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Court stands by DeLay decision

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' highest criminal appeals court on Wednesday stood by a decision to dismiss a conspiracy charge against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, in a routine weekly listing, announced it wouldn't rehear the case. Prosecutors had asked the court to reconsider its earlier ruling.

DeLay and Republican consultants Jim Ellis and John Colyandro still face remaining charges of money laundering and conspiracy to launder money. No trial date has been set.

NATION

Engineers worry about undue alarm

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Officials around the country want the government to stop scaring the public by using dire-sounding phrases such as "structurally deficient" and "fracture critical" to describe bridges in need of repairs.

In interviews and government documents obtained by The AP, some engineers say the terms are making America's bridges sound shakier than they really are, and they would prefer less-alarming phrases, or perhaps a "Health Index."

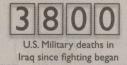
WORLD

Wave of bombings, shootings kills 50

BAGHDAD (AP) — A wave of bombings and shootings swept Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 50 people and raising fears that al-Qaida had launched a promised new offensive. The U.S. military acknowledged that violence was on the upswing and blamed it on the terror movement.

Also Wednesday came the announcement that Iraqi and American troops raided the Iraqi military academy the day before and arrested cadets and instructors allegedly linked to the kidnap-slaying of the former superintendent and the abduction of his replacement, who was later

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Hannah 'Star' bares it all about balancing stripping with academics

ELLIOTT COCHRAN STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: To protect the identity of our subject, we have chosen to use her stage name coupled with her first name. To further insure our subject's anonymity, we removed her major and hometown as well as the name of her friend.

hen the sun goes down, Hannah performs using the name "Star," under stage lights while wearing 8-inch heels.

Hannah, a junior at Texas Tech, grew up learning different forms of dancing, beginning when she was just a 3-year-old, and used that foundation during her freshman year of college to gain financial independence.

Looking back on her initial employment, Hannah said although she was young and ambitious, she still retains a slim memory of shock.

"I got a fake ID and started dancing when I was 17," she said. "It's crazy when I look back. I'm like 'Wow, I started doing that?' I was this cute, little naive girl, and I started taking my clothes off for money?"

Since March 2007, Hannah has been working at The Lodge on the outskirts of Lubbock, but she has been dancing for four years. Like any student with four years of experience in college, Hannah said she has learned to balance and prioritize school

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US rebukes Iranian president

By MATTHEW LEE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bush administration moved Wednesday to cement international support for new U.N. sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programs and rebuked Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for declaring the issue "closed."

A day after a defiant Ahmadinejad told the United Nations General Assembly that his country would defy further U.N. Security Council efforts to impose additional penalties, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her top aides sought to marshal consensus

"I am sorry to tell President Ahmadinejad that the case is not closed," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department's No. 3 diplomat. He was to meet with senior diplomats from the five permanent Security Council members and Germany to craft elements of a new sanctions resolution.

"We're going to keep going," Burns told reporters. "If Mr. Ahmadinejad thinks somehow that he has been

given a pass, he is mistaken about that."

Burns' talks over dinner with diplomats from Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany will set the stage for a second meeting on Thursday and then one between Rice and the group's other foreign ministers on Friday when the resolution is expected to be further defined.

However, he said it is unlikely that the text of a new resolution will be agreed to this week.

As Burns spoke, Rice was assuring Iran's wary neighbors in the Persian Gulf of U.S. backing to improve their defenses against a "hegemonistic Iran" through proposed multibillion dollar arms sales, a senior State Department official told reporters.

In a meeting with the foreign ministers of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — along with Egypt and Jordan, Rice heard deep fears about Iranian attempts to dominate the region, the official said.

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Lubbock crime decreases, still above national average

By ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

Although the rate of violent crimes committed in Lubbock decreased by 4 percent from 2005 to 2006, it was not enough to keep the city from having more than twice the national average.

With 2,169 violent crimes, which include homicide, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, the rate in Lubbock was 112 percent higher than the national average of 473.5 violent crimes per 100,000 people, according to the FBI's 2006 Crime In the United States report.

However, violent crimes in Lubbock were down from 2005, when 2,222 were committed in the city.

Lt. Scott Hudgens with the Lubbock Police Department, said one factor that could have contributed to the city's decrease in violent crimes was an increase of 28 police officers from 363 in 2004 to 391 this year.

"What goes into that is maybe the increased number of officers on patrol being able to intervene at an earlier time to keep things from escalating to a violent crime," he said.

Violent crime fluctuates from year to year and is difficult for police forces to attribute to a definite cause, Hudgens said.

