based on three factors: the admissions law school's annual tuition, its \_ and recruitbar-passage rate being above the ment at the state average and an employment Tech School rate for the school's graduates that of Law. Accord-

exceeds 85 percent within nine months after graduation, according to the reing to the magazine's Web site, port, Tech was the only Texas school Texas bar average of 80 percent, ac- and World Report, which classified www.njplonline.com.

as No. 9 in the nation adds some at 34 and the University of Texas are employed within nine months site, www.usnews.com. credibility and solidifies what we've School of Law ranking 37. always known — that it is the best

Tech's bar-passage rate was 89

### For 2007-08, the cost of tuition and fees for 12 hours of credit was:

Tech School of Law: \$13,953.10 according to, www.irs.ttu.edu/Tuition/ University of Texas School of Law: \$17,821.00 according to, www.texas.edu/law/ Baylor University Law School: \$9,923.00 according to, www.baylor.edu/ University of Houston Law Center: \$9,385.00 according to, www.uh.edu/ North Carolina Central University School of Law: \$5,796.20 according to, www.web.nccu.edu/

to rank in the top 30, with the cording to the report. Additionally, Tech as a tier -3 law school for 2008, "Certainly being recognized University of Houston Law Center 97.8 percent of Tech law graduates according to the magazine's Web

of graduation.

"The kinds of factors that (The Wes Cochran, associate dean for National Jurist) has selected for rank-The Texas Tech School of Law bang for your buck, particularly with- percent, 9 percent higher than the academic affairs at the Tech School ing are the type that probably matof Law, said ter more to law school applicants," being recoghe said. "This publication is put nized in this together by legal professionals, like report might attorneys and judges, rather than the have more U.S. News and World Report, which significance is done by the corporate offices of U.S. News and World Report." to potential

law school The factors of tuition, bar-exam students passage and graduate-employment than other rates used in the report played to lists, like Tech's advantage, he said. U.S. News

"They weigh those factors very heavily, and we came out on top

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because we have relatively low tuition, particularly for state schools," Cochran said.

The Tech School of Law's relatively small enrollment figure of about 700 students helps keep tuition viduals that may not have had the costs relatively low, Cochran said.

"We are a small school, and we're able to provide value," he said. "If you try to put it in a corporate context, we don't have as much overhead as some of the larger operations, and we're able to give a high-quality legal education at a more competitive tuition rate."

Cook said the sarily equated with the cost, but cost site, web.nccu.edu. can play a role in deciding where or if a student goes to law school.

product," he said. "You want to re- Law School, ranked No. 7 with ceive the best education possible for a tuition rate of \$8,700 for nonthe least amount of money, but it's a balancing act."

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Cook said he believes it is important to keep tuition rates at an affordable level for all students in Texas.

"The last thing you want to do is have a price so high that you've priced-out the general population," he said. "Tech is all about providing opportunities for indiopportunity to attend law school

available to them.'

with an in-

According to the report, Tech receive the best was bested by education for the a mix of state and private least amount of law schools, with the No. money, but it's a 1 spot going to the North balancing act. Carolina Central University School of Law,

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state tuition ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT of \$5,796.20,

quality of an education is not neces- according to the university's Web

The only private school to rank higher than Tech, the Brigham "It's just like any other consumer Young University J. Reuben Clark members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accord-Because Tech is a state school, ing to the university's Web site, www.byu.edu.

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The stories have "painted BU ment on the arrest.

College spokeswoman Liza Bene-

"Up to this point, Chris has set a great example for the students and she said.

Bevan was charged with driving to say if he would step down from under the influence, driving at an his position. He also would not com- unsafe speed and careless driving.

## **ODDBALL DAILY**

## Student president charged with DUI after complaining about media

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (AP) - Bloomsburg University's student government president was charged

a 15-mph zone.

blood-alcohol level was .147 per- students with a broad and negative cent, authorities said. The legal brush and are both inaccurate and dict called the arrest out of character .08 percent.

pulled over last weekend after a about media coverage of the central campus police officer said he saw the Pennsylvania college's annual Block student driving more than 50 mph in Party, an event critics have described as rowdy and alcohol-fueled.

Burglar who learned how to steal from TV show sentenced to 12 years

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — A Thursday. man who says he learned how to rob homes by watching a TV show to break into homes by watching items. was sentenced to 12 years in prison the Discovery Channel TV show "It for a string of burglaries in central Kentucky.

Michael W. Hobbs, 36, of Waco, Ky., pleaded guilty to five counts theft. of burglary. He was sentenced

Takes a Thief." The show features two ex-convicts who show property owners how vulnerable they are to

the ex-cons on the show say skilled Police said Hobbs learned how burglars typically don't keep stolen showed up at the burglary sites.

of responsible, mature Bloomsburg

Reached Friday, Bevan declined

property," Gregg said of Hobbs. "He ask if (the homeowner) needed any had no physical evidence at his resi- gutter help," Gregg said. "Then dence whatsoever. When we entered the houses around there would get a couple times, he said, 'Come on in, burglarized. That's just not coinci-Police Maj. Steve Gregg said look around. I've done nothing."

But Gregg said Hobbs always

"He was one of the type of people "He didn't hold onto any of the who would come to the door and dental."

## Police charged with stealing snacks from Louisiana convenience store

ROBELINE, La. (AP) — This village's only convenience store investigators say, it got out of con- experiencing losses and they watch without paying. decided to do something nice for trol. Now, all three of the village's their videotapes and see all of this its police officers: give them a free officers are accused of stealing going on." fountain drink or coffee at closing snacks.

into regular drinks and more," Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's investigator Travis Trammell said.

But somewhere along the way, this point, but the store started eating an assortment of other snacks

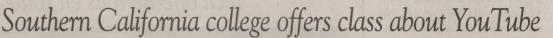
"Over a period of time, it evolved officer going into the Shop-A-Lott at Lott Oil around closing time and filling plastic bags with dozens of bottled soft drinks, Trammell said. 'There's no telling how it got to The officers also are reportedly seen seeking comment from the officers.

Police Chief Gordon O'Con confirmed that the officers remain Surveillance tapes showed each on active duty, but said he was advised not to commment about their arrests. There was no answer at the police department Friday when The Associated Press made repeated calls

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CLAREMONT, Calif. (AP) classroom but work mostly online, site.

Class lessons also are posted Pitzer College this fall began and students are encouraged to offering what may be the first post videos. One class member, course about the video-sharing for instance, posted a 1:36-minute

studies professor at the liberal democratic media expression." arts college, said she was "underwhelmed" by the content on that should be studied," student YouTube but set up the course, Darren Grose said. "You can learn "Learning from YouTube," to a lot about American culture and explore the role of the popular just Internet culture in general."

Class members control most of the class content and YouTube watchers from around the world are encouraged to comment, Juhasz said.

She hopes the course will raise serious issues about YouTube, such Alexandra Juhasz, a media as the role of "corporate-sponsored

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after saying the media has unfairly portrayed students as irresponsible.

A breath test showed Bevan's with drunken driving just weeks limit for drivers in Pennsylvania is extremely unfair to the thousands for Bevan.

