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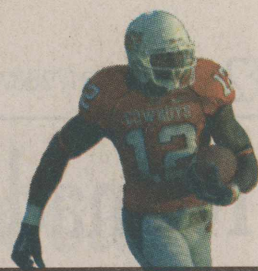


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### STATE

#### Mom charged with capital murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — The woman accused of dousing her three daughters with gasoline and setting them on fire was charged Thursday with capital murder.

Alysha Green's 3-year-old daughter Ariana died after being removed from life support Tuesday, three days after the fire at their home in Haltom City, a Fort Worth suburb.

Her two older daughters, 5-year-old Alexandria and 7-year-old Admiria, remain hospitalized but their conditions were not being released.

### NATION

#### \$5 bill to have purple, gray colors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Honest Abe will become Colorful Abe with splashes of purple and gray livening up the \$5 bill. The government showed off the new bill Thursday in an Internet news conference — a high-tech unveiling that officials say is entirely appropriate for a 21st century redesign of the bill featuring the Civil War president, Abraham Lincoln. The changes are similar to those already made, starting in 2003, to the \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills. In those redesigns, pastel colors were added as part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters and their ever-more-sophisticated copying machines.

### WORLD

#### U.S. military: declining violence in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. second-in-command in Iraq said Thursday that violence was down in Baghdad following the seven-month security operation in Baghdad, but that too many civilians are still dying.

Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno told reporters that car bombs and suicide attacks in Baghdad have fallen to their lowest levels in a year, and civilian casualties have dropped from a high of about 32 to 12 per day. He also said violence in Baghdad had decreased 50 percent.

### DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Senate blocks anti-war bill

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate blocked legislation Thursday that would have cut off money for combat in Iraq by June. It was a predictable defeat for Democrats struggling to pass less divisive anti-war measures.

The 28-70 vote was 32 short of the 60 needed to cut off a GOP filibuster. The legislation, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Russ Feingold,

was indicative of the Democratic leadership's new headline strategy.

Unable to attract enough Republican support on milder proposals, Reid has sought votes on strong anti-war measures intended to force a withdrawal of troops.

The outcome was not a surprise. In May, the Senate rejected a similar proposal by Reid and Feingold by a 29-67 vote, with Democrats who voted against it saying they did not support using money to force an end to the war because that approach could hurt the troops.

Voting for the measure were Democratic presidential contenders Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Barack Obama of Illinois and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut. A fourth candidate, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., did not vote.

Twenty Democrats joined 49 Republicans and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, in voting to block the bill.

Democrats now have united behind a proposal that would order an end to combat within nine months. But that measure, by Senate Armed

Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., also was expected to fail because Republicans said they opposed setting a timetable.

"They want this war more than they want to protect our soldiers," Reid, D-NeV., told reporters. "When I say they want the war, they want to protect their president more than they want to protect our troops."

Earlier, the Senate voted 72-25 to condemn an advertisement by the liberal anti-war group MoveOn.org that accused the top U.S. military commander in Iraq of betrayal.

A full-page ad appeared last week in The New York Times as Gen. David Petraeus testified before Congress about his assessment of the situation in Iraq. The ad's headline was: "General Petraeus or General Betray Us? Cooking the books for the White House."

With several Republicans opposed to President Bush's war strategy, GOP lawmakers could put aside their differences and rally around their disapproval of the ad.

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## HUB-a-palooza



PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Treador

MIKE PRITCHARD'S BLUE Thunder and the Lightning Horns play Thursday evening at the Buddy Holly Center to kick-off the Lubbock Legends Music Weekend.

### Three Dog Night, CCR to perform during third-annual Lubbock Music Festival.

By ANN LUU  
STAFF WRITER

"Experience, music and legend" is the motto for the third-annual Lubbock Music Festival. The festival is a concert-heavy string of events beginning today and ending Saturday night in the Depot Entertainment District. "It's a two-day event to showcase Lubbock as a music destination," said Abie Cox, the communications coordinator for Visit Lubbock, a convention-visitors bureau. "It's a huge thing. People from all over West Texas and New Mexico come to this." According to a press release from the office of Don Caldwell, the producer of the festival, the third-annual festival "will be a celebration of the music and musicians that are a part of Lubbock's history and future. The 2007 Lubbock Music Festival is a tremendous opportunity for all of Texas to see the vast amount of music and entertainment that Lubbock has to offer." The main-stage headliners for this year's line-up comprises Three Dog Night and Cross Canadian Ragweed. "For the headliners," said Cox, "the first night is traditionally a nostalgia theme, like '60s and '70s bands, so this year is Three Dog

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## Dean of HSC El Paso School of Medicine fired

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

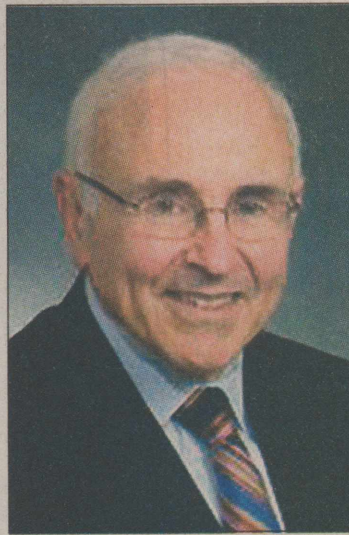
The Health Sciences Center's founding regional dean for the El Paso School of Medicine was fired Wednesday.

Dr. Robert Suskind said he does not know why Health Sciences Center President John Baldwin made the decision to fire him.

"I was called in (Wednesday) by President Baldwin," Suskind said. "He told me he wanted me to be dismissed, but he was giving me the option to resign. I said no, that I felt I had done a very good job. At that time, he told me he'd decided to dismiss me."

Suskind said he asked Baldwin why he was being fired, and Baldwin refused to tell him.

"He said, 'I don't have to tell you,'" Suskind said. "It's my prerogative to dismiss you without discussion. That's a disturbing fact. If something bad had happened, if I'd done something wrong, I'd understand."



DR. ROBERT SUSKIND

Because it is considered a personnel matter, no one else would comment on Suskind's termination.

According to a press release from the Health Sciences Center, Baldwin thanked Suskind for his efforts during the eight months he served as the dean for the School of Medicine in El Paso, and then he announced Suskind's replacement — Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa.

Baldwin would not make a comment except a statement in the press release, which focused solely on de la Rosa.

"We have a great medical school in El Paso, of which we should all be proud," he said. "Dr. de la Rosa's long experience with the El Paso School of Medicine and his intimate knowledge of its curriculum and many other strengths and opportunities makes him the ideal leader at this important time in the history of the school and of the city of El Paso."

De la Rosa is a former dean and leader of the School of Medicine faculty, according to the press release.

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## Tech police: Tasers used as safer alternative

By ADAM YOUNG  
STAFF WRITER

Tasers, nonlethal weapons used to incapacitate people with electric shocks, have gained increased national attention and are used regularly by the Texas Tech Police Department and the Lubbock Police Department.

Ron Seacrist, chief of the Tech Police Department, said all the approximately 50 Tech police officers are trained to — and do — carry Tasers.

Monday, a University of Florida student was stunned with a Taser by university police after disrupting an event where U.S. Senator John Kerry was speaking at the University of Florida, according to an article on The Miami Herald's Web site, [www.miamiherald.com](http://www.miamiherald.com).

Seacrist said after watching a video of the incident in Florida, he does not believe the student's actions would justify his being stunned with a Taser if such an event occurred at Tech.

"If someone is passively resisting, that does not follow in our guidelines of using the Taser," he said. "If someone was actually trying to assault

the officer or another individual, then the officer has the authority to use the Taser."

He said Tech Police Department written policy defines Tasers only as defensive weapons that can be used to defend the officer or a person being threatened.

"From what I could see, the individual was resisting but was not being aggressive toward the officer," Seacrist said. "That wouldn't fall under the guidelines of our policy here."

However, he said he believes there is always more to a case than a video shows and witnesses say, and he does not want to second-guess what the officers did.

"I'm not saying the officers did anything wrong," Seacrist said. "I'm saying, based on only what I saw in the video, I would have a question of the Taser being used."

Lt. Scott Hudgens, a lieutenant with the Lubbock Police Department,

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# Ramadan feast celebrated at Tech as cultures, religions unite

By ADAM YOUNG  
STAFF WRITER

As the sun set Thursday, members of the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities gathered to celebrate the breaking of the Ramadan Fast in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

The Intercultural-faith Dinner was hosted by the Institute of Intercultural Dialog to promote intercultural understanding, said Hadi Sahin, vice president of the Intercultural Dialogue Association at Tech and a doctoral student from Turkey.

"This is a good chance for us to invite people from other faiths and other levels of society to come and share Ramadan dinner with us," he said.

The association was organized at Tech in 2002 in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to

promote tolerance and understanding between religions at the university, Sahin said.

"This will help to solve some misunderstandings, misinformation and misconceptions about Islam by

*"We need to recognize that interfaith dialog is not a lecture anymore."*

— YETKIM YILDRIM  
VP OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERFAITH DIALOG

getting together," he said. "People will say, 'Yeah, they are ordinary people like us except they are Muslims or Christians or Jews.'"

He said the Intercultural Dialogue Association is associated with the Institute of Intercultural Dialog, an Austin based non-profit organization with the mission of uniting global communities through interfaith dialog, according to the institute's Web site, www.interfaithdialog.org.

"The people who found the IDA are from Turkey and are generally Muslims, but our aim is to promote dialog with different cultures, and it's not based on Islam," Sahin said.

Christians, Jews and Muslims live and share traditions together in Turkey, he said.

Yetkim Yildirim, vice president of the Institute of Intercultural Dialogue, said the institute organizes dinners in 20 different cities around the country and encouraged everyone at the dinner to spread the message of tolerance in faith because time has "transformed the world into a large global village."

"We need to recognize that interfaith dialog is not a lecture anymore," he said. "It has become desirable and also necessary."

At the event were Tech faculty members, administrators and leaders in the Lubbock community, including Lubbock Mayor David Miller and City Councilman Floyd Price.

Price said he has attended the dinner four years in a row so he can learn more about — and interact with — different cultures and religions.

"We've got our own preconceived ideas about people and other faiths, but we really don't know because we haven't interacted," he said. "When we actually sit down and dialogue, we



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HADI SAHIN, A graduate student from Istanbul, Turkey, greets Bev Byers, a faculty member at Lubbock Christian University, to the Interfaith Dinner Thursday night hosted by the Intercultural Dialogue Association. Sahin was also Byers tour guide in Turkey in the summer of 2007.

get to know. We learn and then we don't make a whole lot of mistakes."

Price said Lubbock is a diverse city largely because of its universities.