"There's not a whole lot we can do to prevent homicides because they are, for the vast majority, spontaneous events," he said. "There's no way for us to know who the victim is going to be or where the homicide is going

According to the report, there were 13 murders and 98 reported rapes in Lubbock in 2005 compared to 11 murders and 105 rapes in 2005. Hudgens would not confirm the up-to-date murder rate in Lubbock for 2006.

Lubbock's violent crime rate also was higher than other cities in Texas, which was 9 percent higher than the national average with 516.3 reported per 100,000 people.

Violent crime rates in Plano and Garland were 39 percent and 45 percent lower than the national average respectively.

Ron Seacrist, chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said he believes cities like Plano and Garland have lower violent crime rates than Lubbock because of factors including financial resources and socioeconomic levels.

"Plano is a very affluent area, and I think that certainly has a bearing as far as the socioeconomic aspect of it," he said. "Violent crimes tend to be higher in areas where the income is lower."

The number of officers in the Plano Police Department is 13 percent lower than Lubbock with 340, according to the Plano police Web site, www. planopolice.org.

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City officials break ground on Lubbock's newest hotel

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

Construction that will change the Lubbock Skyline started Wednesday when city officials gathered to break ground on the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

The project is the result of a public/private partnership, between the City of Lubbock, Garfield Traub Development, LLC and 1859 Historic Hotels, Ltd., which will operate the hotel and conference center. The DLR Group designed the hotel.

Mayor David Miller said he believes the hotel and conference center are the most important new projects in years.

"It does bolster our standing as a destination city," he said. "Many con-

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PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

SHOVELS AND COWBOY hats are readied for the groundbreaking.

ODDBALL DAILY

Man finds human leg in smoker purchased at auction

who bought a smoker Tuesday at an inside first.

opened up the smoker and saw what was found. he thought was a piece-of driftwood

MAIDEN, N.C. (AP) — A man off 2 to 3 inches above the knee.

auction of abandoned items might an auction of items left behind at a much about. have thought twice had he looked storage facility, so investigators contacted the mother and son who had much against it," Steele said. Maiden police said the man rented the space where the smoker

wrapped in paper. When he un- plained her son had his leg ampu- reclaim his amputated leg, police wrapped it, he found a human leg, cut tated after a plane crash and kept said.

the leg following the surgery "for The smoker had been sold at religious reasons" she doesn't know

"The rest of the family was very

Steele said her son, John Wood, plans to drive to Maiden, about 35 The mother, Peg Steele, ex- miles northwest of Charlotte, to

Rotten meat coats interstate after truck overturns

truck carrying rotten meat crashed into the median barrier. and spread its pungent cargo across

Hodge

A driver cut off a car on Interstate path of the truck, Hodge said. The car available to comment on whether aroma. "It should linger."

SOUTHGATE, Ky. (AP) — A and truck collided, and both crashed anyone was ticketed.

an interstate highway Wednesday, Industries, tipped over and spilled closing part of the road for much of rotten hot dogs, hamburger and lunch meat across the road. Neither driver "It was pretty atrocious," said was injured, but a southbound stretch Southgate police spokesman Sam of the highway was closed for about up, Hodge said, but drivers will be six hours after the 9:30 accident.

A police dispatcher reached a while. 471, causing it to swerve into the after business hours said no one was

Griffin Industries collects and The truck, operated by Griffin recycles meat byproducts and other materials for use in such products as fuel and fertilizer, according to its

> Most of the mess was cleaned able to identify the site by smell for

"It's still there," he said of the

Man accused of sawing house in half — horizontally

HILLSBORO, Ohio (AP) — A Ronald Ward said Wednesday. man angry that he wasn't going to convertible.

Rodney Rogers apparently about chest level, authorities said. thought an acquaintance was going to build a house and sell it to him, and he was living in it while it was being completed, Highland County Sheriff top half of the house in place on of Cincinnati.

After the acquaintance refused be sold a house is accused of using a to complete the sale, Rogers used a power saw to turn the abode into a power saw last week to make a lateral cut through the walls and siding at Ward said.

house, Ward said.

Only one thing was keeping the

the bottom half.

"Gravity," Ward said. The owners had not estimated the dollar value of the damage,

Rogers, 66, of Greenfield, re-He cut all the way around the mained free pending a court appearance on Thursday.