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Bevan recently wrote a letter to students who are an asset to the Christopher Bevan, 21, was the Press Enterprise of Bloomsburg school and this community," Bevan worked well with the university," wrote.

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# Researchers: Birth control pills may reduce risk of cancer

#### **By GLENYS BOLLS** STAFF WRITER

After years of debate in the gynecology community, British researchers announced last week that taking a contraceptive pill does not increase a woman's chance of developing cancer, and it in fact may reduce this risk if she did not take the pill for longer than eight years.

After studying the records of 46,000 women during the course of 36 years, researchers at Aberdeen University found that taking an oral contraceptive for up to eight years did not lead to an increased risk of cancer during a woman's lifetime.

However, the research suggested the risk of cancer was higher for women who took the pill more than eight years.

"That is really significant for a couple of reasons," said P.J. Mann, vice president of health services for the Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock. "Because (the study) lasted 36 years, it covers the early pills that were thought to have extremely high doses of estrogen. Secondly, they had a

exposed to estrogen from outside the body."

According to the British Medical Journal Web site, www.bmj. com, the main data set contained about 339,000 woman years of observation for "never users" women who had never taken the pill — and about 744,000 woman years for "ever users" - women who had taken it.

Ever users had significantly lower rates of cancer in the bowels, rectum, uterine body, ovaries, tumors of unknown site and malignancies.

Their rates also were lower on gynecological cancers and cancers in general.

"What's interesting to me is that this seems to decrease the rates of all cancers, not just female ones," said Cornelia DeRiese, a clinical associate professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

This study is important to review because it sheds new light on an issue that has worried doctors for years, Mann said.

control group that had never been worrisome to American doctors is the age-old question, 'Can birth control put you at a greater risk for cancer?" she said. "This says that in some cases it can actually cut the risk by up to 12 percent."

According to the study, that 12 percent reduction is equal to one fewer case of cancer for every 2,200 women who used the pill for a year.

"The thing that's important to remember, though, is that birth control usage is not an isolated factor," Mann said. "Lifestyle and genetics also contribute to a person's risk of getting cancer."

One of the benefits of this study is the number of women involved, DeRiese said.

"They're using a big number of patients," she said. "Generally speaking, the larger the number of patients, the better the interpretation is going to be."

Mann said she agreed the numbers were among the study's strongest points, but she leaned more from the length of time rather than the number of subjects.

"The numbers alone are significant in this study," Mann said. "If "Something that's been very there's a study that lasts four to

five, even up to 10 years, you still don't see the negative outcomes in that time period."

Mann said the study also is meaningful because it is longitudinal — it followed the same people over a period of time.

The last research to come out linking pill usage and cancer was almost 10 years ago, DeRiese said. That information showed conflicting results on the types of cancers affected by the pill.

"Suppressing ovulation reduces the risk of ovarian cancer," she said, explaining the previous research. "It's close to a 50 percent reduction, but it may potentially increase the risk of breast cancer."

Mann said while the research is beneficial to both doctors and patients, she does not think it will affect the number of women who choose to use the contraceptive pill.

"I don't think this will significantly affect the way we prescribe birth control," she said. "I don't think it will significantly impact the consumer, either. This really just provides reassurance." ▶ glenys.bolls@ttu.edu



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### Gates

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If Webb's amendment were enacted, Gates said it would force him to consider again extending tours in Iraq. He explained that the military commanders would be constrained in the use of available forces, creating gaps and forcing greater use of an already strained National Guard and Reserve.

"It would be extremely difficult for us to manage that. It really is a backdoor way to try and force the president to accelerate the drawdown," Gates said. "Again, the drawdowns have to be based on the conditions on the ground."

"We would have to be looking at gapping units where there would

— a unit pulling out would not be immediately replaced by another,' he added. "So you'd have an area of combat operations where no U.S. forces would be present for a period, and the troops coming in would then face a much more difficult situation.'

Active-duty Army units today are on 15-month deployments with a promise of no more than 12 months rest. Marines who spend seven or more months at war sometimes get six months or less at home.

"We're having difficulty trying to keep to my policy of 15 months deployed, 12 months at home, for the active force and a full-year mobilization limit on the Guard and Reserve. We're having enough trouble trying to make that work, without the strictures of legislation," Gates said.

approved a plan by Gen. David Pe- would be in the coming years, stresstraeus, the top U.S. commander in ing that it would depend on condi-Iraq, to withdraw 5,700 troops from tions on the ground and whether Iraq by the holidays and reduce the the security situation in Iraq had force from 20 combat brigades to 15 improved dramatically. brigades by next July.

traeus to make a further assessment security, fighting terrorists and and fresh recommendations in training and equipping Iraqi security March. There are about 169,000 forces. U.S. troops in Iraq today.

sibility of cutting troop levels to some protracted period of time, a year, well beyond the cuts Bush be a fraction of the size of what we announced, in what appeared to be a conciliatory gesture to anti-war Democrats and some wary Republicans who are pushing for troop reductions and an end to the war.

But on Sunday, Gates said he Bush said last week that he had could not-say how large the force

In the long term, Gates said, The president has ordered Pe- U.S. forces would focus on border

"The idea is that we would have Gates on Friday raised the pos- a much more limited role in Iraq for 100,000 or so by the end of next stabilizing force, a force that would

have there now," Gates said.

Bush has compared America's future in Iraq to the peacekeeping role U.S. troops play in South Korea, where they have been stationed for some five decades.

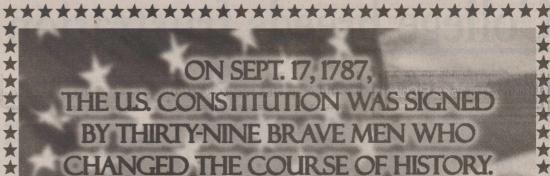
Gates, meanwhile, said he disagreed with assertions by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in his new book that the Iraq war "is largely about oil."

"I've known him a long time and I disagree with that," Gates said. "I wasn't here for the decision-making process that initiated it, that started the war. I know the same allegation peared on "Face the Nation" on was made about the Gulf War in

1991 and I just don't believe it's true," he said.

"It's really about stability in the Gulf. It's about rogue regimes trying to develop weapons of mass destruction. It's about aggressive dictators," Gates said. "After all, Saddam Hussein launched wars against several of his neighbors. He was trying to develop weapons of mass destruction, certainly when we went in, in 1991."