"Texas Tech culls a lot of diversity because it has so many students from

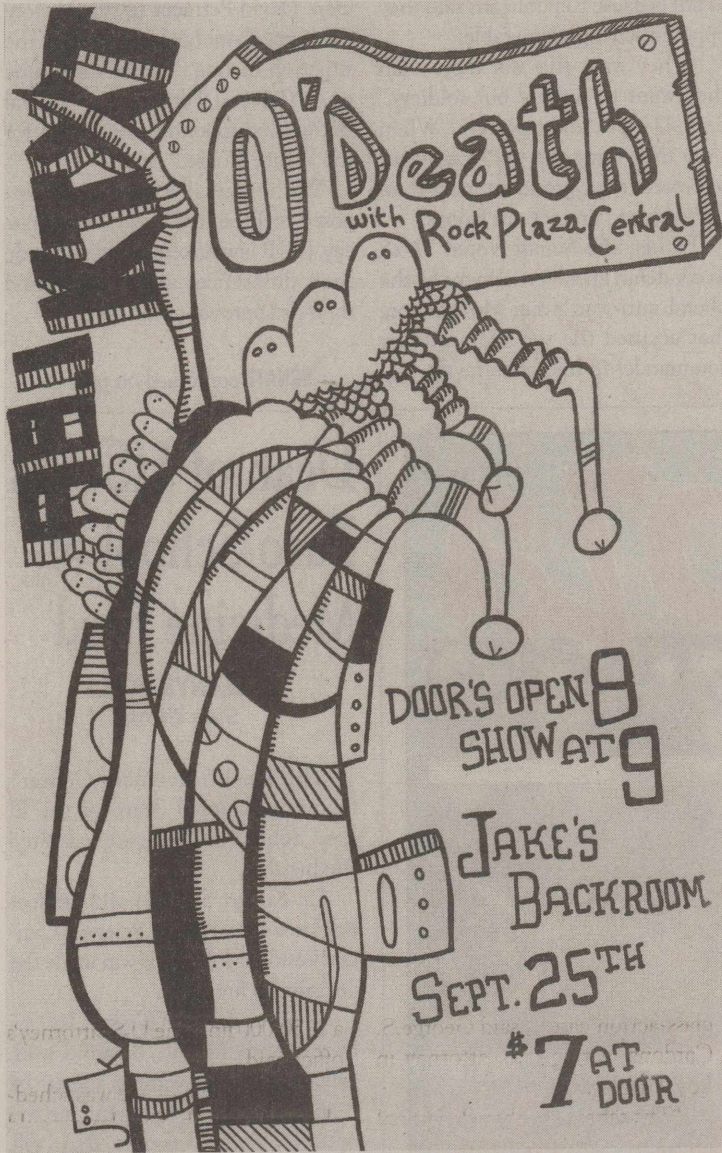
foreign countries and different religions," he said.

Residents of Lubbock and members of the Tech community can learn from the city's diversity, Price said.

"Regardless of the culture you are

and which country you're from, we're all human beings," he said, "and we've got the same wants and want to be loved and understood and want to be respected."

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## Senate

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Sen. Gordon Smith, one of the few Republican senators who supports legislation ordering troop withdrawals, said he thought Petraeus' testimony and the ad were the two biggest factors in keeping Republicans from breaking ranks with the president.

He said Petraeus' testimony was persuasive and the ad went too far

by attacking a popular uniformed officer.

"It was stupid on their part and disgraceful," said Smith, R-Ore.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, drew opposition from Clinton and Dodd.

Obama did not vote on that measure. But minutes earlier, he did support an alternative, by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., that condemned the ad as well as previous attack ads that questioned the patriotism of Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and former Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., both Vietnam veterans.

Bush said the MoveOn.org ad was "disgusting" and he criticized Democrats for not immediately condemning it.

"And that leads me to come to this conclusion: that most Democrats

are afraid of irritating a left-wing group like MoveOn.org, or more afraid of irritating them, then they are of irritating the United States military," Bush said at a news conference.

Eli Pariser, executive director of the liberal group, responded: "What's disgusting is that the president has more interest in political attacks than developing an exit strategy to get our troops out of Iraq and end this awful war."

On Wednesday, majority Democrats failed to pass legislation that would have required active-duty troops to spend as much time at home as they do in combat. That measure was seen as Democrats' best shot at challenging Bush this year because of its pro-military premise. Its failure essentially means that

Democrats will not be able to get the support for tougher bills ordering troops home by next summer.

The Senate plans a vote in the coming days on Levin's proposal. He said it would allow some troops to remain behind to conduct such missions as counterterrorism and training the Iraqis. He estimated the legislation, if enacted, would cut troop levels in Iraq by more than half.

The firm deadlines reflect a shift in strategy for Democrats, who had pursued a bipartisan compromise on war legislation. But after last week's testimony by Petraeus, Democrats calculated not enough Republicans were willing to break party ranks and support more tempered legislation calling for combat to end next summer.

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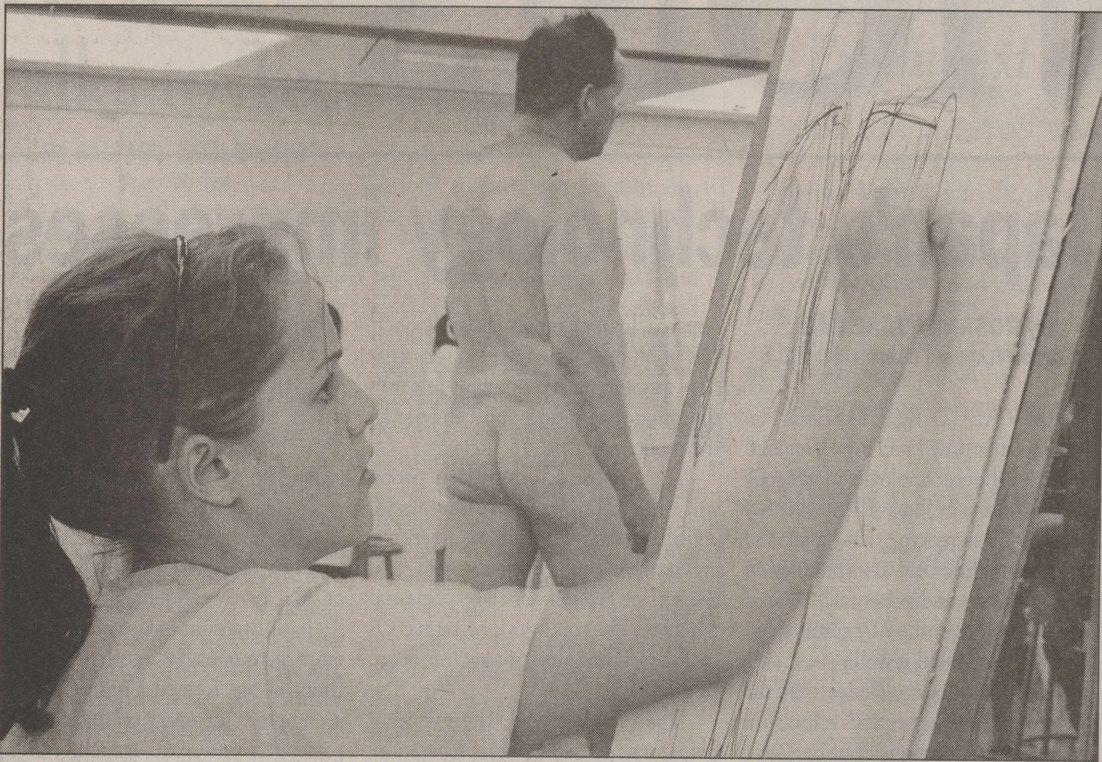
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**BETH BONJOUR**, A junior studio art major from Amarillo, uses a technique called gesture drawing to quickly capture different poses from David Stanz, a communication and family addiction graduate from Lubbock, in her Drawing 3 class Thursday afternoon.

**Thousands rally for 6 black teens**

JENA, La. (AP) — Drawn by a case tinged with one of the most hated symbols of Old South racism — a hangman's noose tied in an oak tree — tens of thousands of protesters rallied Thursday against what they see as a double standard of prosecution for blacks and whites.

The plight of the so-called Jena Six, a group of black teens initially charged with attempted murder in the beating of a white classmate, became a flashpoint for one the biggest civil-rights demonstrations in years.

Old-guard lions like the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton joined scores of college students bused in from across the nation who said they wanted to make a stand for racial equality just as their parents did in the 1950s and '60s.

"It's not just about Jena, but about inequalities and disparities around the country," said Stephanie Brown, 26, national youth director for the NAACP, who estimated about 2,000 college students were among the throngs of mostly black protesters who overwhelmed this tiny central Louisiana town.

But the teens' case galvanized demonstrators as few legal cases have in recent years.

The cause of Thursday's demonstrations dates to August 2006, when a black Jena High School student asked at a student assembly whether blacks could sit under a shade tree that was a frequent gathering place for whites. He was told yes. But nooses appeared in the tree the next day. Three white students were suspended but not criminally prosecuted. La-Salle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters said this week he could find no state law covering the act.

Brown said the Jena case resonates with the college-aged crowd because they aren't much older than the six youths charged. Many of the

student protesters had been sharing information about the case through Facebook, MySpace and other social-networking Web sites.

Jackson, who led a throng of people three blocks long to the courthouse with an American flag resting on his shoulder, likened the demonstration to the marches on Selma and the Montgomery bus boycott. But even he was not entirely sure why Jena became the focal point.

"You can never quite tell," he said. "Rosa Parks was not the first to sit in the front of the bus. But the sparks hit a dry field."

The noose incident was followed by fights between blacks and whites, culminating in December's attack on white student Justin Barker, who was knocked unconscious. According to court testimony, his face was swollen and bloodied, but he was able to attend a school function that same night.

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**Tasers**

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said Lubbock police officers can use Tasers to "defend themselves, defend somebody else or to subdue a person who is resisting arrest."

"It reduces officer injuries and suspect injuries," he said. "The Taser does not inflict long lasting injuries like a baton, which could break bones or leave bruises."

Seacrist said Tasers are a safe and effective alternative to the other nonlethal weapons Tech police officers use: Asp Batons, a retractable baton made of steel, and pepper spray.

"The Taser is a very fast acting tool to incapacitate someone without creating continuous danger to the individual or someone else," he said.

**SGA motions to allocate more parking for students**

By CHASE YORK  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association passed a resolution to allocate more parking permits in select campus parking lots during its meeting Thursday evening in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

Lee Bobbitt, senate press secretary, Dailey Fuller, senator-at-large, and James Baumgartner, SGA president pro-tempore, drafted the legislation and worked with University Parking Services on the issue.

Although parking permits are sold-out for the year, University Parking Services personnel report there are approximately 2,000 unused spaces on campus during peak hours of the day.

Senate Resolution 43.11 resolves that University Parking Services re-evaluate its current parking usage through aerial photography and empty parking-space counts and reopen permit sales for a portion of the empty spaces in the west commuter and satellite parking lots.

"Essentially, we are overselling

the spaces," Bobbitt said.

However, senators pointed out not all students park on campus at the same time of the day, and the unused spots could be put to good use. Bobbitt said approximately 1,500 students who commute to campus are wait-listed for parking permits.

Fuller said he believes a reasonable solution can be made to handle the issue.

"We do not want to over-book the lots and make students mad because they don't have a parking spot," he said, "but on the other hand, we don't want to ignore those students that need a parking space. That is why we are trying to allocate only a certain percentage of unused spots in a certain number of parking lots."

Senators said students should not be concerned about the additional permit sales.