Hillsboro is about 50 miles east

US flag-painted hydrant removed from dog park

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — A pect, and the flag-painted hydrant fire hydrant painted as an Ameri- was intended as a tribute to him. ing in his grave at the thought of can flag has been removed from a "We put a lot of effort into it," said the flag being desecrated every time dog park after complaints it was artist Jason Ross. disrespectful to let dogs use it for what dogs do

killed 10 years ago chasing a sus- partment.

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However, after a photo of the Louanne Douris, a retired U.S. hydrant appeared Sunday in The Foreign Service officer.

The new leash-free park was Oregonian newspaper, e-mails named for Hondo, a police dog started arriving at the parks de-

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Another hydrant was placed at ground level for the dogs' convenience.

Parks officials said there had been no reports of dogs urinating

"That gallant dog must be turna dog pees on that hydrant!" wrote

Parks officials had thought of that problem, and had put the red, white and blue hydrant on an 18-inch-high base, surrounded by "dog-unfriendly" shrubs including

prickly barberry bushes.

on the flag hydrant.

Make 'em HOWL



STUDENTS HURRY TO get into their car Wednesday afternoon. There was ankle deep water in many areas around campus.

Bush says Karzai responsible for safer Afghanistan

Afghanistan is becoming a safer, you have given me today." more stable country, thanks to the

zai after they met for about an hour the resurgence of the Taliban. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here.

dent Bush said Wednesday that progress, and I appreciate the report Afghanistan, site of a war that is often

The two leaders made no direct

Bush sought to remind the Ameri- Middle East," Bush said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Presi- "I expect progress and you expect can public why U.S. forces are still in overshadowed by the one in Iraq.

"It's in our security interests that efforts of President Hamid Karzai. mention of Afghanistan's soaring this democracy flourish, because if "Mr. President, you've got drug trade, the unsuccessful search for freedom takes place in Afghanistan, strong friends here," Bush told Kar- al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden or it will set an example of what's possible in other parts of the broader

Myanmar launches violent crackdown on protests

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) and its first admission of bloodshed Wednesday, and witnesses said po-ment. lice beat and dragged away dozens media reported up to eight dead.

The military junta's announcethe use of force against protesters Assembly.

Security forces in Myanmar after a month of mostly peaceful opened fire on demonstrators demonstrations against the govern-

The United States and the Euroof Buddhist monks. The govern- pean Union condemned the attacks ment said at least one person was and called on the military rulers to killed, while dissident groups and open a dialogue with pro-democopposition leader Aung San Suu ment on state radio and television Kyi, according to a joint statement was the first acknowledgment of on the sidelines of the U.N. General

The U.N. Security Council planned to hold closed consultations on Myanmar later Wednesday, and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon dispatched a special envoy to the

Ban urged the junta "to exercise utmost restraint toward the peaceracy leaders, including detained ful demonstrations taking place, as such action can only undermine the prospects for peace, prosperity and stability in Myanmar," U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said.

Experimental drug may slow the spread of skin cancer

(AP) — A very early test of an experimental drug seemed of Lexington, Mass., reported that

oper reported in preliminary new cancer lesions, compared to overloading them with oxygen. 1.8 months for those who got the standard treatment.

so early in development it doesn't

BARCELONA, Spain findings Wednesday. And the slow much more rigorous testing before Synta Pharmaceuticals Corp. the company seeks U.S. approval.

Synta's drug is one of several to slow the spread of advanced patients with advanced melanoma in development by other compadeadly skin cancer in a small who got the drug survived an nies trying a new strategy against study, the drug's U.S. devel- average of 3.7 months without cancer — killing tumor cells by

> We are taking advantage of the Achilles heel of cancer cells," The treatment, given as a pill, is said Dr. Anthony Williams, vice president of clinical research at have a name. It must pass muster in Synta Pharmaceuticals.

President

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The official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss a private diplomatic exchange, said all eight countries trying to develop nuclear weapons, told Rice that "they are not going to something Tehran adamantly denies, surrender to Iranian hegemony."

discussions with the Saudis and its other allies in the Gulf to prepare arms sales packages worth about \$20 billion despite concern from some in Congress sanctions resolutions as well as a that they could destabilize the region growing number of financial penalties and hurt Israeli security interests.