Gates spoke on "Fox News Sunday" and "This Week" on ABC. Reed was on ABC and Levin ap-CBS



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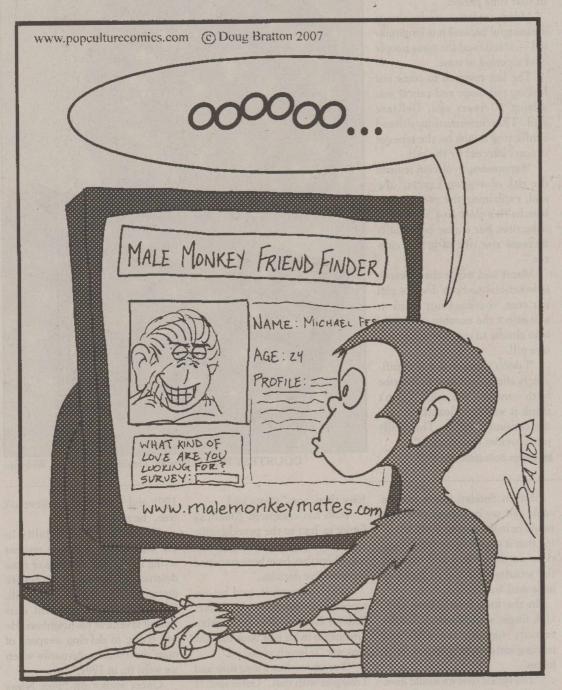


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### **Bi-Curious George**

# College breeds frustration

By JOE WRIGHT TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE) (U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. — I'm that maybe I was finally going to be able to do. There is nothing wrong with cheating myself out of my college to draw better than my friend Luke so following a degree audit and obtaining experience. I remember when I first he would finally stop making fun of my a certain degree in four years, that isn't

taking a class in technical drawing right now. My freshman year I would have because I want to. I'm taking classes been thrilled about this class — excited because it is what my advisor tells me

I'm not taking classes anymore came to school and I was so excited doodles in class. But now, as I complete what I'm saying. I'm saying there is about all the courses I was going to get the sketching assignments before each something wrong when learning loses

# www.FACEBOOK.com ruins lives, destroys families

### **By NICHOLAS SWISHER** BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN U.)

**JPINIONS** 

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Between reading the article earlier this week in The Herald about Brown admission officers trolling Facebook to scope out applicants ("Admission officers poke around Facebook," Sept. 10) and Facebook's announcement that it will allow non-users to search for users profiles on Google, I've arrived at an unfortunate conclusion.

Facebook must be destroyed. Well, okay, that might be excessive. But Facebook is quickly becoming much more of a detriment to the academic lives of young students than a utility. As proof, let's weigh the pros and cons.

Con: Facebook is an electromagnet for public stupidity.

This article was partly inspired by an experience I had this summer as an RA for the Summer@Brown program. In case you didn't know, thousands of high school students descend on campus every June like a buzzing swarm of locusts, all of them itching to Facebook-friend Facebook is public.

So you can imagine my surprise when one of my high school residents, who had recently friended me on Facebook, posted the event details of an upcoming party. The party's announcement promptly appeared in my Facebook news-feed, so I knew were planning to drink straight Karkov and grind on the stripper Friday night.

Con: Facebook embarrasses a response from Rudy himself.

embarrassing (and incriminating) cording to The Herald) all know admissions over the summer on a about and use Facebook. At other Facebook group wall. The underage colleges and high schools, Face-

Once upon a time, Facebook was a beautiful walled garden.

- NICHOLAS SWISHER **Brown Daily Herald** 

Ivy-Leaguer-to-be bragged about drinking Bailey's Irish Cream and "several" Coronas with other prefrosh at a party on a SoCal beach, to retire your Facebook profile. before being broken up by the "po." The police officer was "pretty chill," less—than—comforting privacy Antonio remarked. Imagine, the policy. I think that everyone should mayor's son being treated with kid's read Facebook's privacy policy — a gloves by the police!

Villaraigosa isn't alone. Won- about deleting their profiles. kette and Gawker have posted Facebook pictures of politicians' college-aged children enjoying em- delete your account - only "deacbarrassing and sometimes-illicit activities. A picture of former Sen. Bill information - your pictures, your everyone they meet, all of them Frist's son wearing a makeshift beer notes, your wall posts, etc. - in blissfully ignorant of the fact that belt? Check. The daughter of Sen. case you decide at a later date to all the information they post on Bob Corker, R-Tenn., making out reactivate your account. Facebook with another girl? Got it. President does allow you to manually delete Bush's nephew drinking Bud Light each piece of information you've while being pawed by a vagrant posted, but it's a tedious and inexact middle-aged cross-dresser? Believe process. it or not, the picture's online.

Even fairly innocent information, such as political affiliation, can mini-feed. No applications. It was backfire when posted on Facebook - especially if your dad is running a few select schools. There weren't within minutes that my residents for president. Slate reported that Rudy Giuliani's daughter was a member of a Facebook group suppole in Sigma Chi's lounge that porting Sen. Barack Obama, D-III., creepy then as it is now.) Most ima story that caught fire and prompted portantly, your information was kept

Princeton's class of 2011, made some apparently admission officers, acbook has been used to investigate alcohol policy violations. A Miami University student was even arrested last year for "inducing panic" by changing his Facebook profile picture to a composite sketch of a suspected rapist.

Con: You're ensnared in Facebook's tentacles for life.

"So what?" you might scoff. You're smart with your profile. You take advantage of Facebook's privacy settings. You're judicious with any content you make public. You don't present yourself as a rapist.

Even if you don't post pictures of yourself taking bong rips on the roof of Faunce, there are lots to reasons Most revolve around Facebook's lot of people would start thinking

That is, if they can.

Facebook does not allow you to tivate." Facebook retains all your

Once upon a time, Facebook was a beautiful walled garden. No available only to the Ivy League and any photo albums, even. (Though I believe "poking" was there from the beginning, and it was just as relatively private. To see how fast Facebook has deteriorated makes me want to delete (er, deactivate) Of course, the damage caused by my account and forces me to wonder why I joined the service in the first place.

to take. I saw each class as something class, I just find myself grumpy and rac- its pleasure. new to learn — a new opportunity ing to the next assignment. I've enterto improve myself. All I cared about tained various theories about why I am naissance. Higher learning flourished was what I was going to learn from a class and how I was going to use that settling into the college groove or perto change the person that I was. I still love class but to quote B.B. King: "the thrill is gone."

So what has changed to get me to though. This isn't a phase. this lifeless point? I'm taking classes that I should be thrilled about. I'm fighting for my grades.

where I am now. I could just finally be haps I just have to work through some more core classes to get back to the stuff I enjoy. I think I've been fooling myself were not following a degree audit

Think back to the days of the Rethroughout Europe and intellectual debate was a common pastime. I guarantee you that the students during the Renaissance in Florence and France -they were following their insatiable I've gotten to the point where I'm desire for higher learning and greater understanding.

your loved ones.

Of course, my experience rested and passed over for jobs. is nothing compared to the Ivy League gossip blog, IvyGate. of Los Angeles and member of Employers and administrators (and MySpace.

Con: Facebook will get you ar-

countless stories of Facebook the public disclosure of embarrassidiocy reported by the popular ing or incriminating information on Facebook is exacerbated when your In July IvyGate that Anthony family is famous, but the principle Villaraigosa Jr., son of the mayor still applies to the plebeian masses.

In fact, I can think of only one remaining pro to Facebook.