"We commute as well," Fuller said, "and we don't want our spots to be taken either."

Bobbitt said University Parking Services has practiced this operation in the past and has planned

ahead for the additional permits. Parking Services is expected to add 300 to 400 spaces to the already existing 2,500 spaces in the west commuter lot, and personnel has made plans to park commuters in the Tech Museum parking lot during icy conditions. The permits will be sold at a modified rate for the school year.

Eric Crouch, director of University Parking Services, expressed his confidence in the plan via e-mail to Bobbitt.

"We are not going to get into a situation where nobody can find a place to park," Crouch said in the e-mail. "That's just counterproductive, and it doesn't make good business sense for us to do that to our customers. Our goal is to utilize our resources to the maximum extent possible while meeting the needs of our customers."

Fuller said he hoped the resolution would benefit students.

"It might not be the closest parking spot," he said, "but it might be one that a student on the waiting list would be happy to have."

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**Lawyer indicted on conspiracy charges in class-action scheme**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The co-founder of a prestigious New York law firm that made an estimated \$250 million by filing class-action lawsuits against some of America's largest corporations was indicted Thursday on charges that he conspired to pay kickbacks to people who agreed to be plaintiffs.

Melvyn Weiss is accused of two counts of conspiracy and one count each of obstruction of justice and making false statements in relation to documents that were the subject of a grand jury subpoena, the U.S. attorney's office said. If convicted of all counts, he could face up to 40 years in federal prison.

In addition, Steven G. Schulman, a former senior partner at the Milberg Weiss firm, agreed to plead

guilty to a racketeering conspiracy charge, prosecutors said.

The seven-year investigation has led to indictments and guilty pleas by several former partners and lawyers at the firm previously known as Milberg Weiss Bershad & Schulman.

The firm itself has also been indicted in the case being tried in Los Angeles.

"The indictment outlines a decades-long kickback scheme that was deliberately concealed from courts across the nation that were overseeing significant class-action cases," said George S. Cardona, acting U.S. attorney in Los Angeles.

"The scheme furthered personal greed at the expense of the integrity of the courts and the interests

of absent class members," he said.

Weiss' New York attorney, Benjamin Brafman, said in a prepared statement his client would be "fully exonerated."

"Although this indictment is a bitter disappointment, Mr. Weiss intends to fight these charges with all of the energy and talent that has made him one of the most outstanding members of the Bar for more than 40 years," Brafman said.

Schulman, 56, agreed in a plea deal Thursday to forfeit \$1.85 million to the government and to pay a \$250,000 fine, the U.S. attorney's office said.

A court appearance was scheduled next month. Schulman could not be immediately located for comment.

"The only time we had one that did not work was when an officer was assaulted by an individual, knocked to the ground, and he fell on the Taser and it broke. He ended up having to use his Asp Baton on the individual."

Though not as initially painful, he said batons can produce more damage to an individual than a Taser.

"Even when an officer uses a baton correctly it's ugly," he said. "Once the Taser's charge is stopped by the officer, they'll recover almost instantaneously."

Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said Tech police officers have used Tasers on three separate occasions in the apprehension of suspects since the

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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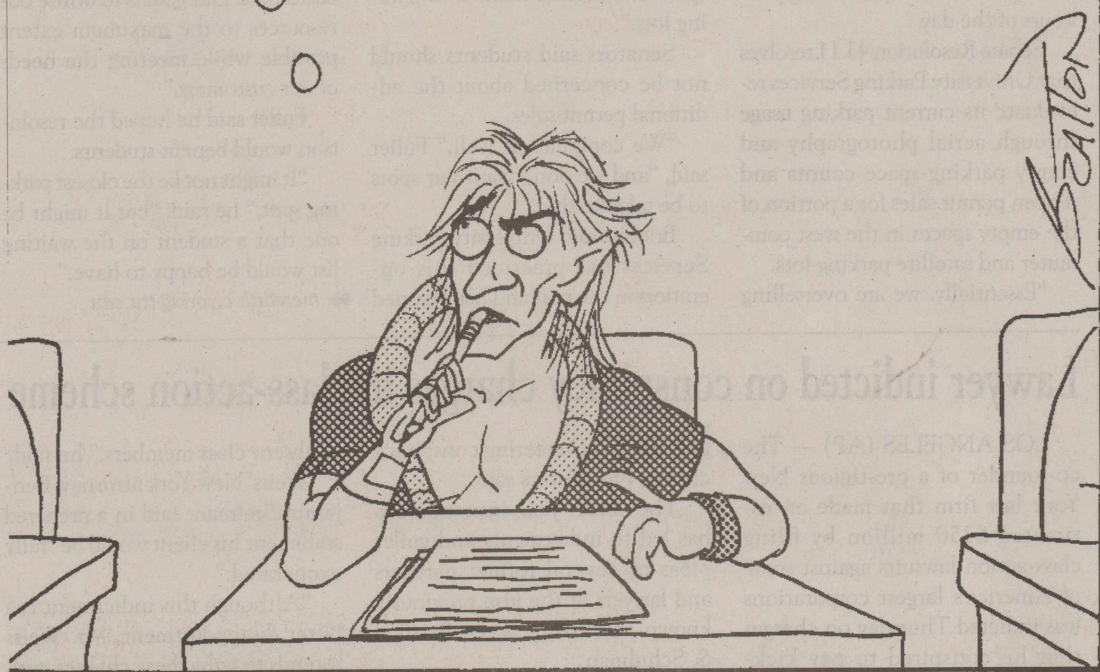
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"IF THREE KLINGON TORPEDOES EACH TRAVEL A DISTANCE OF 42 KILOMETERS BEFORE DESTROYING A FEDERATION STARSHIP, THEN WHAT IS THE TOTAL DISTANCE TRAVELED BY ALL OF THE TORPEDOES?" DAMN, I HATE WORD PROBLEMS!



The Math of Khan

## A forthcoming to arms

I have a question for you. Do you know what to do if there is a grease fire in your kitchen?

Should you douse the flames in water, move the kitchenware outside and run like hell? Or should you take some responsibility, evacuate anyone within direct relation to the area, attempt to smother the flames and use baking soda or a fire extinguisher?

Not that I'm an advocate of the sheer power and beauty of indoor fires, but I know the correct answer is the latter.

Let's take the lesson learned through this hypothetical emergency situation and project it onto a separate topic: foreign policy.

Should the United States:

A) Sell black market weapons to groups within the borders of Iraq amid a highly opposed surge technique while initiating an Iranian border buildup and marking at least 2,000 targets? or

B) Divert our energy toward anything else besides starting another Middle Eastern conflict.

These scenarios seems to be following a pattern because the latter appears to have some credence behind it, and that's just a suggestion from a West Texas college student.

Yet, we are doing exactly what the former suggests. According to the United Kingdom's *Telegraph*, Pentagon planners have taken the liberty to organize 2,000 potential targets within the borders of Iran, including the Fajr base.

According to the article, Vice President Dick Cheney also is advocating the use of "bunker-busting tactical nuclear weapons," which would be aimed at Iran's nuclear sites.

That's correct — using nuclear weapons on nuclear sites. Because if Chernobyl taught us anything, it's when nuclear sites are destroyed, there are no lasting effects on the population or vegetation down the line.

This hardly seems to be the time to reinstate nuclear war, especially during a period in which Russian government officials are being shuffled throughout their parliament and setting the stage for a long-time fan of American-Middle Eastern affairs — your favorite and mine — Vladimir Putin, to enter office. This could happen once his term as prime minister ends, which will give him the ability to run as a presidential candidate in as early as 2012.

As for the weapons, when London's *The Guardian* reported the Aug. 6 loss of 190,000 assault rifles

David Ward



and pistols, we thought we may never see them again. Well, they are still gone, but according to Gen. David Petraeus' report, we now have a fail-safe system to track weapons: receipts.

As it turns out, the United States will be selling weapons to Iraq, noting in Petraeus' report that, "In 2007, Iraq will, as in 2006, spend more on its security forces than it will receive in security assistance from the United States."

Instead of properly arming an Iraqi deterrence force — or any sort of stable system for the country to combat the threats of the fractioned Sunni-Shia groups and other aggressive forces — sales are heading toward Iraq's black market and into Sunni militant groups ownership.

According to an article by *The New York Times* Iraq correspondent John Burns, these weapons are going to Sunni groups whom the United States has made agreements with — agreements that they will fight against al-Qaeda.

Burns reports, "There is a risk that any weapons given to Sunni groups will eventually be used against Shites ... (There) is also the possibility the weapons could be used against the Americans themselves."

It seems the United States also is arming militant groups who are attacking Iranian territories in the Northern Kurdish sector of the Iraq-Iranian border, according to *The New York Times*.

*The Times* reported that at an Iranian diplomatic conference, deputy foreign minister Mohammad R. Baqiri warned the Iranian government was attempting to block Iraqi militants from entering the border using military force.

Baqiri also sent accusations of the United States supporting these groups with the exchange of weapons.

Yet, this is not Iran taking a direct military stand against those in Iraq. It is a warning from the government that this activity must cease before it is dragged into a conflict it wished to avoid.

Sept. 9, Baqiri said, "supporting military and political actions by terrorist elements in Iraq against neighboring countries is considered

dangerous behavior that we cannot tolerate, and a major factor in the chaotic security situation and instability in the region."

This results in a backhanded way to threaten Iran into conflict by supplying groups whom the United States knows disdain the Iranian government, so without us getting involved, we can backhandedly begin cracking the door open to yet another war.

With what seems to be a current underestimation of the determination of militant groups to get us out of their countryside; yes it is theirs, and underestimating the force of Iran and its level-headed approach to threats cause by American intervention, we are drenching the grease fire.

We are pouring enough water (nuclear threats, black market weapons, potential target lists) into flames we already have not idea how to control.

If this does bring us into nuclear conflict, there will be one upside, however.

I hear from anonymous sources the United States is willing to provide red, white and blue nuclear facility suits, with an eagle ripping through the front and Uncle Sam on the back covering his ears with a mushroom cloud hovering over him.

But you know why most credible journalists don't use anonymous sources — because three-fourths of the time, it's total bunk, so don't get your hopes up.

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## Japan's technology impresses

By ROSANNA JANE EARL  
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(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Time after time I find myself amazed at the level of technological efficiency demonstrated by Japan. I am keenly aware it is a stereotype that Japan is so far ahead of the world in its production of electronics and other such iconic representations of the 21st century, but they really do fulfill it well.

It is common knowledge that the Japanese cell phone and television industries are years ahead of our own, and that their automobiles are generally more durable, but their expertise does not stop there.

A few weeks ago, I was watching a program about various examples of very impressive household items, and a Japanese company has actually invented and is marketing a toilet that conserves vast amounts of water by having the sink built into the toilet. While this sounds unhygienic at first glance, it is not at all. The sink is built into the back of the toilet in such a way that clean water comes out of the faucet for you to wash your hands, as it should, but your waste water, when it goes down the drain, actually pours into the toilet's water receptacle to refill the bowl. When you flush, obviously, it drains away, as do other flushing toilets.

Applying their supreme capabilities to helping, rather than polluting, our environment; now there's a concept more countries should try. I am truly in awe.