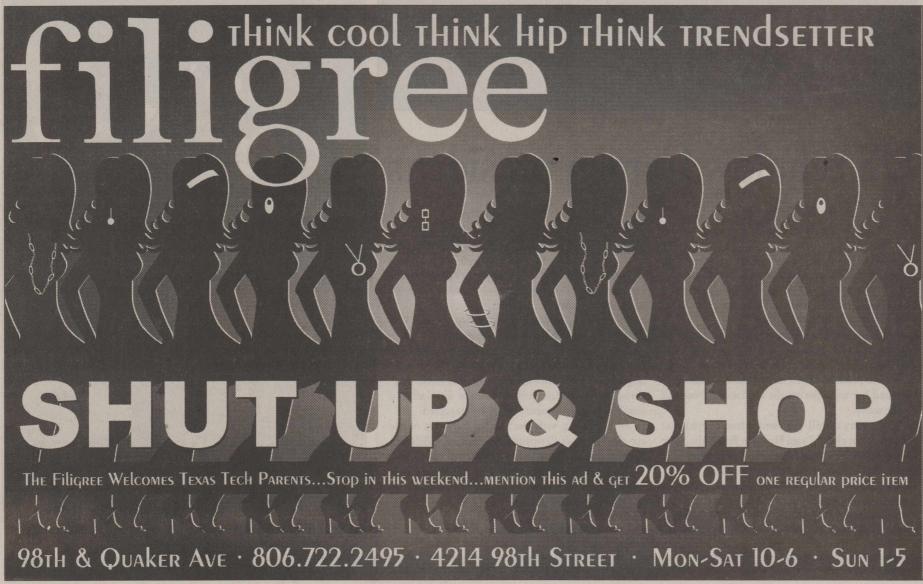
official said specific details of the proposed sales were not discussed on Wednesday but that Rice told the Gulf ministers they could count on solid U.S. support.

The United States accuses Iran of and has been encouraged in recent The Bush administration is in months by stronger statements on the matter from Security Council members, notably France.

Iran is already subject to two U.N. from individual nations but China and The senior State Department Russia have been reluctant to agree to a new U.N. resolution.

Among ideas being considered for the new resolution are widening existing financial sanctions on Iranian entities and possible diplomatic measures, officials said.

The Bush administration is considering wide-ranging sanctions against the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds force, which is accused of supporting insurgents in Iraq, by naming it an international terrorist





Grant makes enivoronmental study possible

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

With new government grant money in their pockets, Texas Tech researchers are preparing to cover new ground in a relatively new area of environmental

The Environmental Protection Agency granted \$433,000 to the Texas Tech School of Law for the study of particular types of contaminants in ground water.

for Water Law and Policy, a part of the law school, which will oversee scientific research done by Tech researchers. The research team will use harmful contaminants found frequently

mental Engineering and a member of the research team, said a large portion of the research is geared to look at endocrine disrupters and pharmaceutical contaminants, which are chemicals found in household items such as body wash and shampoo.

Endocrine disrupters are a broad category of contaminates which include natural and synthetic estrogens such as those found in birth control medicines. These contaminants have not been studied long, Morse said. She estimated they have only been studied for 20 or 30 years, but not extensively until recently.

"It has been a new topic now for water is important to understand."

only about ten years, because researchwater treatment plant outfalls, there said, which is another important rewould be a low concentration or a search avenue to be studied with the low number of male fish, but if you'd progress down stream there would be a good 50-50 mix," she said. "Researchers started looking into why this was happening and then linking it to endocrine-disrupting compounds."

The intent of the project is to find out where the contaminants go once The grant will go to the Center they hit soil, Morse said. This study will be the first to look at long-term exposure of these contaminants to the site outside Lubbock.

"The first question is, 'are we at the money to investigate potentially risk?" she said. "The studies have contaminated water. shown that, at wastewater treatment plant outfalls, there is a higher conies of this done, but not many, so this is Audra N. Morse, assistant professor centration of these chemicals, and at the College of Civil and Environ- they have a negative impact on these ways the law and policy part of it needs aquatic organisms, fish and frogs. The to hold off until we figure out what next question is, 'are we as humans, exactly, or if there is an issue here."

> Todd Anderson, associate professor at the Institute of Environmental and Human Health and the other member a research and education program that of the research team, said the grant will give the researchers a chance to investigate the issues surrounding the impact of these chemicals in groundwater.

"There's also the issue of water recycling," he said. "The water we drink is groundwater plus water from Lake Meredith, and that is blended together. In Central Texas, that's about all they drink is reservoir water, so what is in the

Researching the contaminating ers throughout the country and the effects of processed pharmaceuticals world were noticing that near waste in wastewater is important, Anderson

> "We want to look into what sort of impact it might have on aquatic organisms," he said. "Does that mean that fish don't get headaches because there's Tylenol in the water? It could affect fish health, reproduction and those sorts of things.'