Pro: Facebook - at least it's not

The salient argument, though,

is not whether she is being cunning

in her (all too loud and frequent)

affirmations of her knowledge of the

unknowable and faith in the impos-

## We support academic freedom

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world of academia today, professors and Area Studies. In 2002, she was grantare constantly under scrutiny for their ed an award by the Middle East Studies research findings and published work, especially in the politically polarizing field of Middle Eastern studies. Nadia Abu El-Haj, an assistant professor of to her distinguished accomplishments, They, along with all other professors, anthropology at Barnard, has been at- professor Abu El-Haj was offered tenure must continue to ensure that the tenure tacked by fellow professors and alumni at Barnard WHEN. Now, because of the for one of her books, "Facts on the close relationship between Barnard and Ground: Archaeological Practice and Columbia, she must receive tenure from Territorial Self-Fashioning in Israeli the department of anthropology at Co-Society," in which she states that Israeli lumbia, and then an ad-hoc committee archaeologists went out of their way to assembled by the administration. find archaeological remains that would support the long history of a Jewish state and guarantees a nearly permanent academics have the freedom to explore in Israel. Because professor Abu El-Haj position at a university. A tenured different ideas and break new ground. examines sensitive and often conten- professor is able to pursue his academic tious topics, the debate over her tenure work freely and independently, and can has become a heated fight that blurs the take the initiative to pursue difficult and line between the merit of scholarship and controversial ideas. As such, the Tenure the implication of her ideas. Columbia Process Review Committee, which must look beyond the strong feelings of will decide Abu El-Haj's tenure, must non-academics and focus solely on the consider the rigor and innovation of a credibility of the professor's work and scholarship.

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among other positions, a Fulbright Fellowship and additional fellowships at (U-WIRE) NEW YORK - In the Harvard's Academy for International Association for "Facts on the Ground," which the awards committee called a "nuanced, nonpolemic work." Partly due

professor's scholarship as it's sole criteria for evaluation. Unpopular ideas deserve Professor Abu El-Haj is no stranger equal consideration from the committee.

to prestigious universities. She has held, After all, a diversity of ideas is critical to the survival of a university.

At the heart of academia is the pursuit of unconventional ideas in the hopes of finding new information. Barnard President Judith Shapiro and University President Lee Bollinger have both acknowledged this and expressed their commitment to honest inquiry. process proceeds fairly and that the scholars who decide Abu El-Haj's case are not influenced by those who seek to turn this tenure decision into a politicized campaign. Anything less than a fair tenure process will only tarnish the Tenure is a major accomplishment University's reputation as a place where

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## Hillary's faith helps her political standing

### **By GABRIEL MCVEY** THE COLLEGIATE TIMES (VIRGINIA TECH)

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — The American voter just can't seem to get enough of faith. According to a poll by the Pew Research Center, 63% of respondents said that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who "doesn't believe in God." Aside from the there is an issue of what exactly constitutes "belief in God" and whether candidates are simply going through the motions of religious observance in an effort to secure the votes of the faithful.

Hillary Clinton has been billing herself recently as a person of deep religious conviction. She's not unique in this; nearly all of the

Democratic candidates (sine qua non this factoid suspect at best. the GOP) have been gilding the lily to secure the support of the nearly two-thirds of the public that would prefer an incompetent (or unprincipled) person of faith to a proficient agnostic or atheist.

religious faith has never been a significant political issue for her in the past, condemned by James Madison (the auit is more than a little disingenuous thor of the First Amendment), should rather crass and obtuse disregard of her to stagger through a lame and that this shows for Article VI, Sec- corny pastiche of Christian hymns tion 3 of the U.S. Constitution, and sermons in an effort to burnish her religious credentials.

> But what exactly is "belief," and how does one define "God?" It seems like another survey question that nets a seemingly meaningful result but inform morality. However, despite how inapplicability. So-called "legitimacy" and "quality" of faith and confessional

and personal disputes over the nature of God or the Gods render the basis for

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sible, but whether questions of religious However, in light of the fact that faith, something specifically proscribed by our Constitution and strenuously become the unofficial, modern-day "religious test" of candidates.

To head off one of the more obvious objections, I do separate notions of morality (or as the television pundits so fatuously put it, "values") from religious faith. Faith can, and often does, on closer examination descends into strongly the fundamentalist fringe protests, it is not the sole source of morality -and faith often contradicts the more useful humanistic morality that should enlighten our politics.

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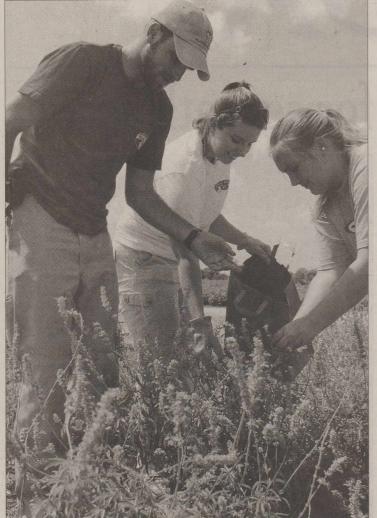


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ADAM PARNELL, A senior horticulture major from San Antonio, Brooke dauhetee, a senior horticulture major from Arlington, and Amber Bates, a Ph.D in Agronomy student from Leonard, harvest salvia seeds for Sr. Cynthia Mckinney's wildflower.

## WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

## Plane crashes in heavy rain at Thai tourist destination

PHUKET, Thailand (AP) — A passenger plane filled with foreign tourists crashed Sunday as it tried to land in pouring rain on the island of Phuket, splitting in two and bursting into flames, officials said. At least 88 people were killed.

The budget One-Two-Go Airlines domestic flight OG269 was carrying 123 passengers and seven crew members from the capital, Bangkokm to Phuket — popular among tourists for its pristine beaches and one of the areas hardest hit by the 2004 tsunami.

Survivors described their escape amid chaos, smoke and fire.

"As soon as we hit, everything went dark and everything fell," said Mildred Furlong, 23, a waitress from Prince George, British Columbia, in Canada. The plane started filling with smoke and fires broke out, she said. A passenger in front of her caught fire, while one in the back kicked out a plane window.

"I saw passengers engulfed in fire as I stepped over them on way out of the plane," Parinwit Chusaeng, a survivor who suffered minor burns, told the Nation television channel. "I was afraid that the airplane was going to explode so I ran away."

Wallop Thainua, the country's deputy health minister, said about 60 bodies were retrieved quickly, but it took hours to get the other bodies out. Seventy-eight of those on board were foreigners.

## Defense secretary says U.S. using diplomacy to counter Iranian threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is committed, for now, to using diplomatic and economic means to counter the potential nuclear threat from Iran, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

Speculation has persisted about preparations for a military strike against Iran for its alleged support for terrorism and its nuclear program. Gates, in a broadcast interview, said he would not discuss "hypotheticals" about what President Bush "may or may not do."

"I think that the administration believes at this point that continuing to try and deal with the Iranian threat, the Iranian challenge, through diplomatic and economic means is by far the preferable approach. That's the one we are using," the Pentagon chief said.

"We always say all options are on the table, but clearly, the diplomatic and economic approach is the one that we are pursuing," he added. The diplomatic approach takes center stage at a conference in Washington on Friday. The U.S. hosts the U.N. Security Council's four other per-

manent members — Britain, China, France, Russia — plus Germany to press for new penalties against oil-rich Iran.