So it is only fitting that Japan should be sending scientists into space, to "push back the frontiers of humanity," according to the director of space

research, Hajime Inoue. Friday's launch was of an unmanned exploratory mission, a craft sent to thoroughly research the origin, evolution and behavior of the moon.

The almost \$500 million probe will orbit 60 miles above the moon, collecting data with a focus upon the gravitational pull, magnetic pull, and the surface layer of our closest celestial neighbor. The country's long-term goals include sending an astronaut into space by 2020.

Japan's other goal, the eventual point for which all of this is preparation, is to build a station upon the moon by 2025. That's right, a moon station. In this they set themselves apart from fellow contenders in the nouveau space race, India and China. The former is currently focused on simply sending probes and has yet to do so; the latter has achieved more than either country with regards to space exploration, as it has actually sent men into space, but has an agenda full of space walks and dockings at a space station, though not one permanently grounded on the moon. Incidentally, if you feel up to the challenge, you can race Japan in its lunar pursuits. The X Prize Foundation, famous for awarding a \$10 million prize to a private individual for piloting a suborbital flight, has come up with a new prize. The X Foundation has set the reward at \$20 million for any private individual or company who lands a robotic rover on the moon by 2012. The mission must include driving the rover around, by remote of course, and broadcasting live video footage of it all.

The Foundation will throw in an extra \$5 million for finding water-ice, surviving a lunar night, or finding old

Apollo or Russian equipment.

Of course, the X Prize doesn't even begin to cover manned missions to the moon; maybe that will be their next prize. But the important thing is first to land on the moon, and in that, the race is on.

Also challenging Japan, China and India in the quest to conquer space, or at least to conquer space news, is Richard Branson, owner of the Virgin empire, currently of airline fame. Branson has formed Virgin Galactic, a company set upon taking ordinary passengers into space, thereby coining the term space tourism.

While the spaceships themselves are still under construction, Virgin Galactic has reportedly already sold some seats on the first craft's maiden voyage. The legendary Stephen Hawking will also be on that trip, as a special guest of Branson. As of right now, however, Virgin Galactic is not reporting to have a space-station goal.

This new space age is a vast improvement over the past fifty years of the "final frontier" being shrouded in government secrecy. While a small part of its great mystique may be lost in doing so, the globalization and concurrent privatization of space travel is going to add the well-needed competition factor to the historic big two, the United States and Russia.

As with any business, competition should improve the quality and, hopefully, reduce the cost somewhat. Reducing the cost hopefully means more money to spend improving things here on Earth. Which is, of course, vitally important; For if we don't take care of our short-term future, our long-term future is essentially meaningless.

## Standing up to stuttering

By CHERYL CHIU  
THE SANTA CLARA (SANTA CLARA U.)

(U-WIRE) SANTA CLARA, Calif. — "I have come to believe over and over again, that what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood. The fact that we are here and that I speak these words is an attempt to break that silence and bridge some of those differences between us, for it is not difference which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken."

—Audre Lorde

The above quotation is a more than adequate introduction to this first piece from a new opinion writer. The use of the word "silence" rings particularly deafening in my ear, the reason being I have lived most of my 18 years completely silent.

I have been silent because of the fear of speaking about my disability, but also of speaking, as the process itself was the very thing I had long been unable to do properly. I am what you would call a

stutterer. However, now I call myself a "recovering stutterer." I adopted this new, slightly upgraded title by pushing myself far out of my comfort zone this summer and attending a speech recovery course called the McGuire Program.

Before the McGuire Program, I was doing all I could to appear normal. Yet, with my inordinate amount of hidden insecurities, all leading inevitably back to my stutter, I knew that I had to do something drastic not only to better myself, but also to keep my sanity.

On bad days, when I could barely say my own name, pick up a phone or start a conversation with a friend, life felt like it was far much more work than it was worth.

The McGuire Program is exceptional because it focuses on the entire person and not just on the person's speech. The course introduced a special breathing technique to help stutterers get past speech blocks (silent periods where no sound is produced) and involuntary repetitions.

A big part of the McGuire Program was desensitization, where we went to the local mall and did "contacts," verbal interaction with strangers.

During this activity we used "voluntary stuttering," which is purposely repeating sounds and mimicking the act of stuttering in order to feel what it is like to stutter with control, as most of us were out-of-control stutterers.

We also did a lot of "disclosing," which is revealing oneself as a stutterer and explaining a little about the speech recovery process. One of the proudest speaking moments of my entire life was when I spoke into a microphone to an audience sitting at a cafe, introducing myself and doing a full disclosure.

Since graduating from the course, my days have been quite a bit brighter than before, not without some effort on my part. Though the course did teach me to speak with increased fluency, I also took from it one of the greatest lessons, in my opinion, a person can ever learn: gaining self-acceptance.

This is something everybody struggles with, but with a disability, the idea of accepting myself often seemed preposterous to me. Why would I ever accept, let alone embrace, my stutter? But the McGuire Program taught me to do just that -- before you can let go of something, you must embrace it.

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## Phi Beta Kappa Scholar talks to Tech students

By **ALLISON KOZLOWSKI**  
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Hundreds of Texas Tech students and faculty members filed into a crowded lecture hall Thursday in the Human Sciences Building to listen to Pamela Soltis' Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar's lecture on conservation genetics and the preservation of plant biodiversity.

Soltis is curator of the Laboratory of Molecular Systematics and Evolutionary Genetics at the Florida Museum of Natural History as well as the president of The Botanical Society of America, where she was honored with its Centennial Award. She is also the former president of the Society of Systematic Biologists and a recipient of a Mellon Faculty Fellowship, which is a Fulbright Distinguished Professor Award.

"Pamela Soltis is also one of only a handful of national Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholars selected for 2007-08," said Mary Jane Hurst, faculty assistant to the president.

Phi Beta Kappa is one of the oldest and academic honor fraternities in the United States. Tech is one of only three public schools in Texas that has been granted the right to have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Hurst said.

Tech President Jon Whitmore introduced Soltis. She began talking about biodiversity hot spots, which are habitats being preserved to save a large number of threatened species. There are a number of organizations and partnerships designed to help threatened species.

which species and which populations to save can be difficult, she said.

"The idea of preserving habitats is the main thing to do," said Catherine Ho, a senior cell and molecular biology major from El Paso. "To me, I thought the lecture was interesting, and it is good to be aware of the environment and damage we are doing to it."

Soltis ended her lecture by opening the floor for questions; this was followed by a closing statement by Whitmore.

Soltis also will be participating in other activities while visiting Tech. She will meet with Phi Beta Kappa students to discuss issues in higher education and careers in science as well as with students from Howard Hughes Medical Institute to talk about research.

"She will participate in a luncheon with students from the Honors College to talk about the importance of a liberal arts education and about opportunities in science," Hurst said.

The lecture was free to the public, and afterward, everyone congregated in the lobby for a reception to discuss ideas talked about.

Soltis was invited to speak by the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series and by the Tech chapter of Phi Beta Kappa because of her contributions to science and her status as a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar.

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SENIOR CELL AND MOLECULAR BILOGY MAJOR

"What came to mind when I heard her speak was hibernation, all the cures we haven't found through plants and all of the illness with no cures," said Taha Jafry, a junior biology major from Staten Island, N.Y. "I'm just worried about all these cures not being found."

Soltis also discussed the importance of preserving habitats because genetic issues are irrelevant without preserving the environment.

"I think it helps to educate people, like if people were to find a plant in their yard, they shouldn't destroy it because it might be of some use," said Megan Gres, a junior biology and anthropology major from Giddings.

Soltis presented case studies on species, subspecies, races and populations. Deciding priorities in

## Suskind

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As the dean for the regional School of Medicine and Founding Dean for the four-year El Paso School of Medicine, he will lead the school through its accreditation process, which is already underway. The Texas legislature approved funding for the school's four-year program in June, and the first class will be admitted in the fall of 2009.

Suskind said he agreed that this is an important time for the School of Medicine, and said he disagreed with Baldwin's decision for that very reason.

"I don't know why Dr. Baldwin thought it was important to replace the dean at such a critical time," Suskind said. "The El Paso School of Medicine could have really been a star in the future of Texas Tech. I'm so very disappointed that one person could come in within three weeks and make a decision that has such an impact on morale."

Suskind said he is a tenured professor so he plans to stay employed at the Health Sciences Center in El Paso working in international health.

Representatives of the El Paso Medical School refused to comment. Rick Francis, Texas Tech System regent from El Paso, declined to comment at this time.

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## ODDBALL DAILY

### Errant text message leads to drug bust in South Charleston, W.Va.

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A man who thought he was asking a friend about a drug deal instead sent a text message to the state police and was arrested, authorities said.

Joshua Wayne Cadle, 19, allegedly sent the message Wednesday to a phone number that used to belong to an unidentified friend. The number is now held by the State Police, Trooper B.H. Moore said Thursday.

"He text messaged that and asked his friend if he wanted to buy some reefer," Moore said.

Another trooper who received the message responded and set up a meeting. Moore arrested Cadle on Wednesday night in the parking lot of a shopping center in South Charleston.

Cadle, of Cross Lanes, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver. He was being held Thursday in the South Central Regional Jail.

A person who answered the phone at the jail did not know whether Cadle had hired an attorney.

### Web video of weatherman's antics wasn't meant for public, station says

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A television station apologized to viewers after an Internet video showed a longtime weather anchor clowning around in front of a computer graphic of a woman's breast.

WBKO-TV said on its Web site that it has reprimanded weather anchor Chris Allen for "acting in a juvenile and unprofessional manner." Rick McCue, station vice president and general manager, said Allen remains an employee.

The tape was from years earlier, never aired on television and was stolen by a former employee, who posted it on the Internet, according to the station, which did not name the former employee.

The video appeared on blogs and other Web sites, showing Allen to the left of a giant computer graphic of a woman's body in profile, under the text "Breast Milk Donors." A grinning Allen appears to lick the nipple and squeeze the breast while making honking noises, whistling and laughing.

WBKO's statement included an apology from Allen:

"This video — which was never intended to be seen outside of the station — was part of a joke that was played on me during a lighter moment off the air several years ago. I regret that a former employee has decided it is something that everyone should see and took the liberty of posting it on the Internet," Allen said. "I am embarrassed by the whole ordeal and humbly apologize for anyone offended by my actions."

A message left for Allen at WBKO-TV by The Associated Press on Thursday was not immediately returned. Allen was away attending a training session in Wisconsin, McCue said.

The station considers the tape copyrighted material and is trying to have the video removed from various sites, McCue said.

### "God" responds to lawsuit, saying Neb. court lacks jurisdiction

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A legislator who filed a lawsuit against God has gotten something he might not have expected: a response.

One of two court filings from "God" came Wednesday under otherworldly circumstances, according to John Friend, clerk of the Douglas County District Court in Omaha.

"This one miraculously appeared on the counter. It just all of a sudden was here — poof!" Friend said.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha sued God last week, seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty for making terroristic threats, inspiring fear and causing "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

Chambers, a self-proclaimed agnostic who often criticizes Christians, said his filing was triggered by a federal lawsuit he considers frivolous. He said he's trying to make the point that anybody can sue anybody.