> Gabriel Eckstein, director of the Center for Water Law and Policy, said the center will wait for more conclusive evidence from the research group before delving into legal issues concerning

> "There have been a few other studa cutting-edge issue," he said. "In some

> The Center for Water Law and Policy inaugurated in 2005, Eckstein said, and is geared towards the goal of help in the development of water policy on global and local water issues.

> "Texas, we're at 21 million people, we're going to go up to about 40 million in about 30 or 40 years," he said. "Our water is not doubling. That's part of our reason for existing; we're not using this money to go to Tahiti. Water will be the single biggest issue of this century, globally — it's a really huge issue." >> matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

Iraq war spending showdown looms as Pentagon seeks \$190 billion for 2008

this time sparring over nearly \$190 billion the Pentagon says afloat for another year.

tee, vowed Wednesday not to "rubber stamp" the request and Monday. said it was time to put Bush's policies in check.

"We cannot create a democracy at the point of a gun," said during a Senate hearing on the U.S. bases in Iraq. spending request were interof anti-war protesters.

change that reality," Byrd said.

The tough rhetoric was reminiscent of last spring, when fielding. Congress passed and Bush vetroop withdrawals to begin by override a presidential veto.

If approved, Congress would have appropriated more than \$760 billion for the-two wars, having already approved of billion for Afghanistan.

panel, Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged that America's "difficult choices" on the war "will continue to be a source of friction within the Congress, between the Congress and the president and in the wider public debate."

But Gates said he hoped Congress would approve money that is needed by the troops.

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expected," he said.

Gates asked Congress to add already requested for the military. Sen. Robert Byrd, chairman The money would pay for the wars of the Appropriations Commit- in Iraq and Afghanistan in the

Gates said the extra money was necessary to buy vehicles that can protect troops against roadside Byrd, D-W.Va., whose speech down by combat and consolidate

rupted several times by cheers includes another \$11 billion for 7,000 Mine Resistant Ambush addition to the 8,000 MRAP

Congress has not yet approved on Wednesday. toed a bill funding the war the money but was on track this through September but ordering week to pass a stopgap spending bill that would keep the war afloat cut off money for the war, time to estinian Authority. figure out their next step.

U.S. commander in Iraq, testified this month, Republicans have said \$450 billion for Iraq and \$127 they are willing to give his strategy more time to work. GOP members new threat emerged. Testifying before Byrd's have blocked Democratic bills ordering troops home.

> passed its first war-related bill in us time to reverse directions," months: a nonbinding measure Casey said.

"Under some of the most try- suggesting Baghdad limit the President Bush and Congress ing conditions, they have done power of its federal government are headed toward another far more than what was asked of and give more control to Iraq's showdown on war spending, them, and far more than what was ethnically divided regions. The White House said it was unbothered by the 75-23 vote because the is needed to keep combat in Iraq \$42 billion to the \$147 billion resolution made clear Bush should press for a new governing system only if the Iragis want it.

During the hearing, Democrats 2008 budget year, which begins and Republicans alike asked Gates whether more could be done to hasten political progress.

"I think the message has been sent to the Iraqi government that bombs, refurbish equipment worn our military presence is going to — has begun to — shrink in Iraq, and the expectation of the com-More specifically, the request mander in the field is that it will continue to shrink," he said.

The State Department has "Sending more guns does not Protected vehicles. This is in requested \$3.3 billion for warrelated operations in 2008, a vehicles already planned for figure expected to increase slightly although no details were available

Deputy State Secretary John Negroponte told the Senate panel said that several unforeseen costs Oct. 1. Democrats still lack the for several more weeks. This gives have emerged, including an intwo-thirds majority needed to Democrats, divided on whether to creased need for aid for the Pal-

> In a separate hearing Wednes-Since Gen. David Petraeus, the day, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey told a House panel that he was not comfortable with the Army's level of readiness if a

> "I am not comfortable that we could respond as rapidly as On Wednesday, the Senate we would like to. It would take

Video shows simulated hacker attack on power plant

government video shows the potential destruction caused by hackers seizing control of a crucial part of the U.S. electrical grid: an industrial turbine spinning wildly out of control until it becomes a smoking hulk and power

land Security Department and obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday, was marked "Official Use Only." It shows commands quietly triggered by simulated hackers having such a violent reaction that the enormous track and they've shown in a very turbine shudders as pieces fly apart and demonstrable way the impact you can

WASHINGTON (AP) — A it belches black-and-white smoke.