## Suspected Sunni insurgents raid Shiite villages in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) - Dozens of suspected Sunni insurgents raided Shiite villages north of Baghdad, killing at least 15 people and setting homes ablaze on Sunday, police said. A bicycle bomb struck a cafe serving tea and food during the Ramadan fast in northern Iraq.

The surge of bloodshed — 54 people killed or found dead nationwide — occurred a day after al-Qaida in Iraq announced a new campaign during the Islamic holy month aimed at countering U.S. and Iraqi claims that the terror movement is reeling after the U.S.-led offensives around the Iraqi capital.

But the U.S. military insisted it had the group on the run and said a man believed responsible for the assassination of a U.S.-allied Sunni tribal leader in Anbar province had been arrested north of Baghdad.

## Trial of South Carolina man set, teen saved herself with text message

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) – A text message.

Vinson Filyaw nearly 200 miles, cendiary device. from Kershaw County northeast than a week

custody, a man goes on trial some pretrial issues. Filyaw, who a school bus stop. this week on charges he held a has been held without bail, faces 14-year-old girl captive in an 10 counts of criminal sexual con- asleep, then used his cell phone underground bunker until she duct, which each carry a potential to text message her mother. summoned help with a cell phone sentence of up to 30 years in prison. He also is charged with Pretrial publicity prompted kidnapping, impersonating an the judge to move the trial of officer and possession of an in- and out. There's a bomb. Call

The cavity, covered with herself after being held more branches and canvas. Authorities the wooded area near a quarry,

Jury selection was to begin there after dressing up as a police Once in the area, they heard her to Beaufort County because of hideouts. year after he was taken into Monday after the court handles officer and leading her away from cries.

"Hi mom," the message read. "I'm in a hole across from Charm confronted. Hill where the big trucks go in police."

Investigators found the girl of Columbia to the state's south- plywood and leaves, contained a early on Sept. 16, 2006. The life. The Associated Press nor- elaborate series of tunnels and is different. ern tip. The case gained national hand-dug privy, a camp stove and cell phone signal and her refer- mally does not identify people attention when the girl saved crude shelves fashioned out of ence to "big trucks" led them to alleging sexual assault. said Filyaw, 37, brought the girl less than a mile from her home. agreed to have the trial moved

along a highway. He was carrying the trial. a pellet gun, a Taser and a hunt-

14-year-old — described by her said that charge in late 2005 South Carolina man involved mother as "a very strong girl" had led Filyaw, an unemployed in a similar case was acquitted, - has worked toward a normal construction worker, to build an but legal experts said each case

Both defense and prosecutors

the intense publicity. Filyaw at-Early the next morning, au- torney Jack Duncan declined to Hall, and his mother, Ginger Nell The girl waited until Filyaw fell thorities located Filyaw walking speak with a reporter ahead of Cobb, have been charged with

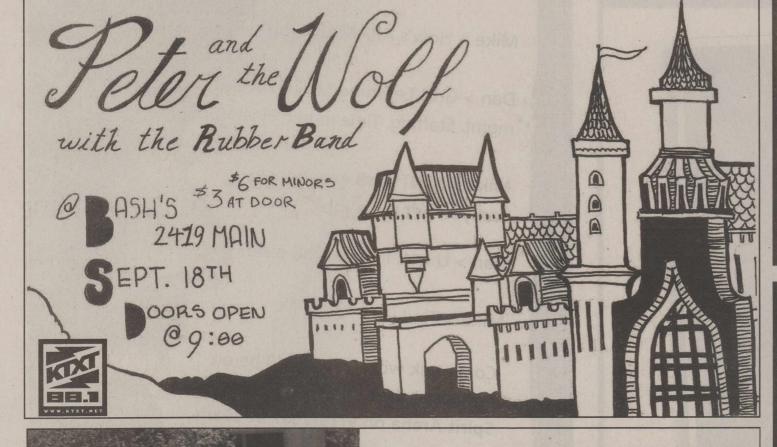
> in connection with abuse of a the 12-year-old. Family members have said the 12-year-old girl. Authorities have

Filyaw's girlfriend, Cynthia helping him elude authorities. At the time of his arrest, Hall also has been charged as an ing knife but surrendered when Filyaw was already being sought accessory in the case involving

Earlier this year, another



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# Corn rows: Local corn maze gears up for seventh season

#### **By ANN LUU** STAFF WRITER

corn mazes.

stalks as tall as 10-feet might be abnormal to those accustomed to city skyscrapers, but for Lubbockites, the attraction.

for the local cornfield maze, found on the caption "In God We Trust." the At'l Do Farms.

son have plowed through 12 acres of corn annually to create some of the most detailed maze designs, full he said.

of crazy turns and confusing loop-arounds.

James Simpson said he and his the weather. Many corn items are aplenty in the wife choose the design on themes the world - corn bread, corn chips, corn region will recognize. In the past for consistent," James Simpson said. "The chowder, corn on the cob and even example, they have done images of average time has been an hour and 15 a horse-drawn covered wagon, the minutes. Walking through a cornfield with outline of Texas, an American farmer, the legend of a local cowboy and Texas Tech's Masked Rider.

For the seventh-annual corn maze, a patriotic symbol of the American flag Saturday marked the opening day and the bald eagle; the plot also bears

James Simpson said he sees many Since 2001, James and Patti Simp- Tech students visiting the maze.

about 20 percent of our business,"

Do you have the

. On average, the maze attracts economics major from Gruver, is a

"The time to get through is pretty been fun.

James Simpson said inside the maze, there are many helpful tips to know it.' get through. Numbered wooden posts are strategically placed throughout lar time people visit is in the late Corn MAiZE proves to be a popular the plot of land has been engraved with the maze, steering the lost in the right afternoon once the weather has cooled direction.

> "We have about five workers inside them the correct way to turn," he said. We also have maps and trivia inside "Tech students probably make up that, with the correct answer, will guide people through."

Mark TeBeest, a junior agriculture

30,000 visitors per year, depending on new employee for the maze and said getting ready for the opening has

> "I almost know the maze all the way through because I've had to walk through to put up the signs," he said. "After a few more times, I'll

Patti Simpson said the most popudown.

"Our highest attendance is bedirecting patrons who are lost, telling tween 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.," she said. "About 80 percent of our business is during those times. We are steady all

> It takes us about three days to do everything, like spraying chemicals.

> > CORN MAIZE CREATOR

day long, and then it gets packed in ing, we have to stop." the evening."

staff customizes trivia questions fitting a corn cannon. for the occasion.

The labyrinth is a part of a fran- ditional physical activities. chise-like company that heads over ness starts the process in March, when in," Simpson said, "and he brings a and sends it to the company for ap- jump, which is like bungee jumping." proval. In June, the family's members plant the crop, and by July, they start maze who is also Tech student, said the to cut and shape the maze.

"It takes us about three days to do to hang out. everything, like spraying chemicals," James Simpson said. "We have to be to go out," said the junior psychology really careful. If the wind starts blow-



nice and friendly here."

Patti Simpson said the corn maze

"At the close of our season, we On the weekends, there are ad- harvest the corn and sell it to the Tech farm," she said.