Not so, says "God." His response argues that the defendant is immune from some earthly laws and the court lacks jurisdiction.

It adds that blaming God for human oppression and suffering misses an important point.

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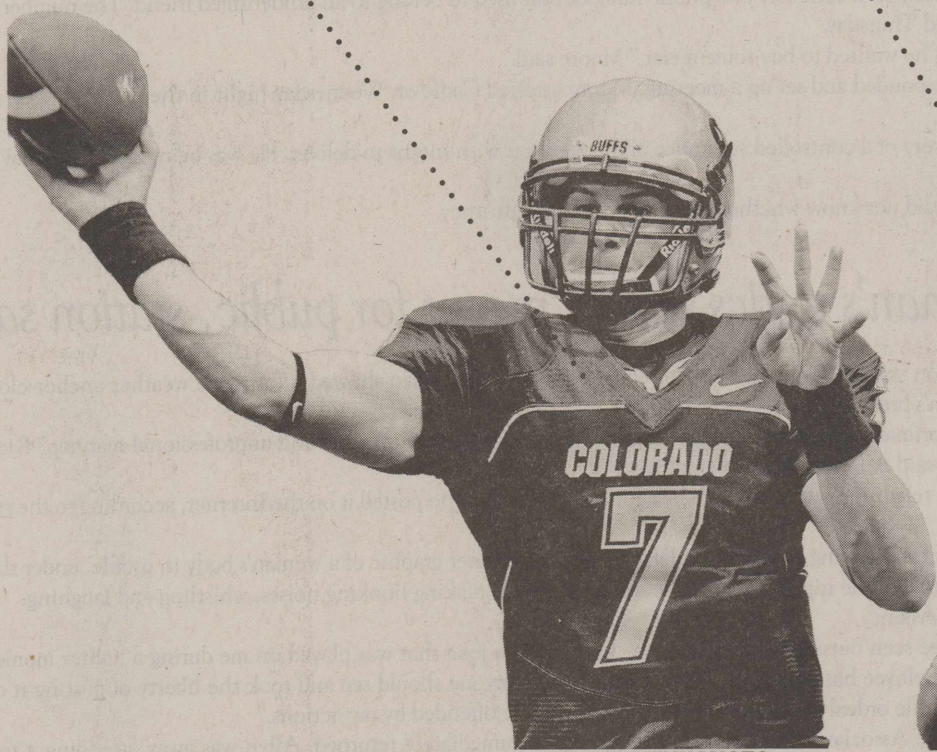
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## NORTH

### COLORADO

The Colorado Buffaloes had two wins in 2006, one of them coming from a match against Texas Tech. In 2007, the Buffs are 1-2 with a win against in-state rival Colorado State. In 2006, Colorado finished last in total offense and seventh in total defense. This season, defensive tackle George Hypolite leads the Buffs in sacks with 3.5 for 22 yards. Colorado's offensive leaders include running back Demetrius Sumler and quarterback Cody Hawkins. Sumler has 133 yards on the ground and one touchdown, while Hawkins has completed 68-of-127 passes for 669 yards and four touchdowns.

### IOWA STATE

The Iowa State Cyclones enter 2007 with 14 returning starters. In 2006, the Cyclones posted a 4-8 overall record, with one conference win. The Cyclones also finished 2006 in last place in the Big 12 North. The Cyclones hired former Texas defensive coordinator Gene Chizik to help turn the program around. ISU is led by senior quarterback Bret Myers who, in 2006, completed 211-of-374 passes for 2,546 yards and 12 touchdowns. Receiver Todd Blythe has 34 receptions for 484 yards and eight touchdowns. In 2007, ISU is 1-2 with a win against in-state rival Iowa.

### KANSAS

There are two undefeated teams in the Big 12 North, and Kansas is one of them. Kansas has wins over Central Michigan, Southeastern Louisiana and Toledo. Through three games, the Jayhawks are second behind Oklahoma in the Big 12 Conference in total defense, but Kansas is first in scoring defense, allowing 6.7 points per game. Running back Jake Sharp is third in the conference in rushing with 265 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. Linebacker Joe Mortensen is tied for second in the conference with tackles-for-loss.

### BAYLOR

In 2006, Baylor won back-to-back conference games for the first time in program history while in the Big 12 after switching to the same offense Texas Tech runs.

Quarterback Blake Szymanski is putting up numbers that rank among the best in the country. Szymanski has completed 83-of-144 passes for 1,039 yards and 11 touchdowns, putting him in the top 10 in the country for passing. Baylor is 2-1 so far in 2007. In 2006, the Bears has three wins.

### OKLAHOMA

The Sooners do not seem to miss All-American running back Adrian Peterson as another back with the initials A.P., Allen Patrick, has taken the spotlight with 160 yards rushing in 2007. Patrick has been assisted by several redshirt freshmen in running back DeMarco Murray and quarterback Sam Bradford. Murray leads the team with 251 yards on the ground and six touchdowns. Oklahoma (3-0) leads the Big 12 Conference in scoring offense and total defense. The Sooners are second in total offense.

### OKLAHOMA ST.

Oklahoma State poster-boy Adarius Bowman is coming off a season in which he caught 60 passes for 1,181 yards. The Cowboys have a two-quarterback system with sophomore Zac Robinson receiving most of the snaps thus far and Bobby Reid serving a reserve role. Oklahoma is fourth in the Big 12 Conference in rushing defense.

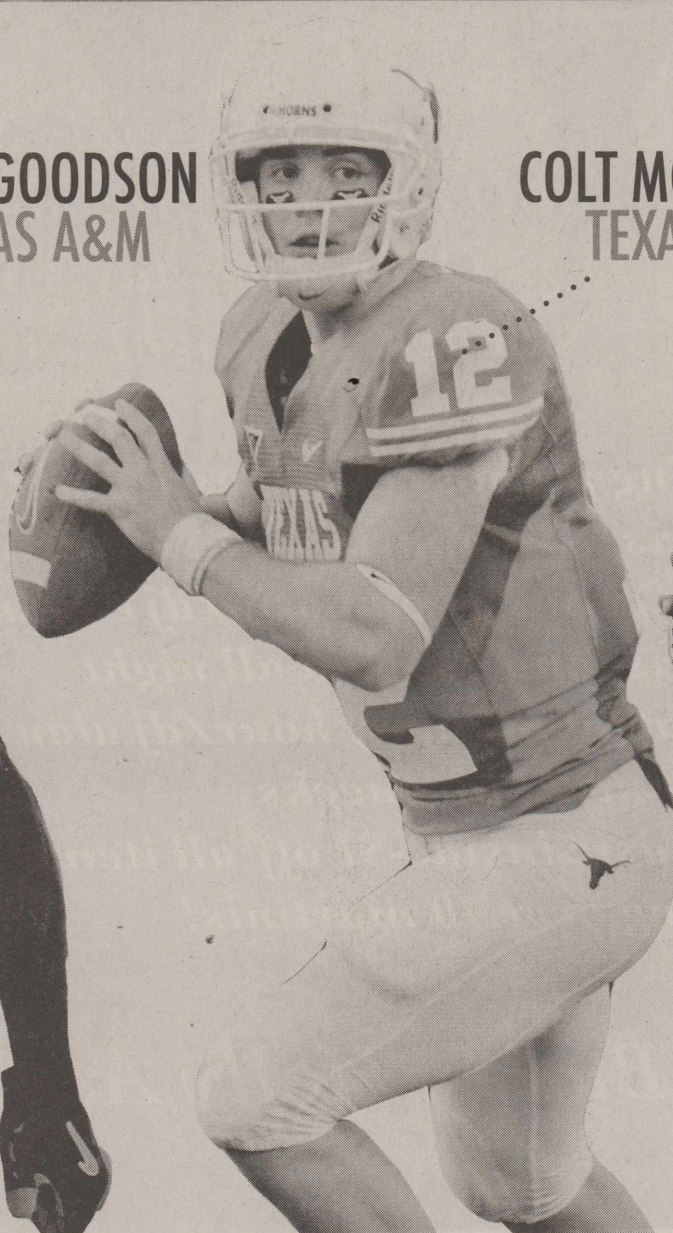
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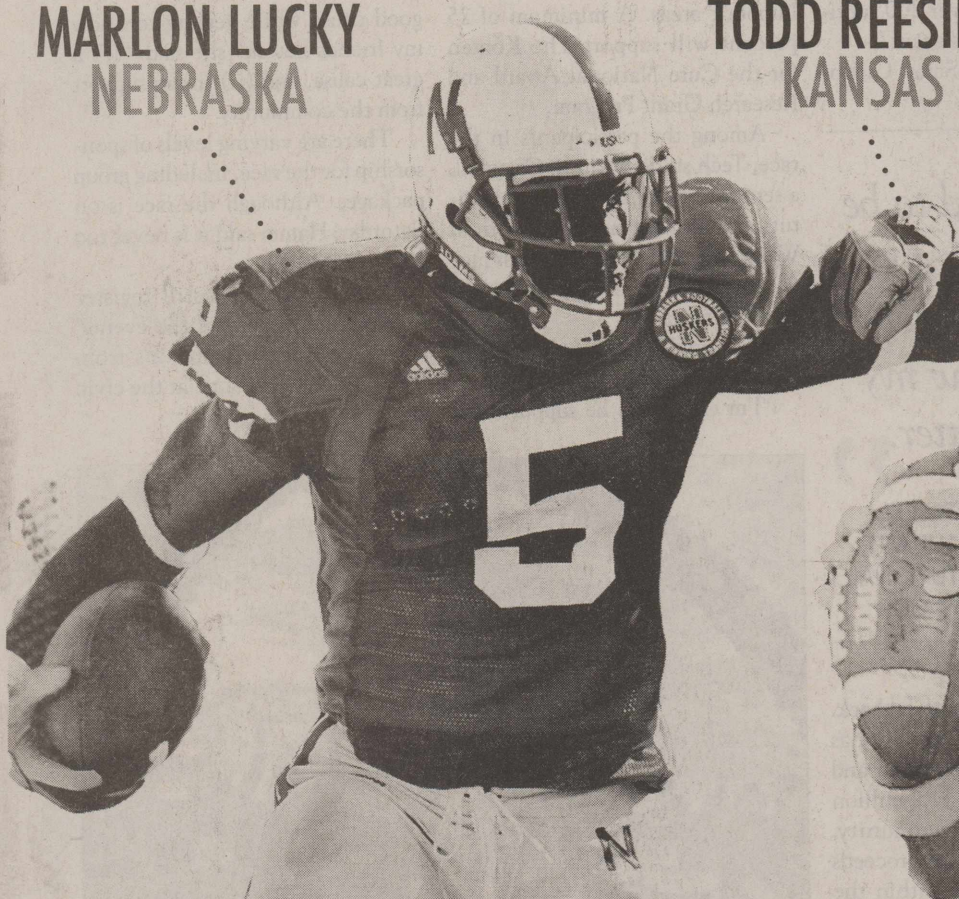