The video was produced for top U.S. policy makers by the Idaho National Laboratory, which has studied plants. Vice President Dick Cheney is software. The video, produced for the Home- among those who have watched the video, said one U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity because this official was not authorized to publicly discuss such high-level briefings.

"They've taken a theoretical at-

have using cyber means and cyber techniques against this type of infrastructure," said Amit Yoran, former U.S. cybersecurity chief for the Bush the little-understood risks to the administration. Yoran is chief execuspecialized electronic equipment that tive for NetWitness Corp., which sells operates power, water and chemical sophisticated network monitoring

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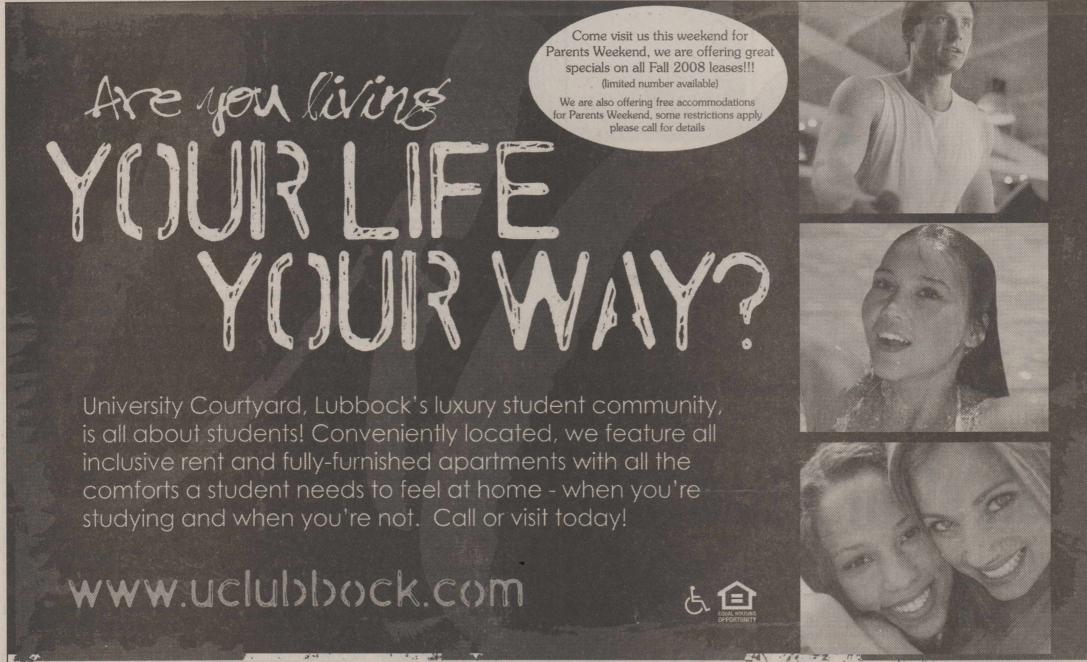
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Let's bask in some toilet humor

My ritual of writing columns about sex and relationships has opened my eyes to other avenues of discussion.

So first, I'd like to thank my parents for the ability to be open-minded. They taught me well during my years of growing in and out of my T-shirts, jeans and shoes while moving up in cup sizes (not breast-related).

to clean my plate (my mom didn't and of course books and tuition while have a dish-washing machine, so I had to actually lick the plate of all leftover splatters of ketchup, corn my parents in 24 years (insert oldwas spotless — then she rinsed).

or for those following behind me, ciate a practice I took for granted and to always say "thank you" when - bathroom etiquette. given a gift (despite the fact it might be a Baby Alive doll with its fantas- stories about bathrooms, especially tic underwear-wetting feature). Of course, the phrase "you're welcome" also has became a part of my everyday ucts to those who brought lunch to at the Student Rec Center). So as I terminology.



For example, they taught me how paying my own rent, car payments in college.

Sure everything I've learned from a swirly. paramount for my life experiences, My parents also taught me to be but attending a university with more polite and courteous to others, such than 28,000 students, plus faculty as holding the door open for women members, has allowed me to appre- completing their bathroom task.

public ones (from children "missing" the toilet to leftover feminine prodsponsible adult, but at the same time believed these stories to be fabricated.

public forum where millions of college duties and leaves without using the tact). So to you guys, I warn you, do Some of my lady friends say girls hit "potty mouth."

I know I don't.