Tech students have begun planning

"I've heard lots of people say good sophomore nursing major from Irving, "It sounds fun and a good way to spend your evening.'

The maze runs from Saturday to Nov. 24, and Tech students can gain entrance at a discounted price with a valid student I.D. ₩ vinh-an.luu@ttu.edu



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- JAMES SIMPSON

The attraction also offers more

Patti Simpson said for special activities for the price of a dollar, and Tech have tight connections to events, such as birthdays, the maze's including a cow train, a hay ride and one another.

"In the afternoon — only on the 153 mazes. The family-operated busi- weekends - we have someone come for their trip to the corn maze. the family brainstorms design ideas rock-climbing wall and a monkey things about it," said Clare Edwards, a

> Ryan Winger, an employee of the maze will provide a great opportunity

"It's going to be fun for big groups major from Gruver. "Everyone is so



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### 'Brave' new world for Foster re you ready for a movie The first two incidents happen convincing the killing spree seems

that screams: "Gun con-Ltrol doesn't work?" Now that I have the City of Lubbock's attention, let's talk about the excellent thriller "The Brave One," which will make you laugh, cry and stay as far away from New York City as possible.

Jodie Foster plays Erica Bain, who goes to the park one late night with her Erica runs into a string of bad luck. fiancé David (Naveen Andrews) and She's at a convenience store and a movies, the recently divorced Mercer not doing it to protect yourself? Of their dog. Three men beat the crap out of the couple, leaving David dead and weeks. When Erica is able to return to tries to attack her, she shoots him. her apartment in New York City, she's incredibly traumatized and unable to go outside without flinching at the few people who try to kill her. I get sound of any barking dog, or wondering if someone is following her.

To feel safe, Erica tries to purchase a gun, but there's a 30-day waiting period, and feels she can't wait that long. feeling a little safer.



Through the next couple of weeks, der-Man.

gun, and she ends up having to kill a murder. Erica's unique job allows her it, gun lovers. But hey, then she goes in an honest, non-cliché way. crazier than a bat out of hell and starts killing everybody.

subway when two men try to sexually an emotionally troubled, yet strong or six. She immediately buys one illegally for assault her with a knife. Erica kills \$1,000 and is able to walk the streets them both (seriously, I'm never going lambs haven't stopped screaming), to New York City again).

out of fear, but with no closure from entirely justified. her fiancé's murder case, the only way to investigate the string of murders are very good. by the city's best vigilante since Spi-

to share her feelings with the audience character."

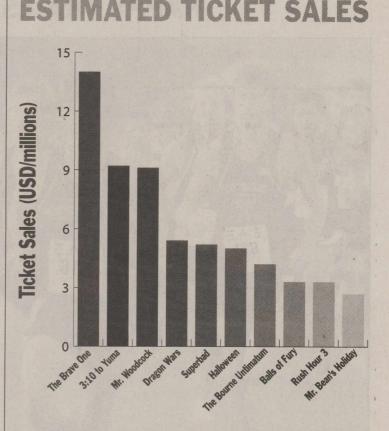
as it is if Foster weren't at the helm. stop. "A Time to Kill" justified one Eventually, Erica finds herself on a Foster is at her best when she's playing moment of vengeance but not five woman (in other words, when the and here, her deep emotions are so

The script is excellent and at times Erica feels she can seek vengeance is hilarious. A movie this dark needs to play God and start killing other some comedy relief every now and criminals. That's when the Detective then. The directing is sharp — and for Mercer (Terrence Howard) steps in a thriller — the sound track and score

However, the entire concept is shady and morally ambiguous. Is it OK Somehow, as only happens in the to kill evil people, even when you're guy enters and murders the cashier. and Erica become friends and share course not. We aren't supposed to be Naturally, the murderer doesn't like their feelings of grief. The movie never the police. But somehow "The Brave Erica practically comatose for three that Erica just saw him, and when he becomes an action flick, instead a psy- One" makes us question the entire chological drama/thriller exploring the system. This isn't "V for Vendetta," So it's easy for her to buy an illegal post-traumatic aftermath of David's either. We can't brush it off and say, "Who cares? It's a graphic novel

> No, Erica Bain isn't V. She doesn't This movie wouldn't be as good enjoy what she's doing, but she can't

> > So does Erica get punished for her behavior? You'll just have to see.



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Each year, Gull Meadow Farms near Richland cuts a maze in its corn fields. A company that specializes in corn maze design drew

RICHLAND; Mich. (AP) which says PRESIDENT FORD below.

Instead of just creating a path for people to travel through, we decided to make it a tribute to the late President Ford.

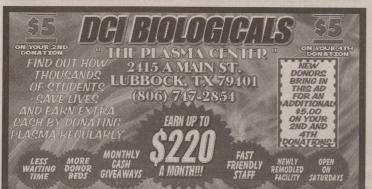
> - JUSTIN WENDZEL FARM SPOKESMAN

up the plans for the Ford portrait, across the top and THANKS

the farm.

Ford was 93 when he died Dec. "Instead of just creating a path 26 at his home in Rancho Mirage, for people to travel through, we Calif. He grew up in Grand Rapdecided to make it a tribute to ids, about 42 miles north of Gull the late President Ford," said Meadow Farms, and represented Justin Wendzel, a spokesman for the area in Congress for years before becoming president in 1974.





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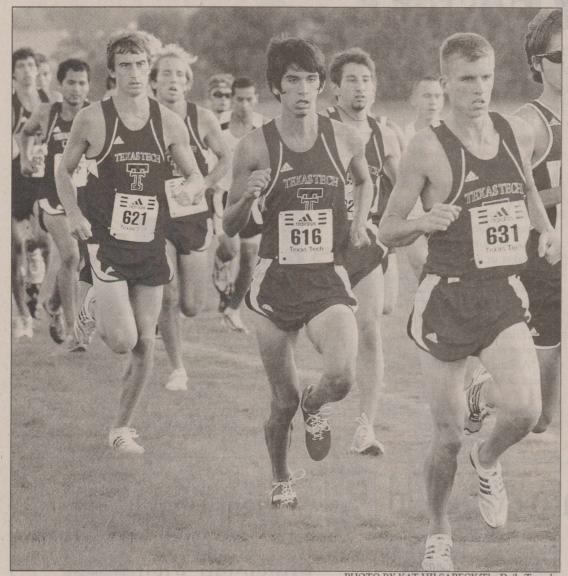
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2. LSU (19)	3-0	1,577	2	15. Clemson	3-0	615	20
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# Miami Northwestern wins battle of high school powers

DALLAS (AP) — Miami Northwestern won a battle of the nation's two top-ranked high school teams Saturday, coming from behind twice to defeat top-ranked Southlake Carroll 29-21.

Jacory Harris threw four touchdown passes, three to Tommy Streeter, to lead Northwestern (3-0) to its 18th consecutive victory.

A near-capacity crowd of 31,896 filled Southern Methodist University's Gerald I. Ford Stadium for the matchup. The Florida state Class 6A champions Bulls traveled some 1,300 miles for the game. The game was televised live on ESPNU.