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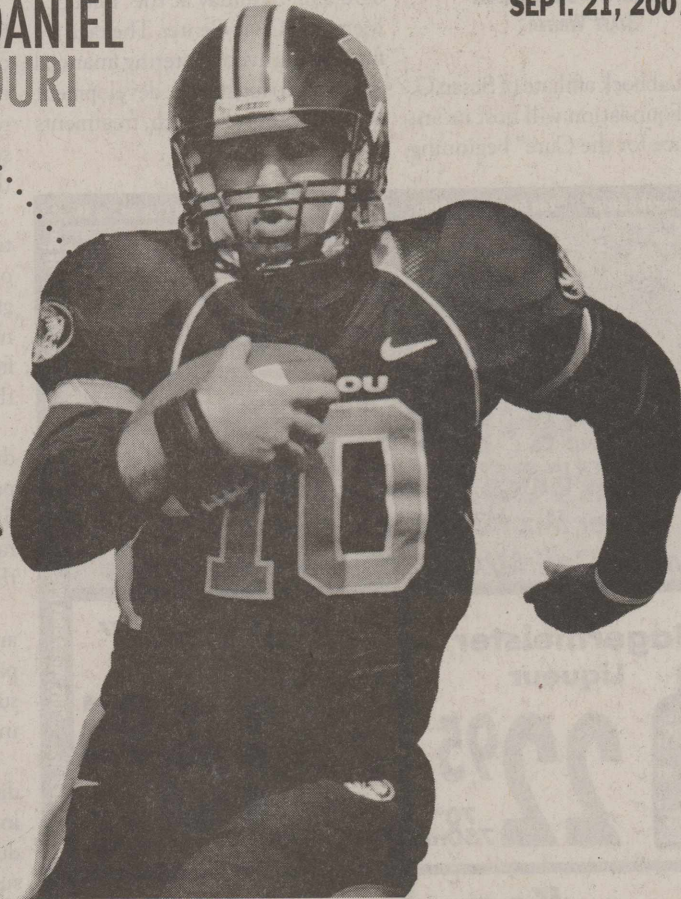
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## KANSAS STATE

The Kansas State Wildcats found themselves in the Texas Bowl in 2006 after compiling a 7-6 record. The Wildcats are 2-1 this season with wins over San Jose State and Missouri State. Quarterback Josh Freeman is 83-of-132 for 827 yards and two touchdowns. Kansas State's rush defense is second in the Big 12 Conference. Linebacker Ross Diehl has 2.5 sacks for 10 yards and 2.5 tackles for a loss for the same total. The Wildcats have an off week before opening conference play with Texas.

## MISSOURI

The Missouri Tigers enter 2007 coming off an eight win season and a bowl appearance. The Tigers currently are ranked No. 25 in the nation with an unblemished record. In 2006, the Tigers had wins over Colorado, Texas Tech, Kansas State and Kansas, helping Missouri to a 6-0 start. The Tigers return Chase Daniel, who is on the Maxwell Award Watch List. Missouri is currently third in passing offense in the Big 12 Conference. Daniel has completed 66.9 percent of his passes for 1,017 yards so far in 2007. Daniel averages 339 yards per game.

## NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Cornhuskers enter 2007 as the defending Big 12 North Champions. The Cornhuskers are ranked No. 24 in the country this season, with a 2-1 record, losing to No. 1 USC. Quarterback Sam Keller leads Nebraska's pass offense, accumulating 840 yards and 4 touchdowns. The Cornhuskers' offense gains 286.3 yards a game. Receiver Terrence Nunn leads the team in receiving yards with 176 yards. Running Back Marlon Lucky leads the team with 356 yards on the ground and four touchdowns. In 2006, the Cornhuskers' loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship landed the team in the Cotton Bowl.

## TEXAS

Texas returns 13 players from its 2006 Alamo Bowl team, including sophomore quarterback Colt McCoy, who completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for 29 touchdowns last season. Among his targets are returning receivers Jermichael Finley and Billy Pittman, who combined for 67 catches, 828 yards and seven touchdowns.

Also returning for the Longhorns is Jamaal Charles, who ran for 831 yards and 7 touchdowns on 156 carries in 2006.

In 2007, Texas (3-0) has been in close games, including one against then-No. 19 ranked TCU, where the game was tied 10-10 through three quarters.

## TEXAS A&M

The Texas A&M Aggies are coming off a 9-4 2006 season that included losses to four ranked opponents, including Texas Tech and California, the latter in a 45-10 loss in the Holiday Bowl. In his first full season under center, Stephen McGee threw for 2,295 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2006. The Aggies have two running backs in Jorvorskie Lane and Mike Goodson with 44 carries each in 2007. McGee leads the team in rushing with 275 yards.

Currently, the Aggies are ranked No. 20 in the nation with a 3-0 record.

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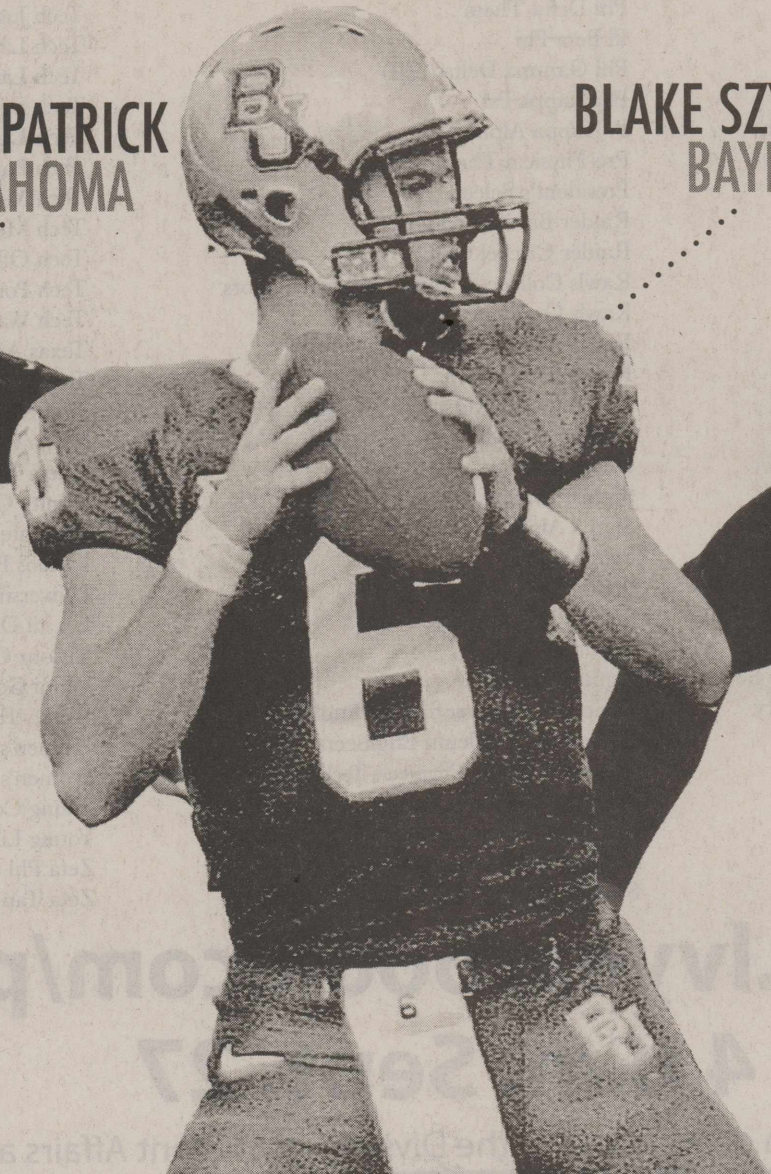
Redshirt freshman receiver Michael Crabtree is second in the nation in receptions per game and receiving yards per game. He is behind wideout Steve Slaton in scoring. Tech finds itself undefeated thus far in 2007. The Red Raiders regularly lead the nation in total offense, as they have so far this season. In 2006, Tech had eight wins and capped off the biggest comeback, 38 points, in NCAA bowl history by defeating Minnesota in the Insight Bowl 44-41.

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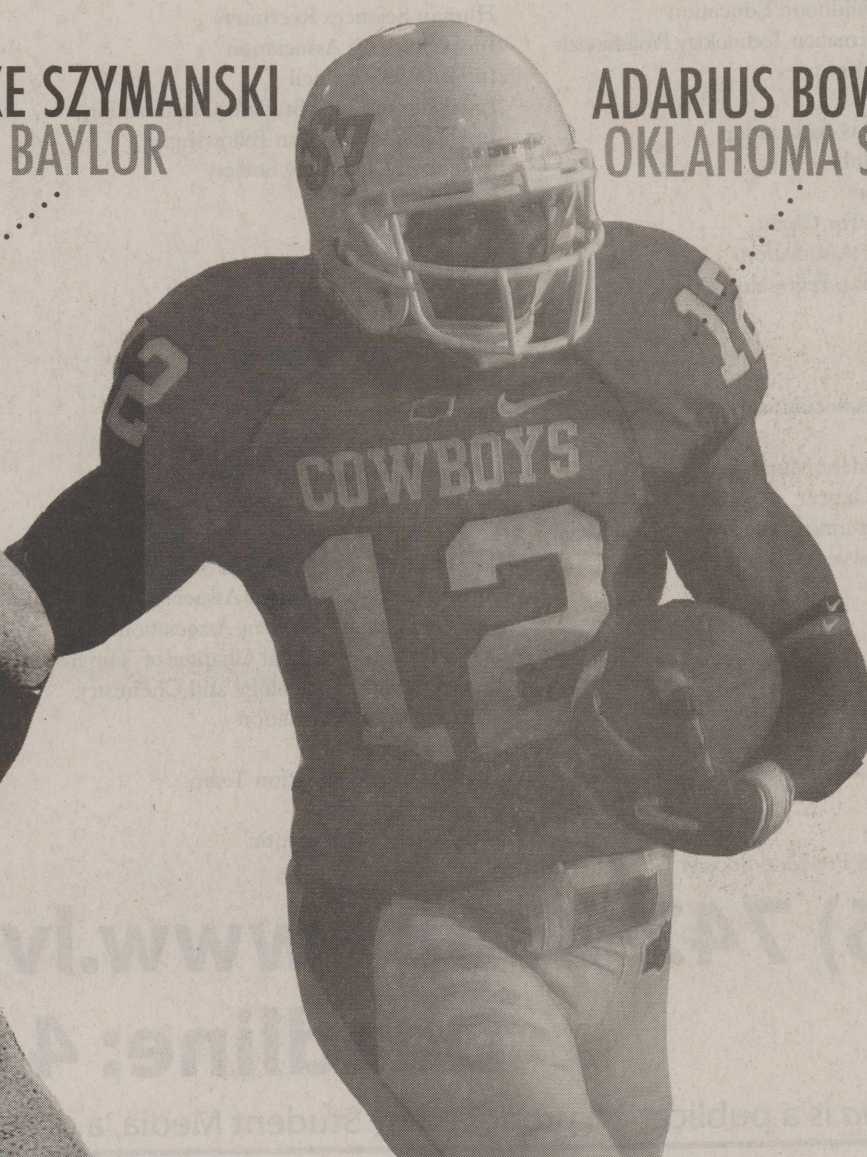
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# Lubbock Race for the Cure raises money for breast cancer awareness research

By ELLIOT COCHRAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock affiliate of Susan G. Komen Foundation will host its annual "Race for the Cure" beginning

6:30 a.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The race is a fundraising event fostering financial programs to further the development of breast cancer research, treatments and education.