But I believe some abuse the privitoday. Such responsibilities include lege of using bathrooms, especially in public areas where a large mass of people congregate throughout the

niblets and mashed potatoes until it fart jokes here if you must) has been with a list of several restroom faux pas' to watch for:

> 1. "Forgetful" washer — These people don't wash their hands after

For example, I went to the bathroom in the Student Union Building I've heard a myriad of horror earlier this week to wash my hands before I ate lunch (because I just finished high-fiving Chewbacca after he returned from playing racquetball a stall because they needed a place was drying my hands, this dude, who My 'rents raised me to be a re- of solidarity), but I've never once clearly saw me doing this because the paper-towel dispenser is on the

students go to pray to the porcelain free running water provided to him. not talk back (unless you are one of the seat quite often as well because of gods once a week after a heavy night With a plethora of curse words run- these people, in which case you will a technique called "hovering" (I've of alcoholic intake? I bet it's because ning through my mind to spout off people don't want to be labeled a in his general direction, I just did the appropriate gesture of flipping him off while still in the bathroom because, it) and hopefully the threat of the to this type of behavior from the opwell, he couldn't see me.

> I then used my wet paper towel to with the door and avoid shaking hands for awhile.

2. Chatterboxing — This occurs when a complete stranger strikes up know if there is a counter for this type a gratuitous conversation with you of behavior besides using the stalls or committing another heinous lavatory about random topics such as the new having his face accidentally hit your folly in the future. Halo 3 video game or about how they just bombed their chemistry test.

people, your first instinct may be to this. reciprocate the conversation (for you females, this may not apply because guy is too lazy to lift the toilet seat,

be in your comfort zone). Just nod never witnessed this tactic, but I can your head in a civilized manner, shake guess what it entails). twice (otherwise, you're playing with 'chatterboxer" will be alleviated.

open the door, of course, and left. So, male-only problem (unless there are sprinkle when you tinkle, be a sweetie next time you decide not to wash your some freaky girls out there), but re- and wipe the seatie." I've never seen day. For that, you should be given hands after finishing your business, gardless, it needs to be on the list. To just think about your poor peers with those who haven't encountered this it is as a prevention tactic, but I am Now I will expose those of you whom you shake hands afterward, and little love muffin — I envy you. You definitely all for a men's version. remember what your hand touched haven't experienced the insecurity people, just use the paper-towel trick peripheral vision — gawking at your wipe the can." junk while licking his chops like half-eaten glazed doughnut. I don't tion that you need to clean up your fist. Sorry guys.

If you encounter one of these parently, both genders are guilty of —you're welcome.

For males, this happens when a allowed me to blossom into who I am Who would slander such a popular wall next to the door, finishes his you have the stall to deflect eye con- so he instead makes it his "can-vas."

While I am somewhat ignorant posite sex, I know there is a sign in 3. The Peeker — Probably another women's bathrooms that says "if you the sign and don't know how effective

How does this sound: "If you last. If you are worried about these of catching someone — with your drizzle when you pizzle, be a man and

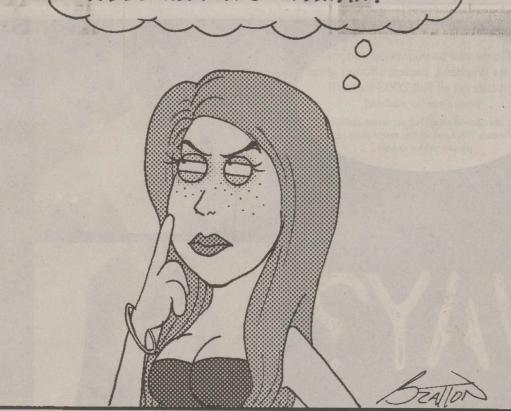
> If you are one of these perpetra-Homer Simpson stumbling upon a tors, I hope you come to the realiza-"pot-head" ways and refrain from

For the rest of you that have been 4. The Toilet Seat Bandit — Ap- enlightened by this awareness piece

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PERHAPS DRINKING AND DRIVING WHILE POSSESSING ILLEGAL NARCOTICS WOULD BE UNWISE... AH, SCREW IT! I GET ARRESTED, I CAN PARIS HILTON'S CELLMATE!



Lindsay Lohan's Inner Monologue

Bush slam a bad idea

STAFF EDITORIAL DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Rocky Mountain Collegian printed a headline on Sept. State University. Editor-in-chief, respect David McSwane, is still suffering the Days later, the student-operated newspaper has already lost \$30,000 in advertising from various local businesses, and student salaries took an the Tasering issue are unrelated.