Carroll (1-1) — the three-time defending Texas Class 5A champion — was bidding for its 50th consecutive victory. That would have broken Abilene's 50-year-old state-record winning streak by a large school.

The Dragons entered the game first and Northwestern second in both the USA Today and Sports Illustrated national rankings.

On its opening drive, Carroll got a 35-yard touchdown pass from Riley Dodge to Chris Brainard. The Bulls tied the score 7-7 after Harris' 32-yard scoring pass to Streeter. Carroll linebacker Derek Tomlin ran 30 yards with a Northwestern fumble for his second defensive touchdown in two games and a 14-7 lead.

The Bulls took a 21-14 second-quarter advantage on Harris' touchdown passes of 19 yards to Streeter and 16 yards to Aldarius Johnson. Harris and Johnson both have committed to the University of Miami.

Northwestern's muffed punt then set up Dodge's 26-yard touchdown pass to Oregon-bound Blake Cantu, tying the game 21-21 at

halftime.

Northwestern took the lead for good after intercepting Dodge's backup, junior Kyle Padron, in the end zone. Two plays later, Harris threw long to Streeter for a 75-yard touchdown. Robert Demps' extra point was wide right, leaving the score 27-21.

With 4:47 left in the third, a snap sailed over Dragons punter Loarn Hinkle's head, and he kicked the ball out of the end zone for a safety.

Carroll's last three possessions ended with a missed field goal, a fumble and Tevin McCaskill's fourth-quarter interception.

Harris finished the game 21-for-28 passing for 280 yards. Streeter caught four of those for 139 yards. Dodge was 22-for-31 for 260 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Northwestern gained 358 vards to 305 for Carroll.

# Woodson's bomb knocks off 9 Cardinals for first time

dre Woodson threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Steve Johnson with 28 seconds left and Kentucky shocked No. 9 Louisville 40-34 Saturday night, the Wildcats' first victory over a top-10 team in three decades.

Kentucky (3-0) was about to lose its fifth in a row to its intrastate rival and had been pushed back because of a personal foul penalty. Then Johnson zipped past the secondary and Woodson nailed him in stride.

Woodson completed 30 of 44 passes for 275 yards and four TDs as he beat Brian Brohm, a rival dating to high school, for the first time.

Brohm's last-second desperation

Harry Douglas at the 10, but time expired.

Although Brohm didn't put up the gaudy numbers of his first two games when he amassed nine TD passes, he did lead a late drive that put Louisville (2-1) in a position to win.

Kentucky was ahead 33-28 with 6 minutes left when Brohm began an 84-yard drive that ended in Anthony Allen's 2-yard plunge. It was the second touchdown for Allen, who had 96 rushing yards a week after generating a team-high 275 against Middle Tennessee.

Woodson went another game without throwing an interception,

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - An- attempt was deflected and caught by extending his streak of passes without one to 257. That broke the Southeastern Conference record set by Georgia's David Greene in 2004 and is 14 short of Trent Dilfer's NCAA mark.

> Louisville's offensive line was one of only three in the country that didn't allow a sack through the first two games, but Kentucky got to Brohm three times.

> Kentucky would have had a fourth sack, halting Brohm deep in his own territory, but a 15-yard personal foul penalty on cornerback Trevard Lindley negated that and gave Brohm another chance. He took advantage, firing a 42-yard bomb to Douglas, who later scored from 3 yards out.

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# **Top-ranked Nebraska sweeps Tech**

### **By COLBY KENNEDY** STAFF WRITER

The No. 1 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers swept Texas Tech Saturday in three games (30-19, 30-15, 30-20).

Tech led four times in the entire match, thanks in part to the Red Raiders (7-4) managing a .075 hitting percentage and two team blocks. Tech averages 13.1 assists per game and 14.7 kills per game on the year, but had 25 assists and 30 kills in the trio of games against Nebraska.

Senior middle blocker Alicia Ostmeyer, who had three kills in the loss to the Cornhuskers, said Tech got out of its system, and the players' intensity lacked in the game.

"I don't think our intensity was quite like it used to be," she said. "Our defense was great, but we need to focus on out-of-system plays and getting the ball up to our good hitters and putting the ball away."

Sophomore libero Jenn Harrell, who finished the night with 12 digs, said it is hard to fall behind to a team as dominant as Nebraska.

"(Nebraska is) such a tough team, she said. "When your playing against a tough competitor like them, it's just hard to ever really get like on a roll. I think that they're an excellent team, but I definitely think that we could have played better."

ting percentage and nearly doubled sweep the Red Raiders' assist total with 48. Also, Nebraska had nine more team Ostmeyer said of the Cornhuskers. a .579 hitting percentage and five blocks and 21 more kills than Tech "They didn't make any mistakes, and block assists.



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LIBERO JENN HARRELL gets low to hit the volleyball during the women's volleyball game against Nebraska Saturday evening.

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The Huskers (9-0) had a .342 hit- and added nine aces in the team's with a .600 hitting percentage, 10 program.'

we did. We have a lot of things to focus on in practice this next week."

Senior middle blocker Tracy Stalls Cooper and the Cornhuskers. and sophomore middle blocker Kori Cooper highlighted the match for "I know Kori Cooper is really young, the Cornhuskers. Stalls finished so she's going to be awesome for that kills and four block assists. Cooper "They're all about perfection," manufactured 11 kills of her own, take on Texas A&M 7 p.m. Wednes-

Harrell said both players performed well, and she sees a bright future for

'They're great players," she said.

The Tech volleyball team will day in College Station. >> colby.kennedy@ttu.edu

ranked Southern California ran in the Top 10. through, around and all over Nebraska.

**Trojans upend Huskers** 

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up front.

Stafon Johnson ran for 144 Lincoln. yards and one of USC's five rushing touchdowns and John David Booty threw two short TD night.

The Trojans (2-0) piled up up by interceptions. 313 yards rushing and won for

a thoroughly impressive performance and more one-sided than the final score showed. "Once we

got going, geez, we just took control," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Everything we

wanted to get done we were able their most since getting 403 against to get done."

LSU on the polls last week, but in 2003. it wouldn't be surprising if the Trojans recoup some of those firstcomes out Sunday.

1), playing host to a No. 1-ranked team for the first time since 1978. breakthrough victory for fourth- ted just 31 yards on the ground. year coach Bill Callahan. They're all-time against No. 1s and 0-6 erase a 10-7 deficit.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Top- under Callahan against teams ranked

USC's 49 points were the thirdmost scored by an opponent in

"We've got to get better. We've got to get better," Callahan said.

The Trojans broke open the game passes in a 49-31 victory Saturday by scoring three straight touchdowns in the second half, the first two set

USC led 49-17 in the fourth the 61st time in 67 games. It was quarter, but Sam Keller led two

touchdown drives against the Trojans' prevent defense to close the

USC running backs broke off 12 runs of 10 yards or more, including six of 20 or longer.