Matt Stephens, the co-chair for the event, said the Texas Tech campus was the previous site for the event, but because of an increase in recognition and awareness, the race's starting point had to be moved to the civic center.

"We've moved to the civic center this year simply because we've outgrown Tech," he said. "It's a great opportunity to recognize and remember individuals who lost their fight against cancer and celebrate those who have survived."

Stephens said last year's race drew approximately 4,300 participants, but he expects an estimated 5,500 participants for Saturday's race, which would be a record for the Lubbock affiliate.

The event will consist of a one- and five-mile run/walk option for participants. There also will be a survivor breakfast as well as an opening ceremony for the occasion.

Ashley Hamm, the executive director for the Komen Foundation in Lubbock, said her favorite event during Saturday's festivities is the survivor parade, which, to her, reflects the strength and perseverance of the event.

"It reminds us why we are here,"

she said. "We have over 200 survivors registered for this event."

According to the Susan G. Ko-

men Foundation, a minimum of 25 percent will support The Komen for the Cure National Award and Research Grant Program.

Among the participants in the race, Tech student Lindsy Cartmell, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Waco, said the event is her first race to participate in after donating in previous years.

She said she is eager to share the experience.

"I'm excited to be supporting a

good cause while getting to know my friends better," she said. "It's a great cause, and (it) shows support from the community."

There are varying levels of sponsorship for the race, including group packages. Although the race is on Saturday, Hamm said it is never too late to enter.

"Participants can still register for the race the day of the event," she said. "It's \$30, and it's from 6:30 (a.m.) to 8:30 a.m. at the civic center."

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## Music

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Night. The second night is more Texas country. The past two years has been Pat Green, and this year it's Cross Canadian Ragweed."

The main outdoor stage is located at 17th St. and Buddy Holly Ave. of the Depot District.

Three Dog Night is scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m. today and Cross Canadian Ragweed will perform 8 p.m. Saturday.

Nine other venues will bolster live music, each with their own musical schedule for this weekend.

These sites include The Triple J Chophouse and Brewery, The Thirsty Turtle, The Cactus Theater and Klusoz, Cox said the local venues in the district participating in the festival book its own musicians

that cater to its usual audience.

Brent Murray, owner and manager of Melt, said he is participating for the second time in the event.

"(The event) brings attention to the depot," Murray said, "and it brings together the whole district. It brings in a lot of business."

Murray said Melt has a different atmosphere than other venues.

"We usually have people of ages 21 and up for a more professional crowd," he said. "There will be a variety of music here. Blue Light will obviously have country western music, and we have more acoustic, jazzy music."

From his experience, Murray said Friday night usually brings in an older crowd, and Saturday is when more Texas Tech students appear.

Aside from Three Dog Night and Cross Canadian Ragweed,

some other music appearances will be by Josh Abbott 10:30 p.m. Friday at The Blue Light, Parachute Adams 6 p.m. Saturday at Klusoz, Anthony Garcia 6 p.m. both nights at Melt, and Junior Vasquez 6 p.m. Saturday at The Thirsty Turtle and 10:30 p.m. Saturday in The Triple J Chophouse and Brewery.

Joe Keller, one of three owners of The Triple J Chophouse and Brewery, said he decided to let the bar participate in this year's festival because he wanted to support Lubbock.

"Everyone in the Depot District is involved, so we just wanted to show our support, too," he said.

Having just opened last year, the bar's first part in the festival is one of anticipation, Keller said.

"We are expecting a very big crowd," he said, "and we have prepared ourselves to have fun."

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# College students worried Facebook changes may hinder job

By ROHAN ANAND & NICK BOCH  
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(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Facebook, undoubtedly the most popular social networking site for college students, is now posing a problem for those ready to apply for jobs after graduation.

User privacy concerns are believed to be the most common reason why a growing number of students have chosen to discontinue their Facebook accounts. Until last year, Facebook access was limited to high school and college students by requiring a school e-mail address in order to create an account.

Now that it is open to the public, more students are growing concerned about how easily their information can be accessed by non-students — particularly important individuals like potential employers in the job market.

"Students aren't protecting certain parts of their Facebook," said

Lee Svete, director of career services at the University of Notre Dame.

In the past, employers have joined Facebook. Svete said, "and invited students to be Facebook colleagues or used a search mechanism on the site to do background checks."

Default privacy settings allow all members of a user's school, region or work network to view their information. These settings can be adjusted to limit information to be available to confirmed friends only.

"I have the highest security settings available on my account, and definitely try and keep my information as vague as possible," senior Lauren Benenati said. "Even still, I've heard stories from friends that despite these settings, recruiters can still access information."

Benenati said the most likely way of encountering problems is through photographs that the user — or others — "tags" on Facebook,

thus identifying the subjects of the

photographs. Although she said she has never been told during a job interview that her profile has been searched, she has researched some company Web sites that claim to check Facebook and MySpace for incriminating material.

"One of my friends from the University of Florida told me that an interviewer for pharmaceutical sales company in Florida had seen a picture of him with beer on Facebook," she said. "During the interview, the recruiter mentioned this just to verify that he was 21 and not breaking any laws, but even such a minor thing like a beer turned into something fairly intense."

### RECRUITING THROUGH PROFILES

Still, students feel it's unfair for paranoia over job interviews to prevent them from posting spring break pictures or expressing their political views on Facebook.

Svete said that such concerns should not be blown completely out

of proportion.

"Some employers have stopped checking Facebook in a backlash because students feel that it's their space," he said. "There are definitely two schools of thought out there, in that some people are looking to see if there are alarming things on somebody's page, whereas others people think that it's their space; leave it alone."

A Notre Dame alum who works for a top-tier investment bank, but requested to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions from her current employer, said checking the Facebook accounts of job candidates can serve to her company's benefit.

"Often times, the people recruiting you are people who are a couple of years out of college," she said.

"(We look) at profiles to see if they would be a good fit for our group based on common interests. It doesn't really affect whether or not you will get the job, but rather what department would suit you best

within the company," she said.

When asked about how students should approach controlling certain types of content — such as pictures of underage drinking — she said that usually recruiters have a fairly relaxed opinion toward that kind of display, but that the student should just be generally cautious of the kind of perception he delivers to the public.

"We understand that alcohol is a part of college, and once you get to corporate cultures, you'll be drinking with colleagues during your training, so it's not a huge deal," she said. "You just have to understand the boundary between what is and isn't appropriate, and the kind of image you convey to your boss before you even reach the job."

### A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH

There are still some upperclassmen, like junior Kirk Fogg, who have chosen not to toy with privacy settings on their Facebook account

and are still comfortable with leaving their information open to the public.

"Anybody can access my information," he said. "But I really haven't touched it in months — the only thing that keeps changing is the pictures people tag of me. I think that if I post something on there that is funny, my hope is that somebody else who sees it will also find it funny as well."

Fogg said he tries to stay conservative with what he posts.

"I know an employer won't be disturbed with what's on there as long as I am not completely out of control, like posting pictures of nudity," he said. "And personally, I don't want to work for an employer that gets bent out of shape for (me) drinking alcohol once in awhile."

"Still, I understand that it's all part of the culture we live in, and once in awhile you have to abide by the so-called 'rules,' so just use common sense," he said.

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## Balloon-making clown patrols U. Colorado with creations

By CAMERON NAISH  
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(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — Ever see CU students walking around campus with balloon animals at finals time, or kids playing with balloon swords on Pearl Street?

It's likely the work of Bongo, the balloon-making clown.

Asking to be referred to as Bongo, and nothing else, the clown is used to making balloon animals for the people around Boulder.

Bongo can make a variety of different balloon shapes - he's been working with balloon animals for over 20 years. Still, customers often want to know:

Which balloon is the hardest to craft?

"It's all a dog to me; it doesn't matter," Bongo said. "But I know whichever balloon I say will inevitably be the next balloon I have to create."

The self-taught balloon artist can usually be found somewhere on Pearl Street.

During the summer, Bongo works downtown for up to 45 hours a week. Once the school year is in session, Bongo cuts his time down on Pearl to the weekends and during good weather.

"He is really good with kids and brings business to (Peppercorn) and brings Pearl Street business," said Chance Kraegel, a Peppercorn employee.

It's an obvious venue for Bongo.

"(Pearl Street) is one of the few venues in the nation where someone can show up and do their craft," Bongo said.

CU periodically employs the clown. He has participated in CU's Midnight Breakfast, an evening activity during finals time, as well as events that kick off the school year.

"He's good to work with and students enjoy him," said Megan Bell, the assistant director at the UMC Student Programs Office.

Between working with CU and working on Pearl Street, many students are likely to have the opportunity to get their very own balloon animal - at least once this year.

"He has no competition," Kraegel said.

## U. Iowa-area beer festival about more than getting drunk

By BRENT JOHNSON  
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Drinking has gotten a bad rap around Iowa City, Iowa, with college students the center of the problem. Many locals know the frustration that comes at the end of a quiet summer, which

brings the return of the turbulent, drunken masses. The City Council is once again wrestling with the dilemma: Should it allow minors in bars or push them back into residential areas?

It seems that alcohol is a perennial villain.

A different sort of response to the excessive mindless drinking

has long been rooted in the community. There is a small, vibrant culture of beer connoisseurs who understand that beer, above all, has more sublime properties beyond intoxication. It is an artisan's craft, as old as civilization itself.

On Saturday, enthusiasts will gather to pay homage to all things hops and barley from locally brewed pale ales to pitch-black stouts so potent the state considers them hard liquor. With 200 beverages to sample, the 12th-annual Brew Fest will return to Old Chicago, 75 Second St., Coralville, Iowa, to celebrate the passion and the fanaticism surrounding the true beer culture. Although tasting is strictly for the 21-and-over crowd, anyone can stop over for the Oktoberfest fare, which includes a polka band, a wandering minstrel playing guitar, and lots of German food.

"From day one, my most fervent belief has been that this is a tasting event," said Doug Alberhasky, the manager of John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., a cosponsor of Brew Fest. "We've always placed more emphasis on tasting, while other shows are more about drinking."

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ELIZABETH MCKNIGHT, A sophomore Apparel Design and Manufacturing major from Fayetteville, Arkansas, wraps her model during an Apparel Design class yesterday afternoon.

## Kevin Smith talks about past success, current projects

By SAM McCOY  
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — Since the release of "Clerks" in 1993, Kevin Smith has been one of the preeminent directors in the world of comedy.

In addition to writing, directing and appearing in films like "Dogma" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," he has also produced Academy Award-winning films, appeared in blockbuster films such as "Live Free or Die Hard" and contributed to his love of comic books by writing for some of the biggest titles in the comic industry.

However, he is now venturing again into the world of television, directing the pilot of the new television show "Reaper."

"The concept for the show is really cool and reminiscent of things in the world of comics that really appealed to me," Smith said. "I thought it was really unique that a genre series like this was

really strange for genre shows.