The Trojans' rushing total was

UCLA in 2005 and the most allowed USC lost some support to by Nebraska since Texas had 353

"They just whipped us up front," Nebraska defensive line coach Buddy place votes when the new Top 25 Wyatt said. "They outphysicaled us and we didn't play very good funda-The 14th-ranked Huskers (2- mentally. We missed a lot of tackles. It was ugly."

Nebraska, which ran for 68 yards came into the game in search of a in a 28-10 loss at USC last year, net-

The Trojans scored on back-tostill looking after dropping to 1-10 back series in the second quarter to

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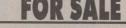
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10:18 remaining the game. Of those 34 completions, Crabtree

caught 11 of them for 244 yards and three touchdowns. "(Crabtree) was fortunate today

just because there was open field and he was able to go for it," Tech coach Leach said. "He's a good receiver, and he does a good job catching the ball, but the yards are going to come a little harder than maybe they did today."

After getting down 14-0, Rice fought back to within four points with 8:55 remaining in the second quarter, but Tech scored five unanswered touchdowns.

"There's a lot of (times) when we're right there with them, but we got to make a play," Rice coach David Bailiff said. "That's something we've worked since we got here is finishing our routes."

The Rice coach said when his team was down 35-17 less than two minutes into the second half, he saw an opportunity to turn the momentum in the Owls' favor by attempting to convert on the fourth down via a fake punt. Rice kicker Luke Juist was stopped three yards short by Tech's Daniel Charbonnet and LaRon Moore.

"That's something on video the first two games; they were just leaving that open over there, and I thought if we had an opportunity to capitalize and take advantage of it we would," Bailiff said. "That was one of those things that I thought could really change the outcome of the game if we could have hit that."

On the night, 11 Tech receivers caught at least one pass each. Also, Tech converted on all three fourth down-conversion attempts, including a run by Kobey Lewis on 4th and 1 at the Rice 6-yard line.

"That's just doing what (Leach) does," Bailiff said. "He's done that since he's got there, and we (just need to) stop them on fourth down." ▶ benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

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### **By ADAM COLEMAN** STAFF WRITER

receiver Jarett Dillard looked for a foundation for improvement against Texas Tech's defense Sat-

urday. Although Rice quarterback Dillard had his first touchdown advantage. catch of 2007 in Saturday's 59-24 loss to Tech, the Owls managed to give up four fumbles and one interception. This added to their us to have an edge." third loss of the season, hindering Dillard from repeating his breakout season of 2006.

get a play off," Tech coach Mike half. Leach said. "It was a real credit to our defense, and I thought defensively they played real, real well the second half."

had 21 touchdowns in 2006, has in poor position."

just one through three games this season.

Receiver Toren Dixon finished The Rice Owls' All-American the game with six receptions for 64 yards and one touchdown. Rice's other score was credited to running back C.J. Ugokwe, the first of his career.

Dixon said the offense was able Chase Clement completed his first to find a weakness in Tech's defense,

> "The no-huddle helped us a lot," he said. "We had them pretty tired on the board and taking points off." on defense. Our pace is what allows

about four series where Rice didn't the Owls to one score in the second Rice's all-time scoring list.

"In the second half, what really killed us was coming out and going next drive, the ball slipped out on me, Rice's 24 points was its highest sailed over (the receiver's head) and total of the season. Dillard, who got intercepted and put the defense

Dillard's touchdown came in the first quarter on a 47-yard pass to put Rice down by four. He finished the game with six catches for 90 yards.

**Turnovers hinder Owls' offensive progression** 

was the longest of Dillard's career. Rice coach Bailiff said the Owls were up to par with Tech, but scoring was a main issue in the game.

"There are too many times where touchdown pass of the season and and it helped the Owls gain an we are not taking advantage of the situations that are presented to us," he said. "That's allowing points to go

Although Dillard had his first touchdown of 2007 against Tech, he Although the Owls' offense scored in 16 of the last 18 games Rice showed progress against the Red has been in, dating back to the 2006 Raiders, five turnovers and six sacks season. His touchdown against Tech "There was a point there for allowed by Rice helped Tech keep helped him move into fifth place on

The Tech defense allowed 311 yards of total offense. Linebacker Paul Williams led the Red Raiders with 10 three-and-out," Clement said. "The tackles. Williams had two tackles for a loss, including a sack.

Behind Paul Williams in tackles were Marlon Williams with six, Joe

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Torea TECH LINEBACKER SANDY Riley tackles a Rice player in Saturday's with four. Garcia also had a forced play smarter ball." It was more so

fumble in the game. "We just needed to turn it up,"

us than them ... We just needed to calm down and focus and play smart. Garcia with five and Darcel McBath to re-focus, come back out there and *adam.coleman@ttu.edu* 



## 59-24 win over the Owls.

Paul Williams said. "We just needed That's what it all comes down to."

## 6 shooter: After success in Rice game, Harrell leads nation in passing yards, touchdowns

### By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech junior quarterback Graham Harrell was firing on all cylinders Saturday.

Harrell completed 28-of-37 passes for 414 yards and a career-high six touchdowns.

day, I thought. We sputtered a for 41 yards. couple drives in that second half, a few times, and I thought it was a to grow deeper every game.

### good win for us."

short of Tech's single-game scoring record held by B.J. Symons with eight. Harrell threw touchdowns to four

different receivers, including of Michael Crabtree, Eric Morris and Grant Walker. Harrell threw three touch-"I thought we came out and downs to Crabtree, including a 74-yard fast. We executed well the entire the game was completed to Crabtree

Harrell said the connection bebut we executed, got in the end zone tween himself and Crabtree continues

In his third straight 400-yard passing came down, and we ran a post route like that." game, Harrell came two touchdowns behind him and got a big play to set the tone," he said. "It got us out of bad field position and went down and scored."

In 2007, Harrell has thrown eight touchdowns to Crabtree, two to Danny yards per game. Amendola and two to Walker - the first two of Walker's career.

"It's also good when we have playexecuted," Harrell said. "We started touchdown pass. Harrell's first pass of ers that can make plays," Harrell said. efficiency in the conference, and Tech's a challenge as far as that went." "(Crabtree) makes a lot of them for offense is third in red zone offense. us. (Morris) makes some big plays.

"First play of the game, the safety plays. It's easy when you (have) guys we go to the next game."

Harrell and the Tech offense continue to lead the Big 12 Conference, while Crabtree continues to lead the conference in receptions and receiving your mentality," Leach said. "How con-

Harrell leads the nation in passing yards and touchdowns. Harrell has led

"I told (Harrell) whenever he Grant makes some big plays. Danny, called my number I'm going to do my L.A. (Reed), Eddie (Britton) - all job," Crabtree said. "We look at our in Stillwater, Okla. those guys have the capability to make mistakes, and we correct them then

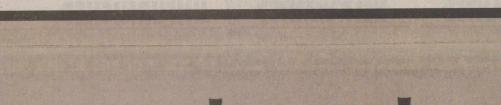
Although the offense performed well, Tech coach Mike Leach said there

are still obstacles it will have to face. "The biggest test is always yourself, sistent can we be? How good can we be? Can we compete with ourselves? Can

we gauge performance as to whether it the Red Raiders to the best third-down was the best of our ability? I think there's The Red Raiders will face their

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