"Plus, I found out that if you direct the pilot for a series, you get royalties for every show that is made! I couldn't believe it."

Smith said he also felt the draw of directing something that he hadn't written.

"The thought of me directing something I didn't write is absurd because I think most people realize by now I am not a very good director," he said. "But I figured, heck, there is a pretty decent shot that this show will never even air."

This is one of two television projects that Smith is working on, in addition to "Heroes: Origins," a spin-off miniseries of the hit NBC show "Heroes."

"I really got into that project because of [executive producer] Jeph Loeb, who I knew through the comic world," Smith said. "He asked if I was interested, and I jumped at the opportunity because it would be a lot of fun."

Smith also talked about a rumor that he was directing an episode of the Sci-fi Channel's

"Battlestar: Galactica." "We just never got to work that out, which is a shame, because that is one damn good show," he said.

He hasn't left behind the world of film, however. Smith is currently working on two films, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" and "Red State."

"[Zack and Miri] is in the same vein of my previous films, but with no connection to the View Askew universe," he said, referring to his production company. The film, as the title suggests, is about two people who decide to make a pornographic film, even though they have no knowledge of the porn industry.

While "Zack and Miri" is a comedy, "Red State" is really a different direction with me and is nothing like I have ever done before," Smith said, adding self-deprecatingly, "You'll probably think a good director did this."

In spite of his new projects, however, Smith said the world of independent film is changing, and not for the better.

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## Rough road: Tech opens Big 12 Conference play in Stillwater

By **BEN MAKI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tech coach Mike Leach is one of nine current head coaches — with at least five years of experience — who has not had a single losing season in the D-I FBS subdivision.

Of those nine coaches, five have a national title and all have a conference championship under their belts ... except Leach.

He could join the rest of the club this season, but the road to San Antonio for the Big 12 Championship Game has some potholes the Red Raiders will need to look out for, as half of Texas Tech's Big 12 Conference games are against ranked opponents.

Tech opens Big 12 play against Oklahoma State at 2:40 p.m. Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowboys are coming off a 41-23 loss to Troy.

"It's tough when you play a team and they're coming off of a big loss like that," Tech defensive back Chris Parker said. "They always want to get back out there on the field and prove that they can play so it will be a little tougher. We've just got to go out there and try to take that tempo away from them."

Tech enters the game giving up an average of 143 yards on the ground and a rushing touchdown per game. Meanwhile, OSU's backfield, which includes Keith Toston, averages 181 yards rushing this season.

They have a couple of good running backs, and with that," Parker said, "we've got to keep them in line and not let them get a lot of rushing yards against us. They're going to try to use that against us right now because we have a young defensive line."

OSU coach Mike Gundy said his team has one goal in mind, and it starts with beating Tech Saturday.

"The goal is to win the (Big 12) South to get in a one-game playoff because anything can happen in a championship game to move on for the rest of the year," he said. "It's a very important game for us, but just like I said last week, they are all important."

The Cowboys have several injured players, including running back Dontrell Savage, who averaged 6.5 yards per carry in 2006, and sophomore receiver Artell Woods, who played in all 13 games as a freshman. Gundy said the injuries should not concern the Red Raiders because they have their own issues to deal with.

"They don't care what is going on with us just like we don't have issues with what is going on with them," Gundy said. "In a situation like that, that is what you do unless somebody else has a plan like in the NFL where you can trade for people."

The Tech defense also allows an average of 193 yards through the air per game.

Tech freshman receiver Michael Crabtree enters conference play with more than 500 yards receiving and 8 touchdowns. Leach said Crabtree's ability to create room on the field has allowed him to make the large gains he has.

"The hard part that he does is get open to the extent that he does," Leach said, "but the actual spot that he catches those balls, you and me could get some yards after the catch because he really does get a good job (of) getting some space."

Also, receivers Danny Amendola and Eric Morris have combined for 43 catches, three touchdowns and more than 400 yards of offense, and running backs Shannon Woods and Kobey Lewis have combined for 253 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns.

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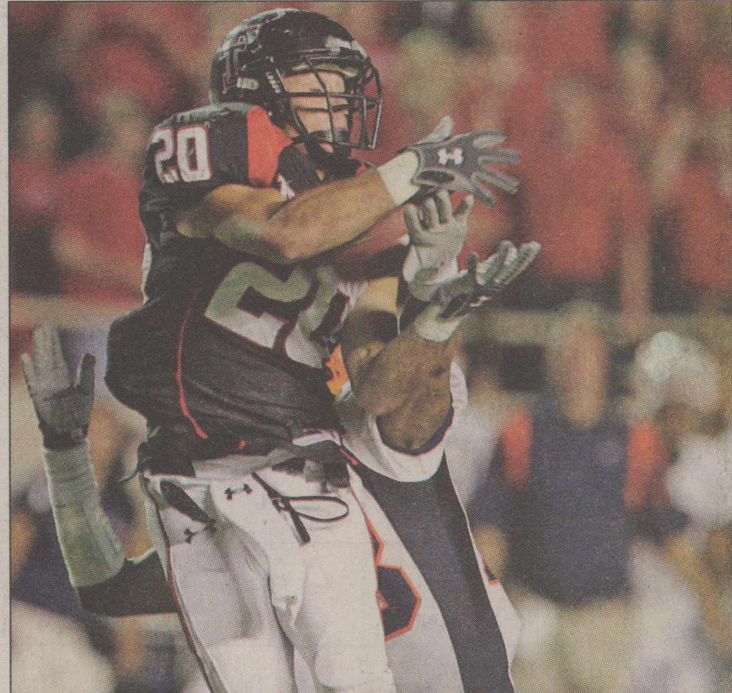


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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Danny Amendola catches a pass against a UTEP defender Sept. 8 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

## Weapon of Mass Destruction: Adarius Bowman torches defenses

By **ADAM COLEMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

A 6-foot-4, 220 pound weapon adorned in orange and black hovers just outside the formation. The order is given, and the weapon fires into enemy territory, and, in a flash, the weapon has found its mark: the endzone for a touchdown.

That weapon is Oklahoma State receiver Adarius Bowman, a preseason first-team All-America, according to *Sports Illustrated*, who is on the watch list for the Maxwell Award, which honors the top collegiate player in the nation.

"He's a good receiver, and any time

you get a caliber receiver like that," Tech defensive back Chris Parker said, "you (are) always up for the challenge."

Bowman is starting 2007 with 17 receptions for 257 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 85.7 yards per game. The transfer out of North Carolina has 105 receptions for 1,948 yards and 20 touchdowns in his career. In 2006, Bowman's 1,181 of the total career receiving yards were gained in an Oklahoma State uniform, and his performance ranks fourth best in OSU history. In 2006, 51 of the 60 receptions Bowman pulled in resulted in first downs. Those 60 receptions ranks sixth all-time in the school's history.

Bowman's most productive game so far in 2007, was against Florida Atlantic. In the Cowboys' win, he grabbed six receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns. In this game, one of Bowman's touchdowns was a 77-yard catch, which tied for the ninth-longest in Oklahoma State's history.

Tech coach Mike Leach said Bowman's characteristics have helped him perform well for the Cowboys' offense.

"He's a big guy," Leach said. "He's done a good job for them in the past as far as catching the ball. I'd say size and athleticism."

In 2006, Bowman was named the Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the

Year and voted to be a part of the first-team all-Big 12. Bowman's 2006 season is ranked as one of the top seasons in Oklahoma State's history. He also was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, which recognizes the nation's best receiver. In 2006, he was awarded the Bob Fenimore Award as the team's Most Valuable Player. Bowman also spent time as a guard on Oklahoma State's basketball team.

"He's just a big physical receiver," Parker said. "He has great moves. He runs good routes. He's a good receiver."

In a recent press conference, OSU head coach Mike Gundy said although Bowman's most recent statistics have

not been as high as they were last season, he is still having a good start to the season.

"He's been producing," Gundy said. "He's actually played tremendous without the ball in his hands ... he's actually playing better this year than he did last year."

After three games, Bowman ranks No. 10 in the Big 12 in receptions per game. He also is eighth in receiving yards per game.

Through three games, other receivers like Dez Bryant, Tommy Devereaux and Jeremy Broadway have combined for 143 receiving yards on the Oklahoma State offense, but Bowman is the only receiver with a

touchdown in 2007.

Gundy said with the way defenses have played against OSU in 2007, it is understandable why Bowman's numbers may not be where they are expected to be.

"One thing you have to remember in offensive football is that people can take a receiver out of a game or a running back out of a game," Gundy said, "if they want to overload the box or if they want to play over the top of you. We haven't had Dantrell Savage in the game playing for us much, so there's been a little more awareness where Bowman's been on the field, which can limit his numbers some."

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## Arbitrators find cyclist Floyd Landis guilty of doping, must forfeit 2006 Tour title

PARIS (AP) — The verdict said "guilty."

Like so much else in the confusing, contentious Floyd Landis doping case, though, none of the answers are really that simple.

Landis lost his expensive and explosive case Thursday when two of three arbitrators upheld the results of a test that showed the 2006 Tour de France champion used

synthetic testosterone to fuel his spectacular comeback victory.

The decision means Landis, who repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs, must forfeit his Tour title and is subject to a two-year ban, retroactive to Jan. 30, 2007.

Not that it changes his opinion of who the rightful winner was.

"I am innocent," he said, "and

we proved I am innocent."

The majority of the panel disagreed.

According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, lead arbitrator Patrice Brunet and Richard McLaren voted to uphold the positive test with Christopher Campbell dissenting.

In its 84-page decision, the majority found the initial screening test to measure Landis's testosterone levels — the testosterone-to-epit-

estosterone test — was not done according to World Anti-Doping Agency rules.

But the more precise and expensive carbon-isotope ratio analysis (IRMS), performed after a positive T-E test is recorded, was accurate, the arbitrators said, meaning "an anti-doping rule violation is established."

"As has been held in several cases, even where the T-E ratio has been held to be unreliable ...

the IRMS analysis may still be applied," the majority wrote. "It has also been held that the IRMS analysis may stand alone as the basis" of a positive test.

"Today's ruling is a victory for all clean athletes and everyone who values fair and honest competition," U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart said.

Now, Landis is left with one final way to possibly salvage his title — an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

If Landis doesn't appeal — or appeals and loses — he'll be the first person in the 105-year history of the race to lose the title because of a doping offense.

Giving the vigor with which

he pursued the case, and the more than \$2 million he raised to do it, this goes down as a devastating loss for the 31-year-old cyclist from Murietta, Calif.

He has steadfastly insisted that cheating goes against everything he stands for. He said he was merely a pawn in the anti-doping system's all-consuming effort to find cheaters and keep money flowing to its labs and agencies.

"This ruling is a blow to athletes and cyclists everywhere," Landis said. "For the Panel to find in favor of USADA when, with respect to so many issues, USADA did not manage to prove even the most basic parts of their case shows that this system is fundamentally flawed."

He is still weighing his legal options, according to a statement released by his legal team.

"This is a miscarriage of justice," said Maurice Suh, the lead attorney for Landis.

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