While the purpose of our, and he deserves. any publications', opinions page is to

a poor decision on the part of the col- danger to society. Unlike the federal umnist and the editor who approved case brought against Progressive Inc. our current president. Regardless of detailing how to build a Hydrogen personal feelings toward President bomb, this small issue does not have Bush, his policies or his behavior, be- the potential to turn into a significant 21 that caused more than just a ing that he is our president, he should threat. harmless controversy for Colorado be afforded at least some modicum of

As for those opponents of Mcrepercussions of his decision to run a Swane and his attempt to make a column, titled "Taser this: F- Bush," statement, which are calling for his without that little bit of censorship. resignation, another issue arises - and that is the one that was intentionally brought to the surface by the editor. No longer is the profane declaration a question of what is appropriate, immediate 10 percent cut. Arguing his but rather a reference to our First basic right to free speech, McSwane Amendment rights. McSwane should neglected to take into account the fact not, and cannot, be forcibly removed that President George W. Bush and from his position, but the lesson he is suffering through is certainly one

Though the words may have been voice judgments and even sometimes utterly tasteless and added nothing of make radical statements, The Col-substance to the column, they were legian took that objective too far. not really a declaration worthy of con-Just because it is a college paper that cern. Historically, the United States does not indicate that writers ought has seen some very blatant attempts to say whatever they can just to get a to publish unworthy material, even reaction out of readers. It was clearly pieces that pose a clear and present

the use of expletives to reference to for an attempt to publish a manual

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Why I'm a Conservative reusable sacks to the grocery store

So many issues today are hyper-politicized, it seems that people often take one stance or another based on what a good Republican or Democrat "should" believe. We polarize each other and label one another - damn hippies who can't get a job, or more about lining their pockets than the well-being of their fel-

These types of characterizations are at best unhelpful and at worst a hindrance to achieving common goals: a health care about how to reach those goals, is simply not being wasteful. but at their core, these issues are important to everyone.

as a community and nation, an unnecessary phenomenon, as conservative in all of us.

ated with the word now might American ideal for Democrats

and Republicans. Along that line of thinking, in the truest sense of the word: conserving, and I will do what I can to make sure the things that here for future generations.

heartless Republicans who care electricity in intelligent, prudent ways. I want to uphold traditional and ingenuity that could make a profitable market of renewable en-

by wars over lack of water or fuel. Conservation shouldn't be a part system that works, energy that of the Republican/Democrat divide: is affordable and plentiful, and it's just good sense. We are charged excellent educational and career with the responsibility of being good opportunities. We might disagree stewards of the earth, and part of this

ergy so the future won't be plagued

Speaking of good sense, I believe in conserving, as much as pos-At some point labels of Re- sible, traditional climate patterns publican and Democrat become (therefore curbing increased natural divisive and harmful to our unity disaster and widespread economic repercussions).

I believe in reason, and that as there is a little bit of liberal and rational beings, we should acknowledge the consensus among top sci-In the late 19th century, the entists and climate-change experts term "liberal" was understood around the world, as presented to refer to those who favored through the Intergovernmental constitutional changes and legal Panel on Climate Change. Their or administrative reforms in the reports continually find that Earth is as a child. I think it's important to racy. The connotations associ- is likely caused by human activity.

word comes from "liber" mean- lose from reporting scientific finding "free," which certainly is an ings. To use a quote from a Texas Tech professor, "climate change isn't a religion or the tooth fairy. You don't choose to believe in it." although I believe deeply in the We can't change what we don't green movement and espouse acknowledge, and though it's true tolerance in social situations and that scientists can't prove it, we owe interactions, I'm a conservative it to ourselves and future generations must accept that our daily actions to take their findings seriously, and do affect people all around the globe, I believe there are things worth start doing a better job of conserving and find solutions beneficial to all

are valuable to me will still be include turning lights off when you or like me, a little bit of both. leave a room, turning water off when I believe in conserving natural you're brushing your teeth, biking resources and using water, gas and rather than driving and bringing

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rather than throwing away dozens of plastic bags. These aren't the actions of bleeding-hearts disconnected with reality; rather, they are the actions of concerned citizens doing what they can to be more responsible (and more conservative).

I am a proponent of preserving natural wild spaces and the habitats American values such as innovation of polar bears and gorillas, so future generations can be as intrigued with The North Pole and jungles as I was

> Their reports continually find that Earth is warming and that this phenomenon is likely caused by human activity.

> > — SARAI BRINKER DT COLUMNIST

direction of freedom or democ- warming and that this phenomenon conserve the diversity of the species on our planet, not just for the health Unlike energy companies, these of the polar bears, but for the health be different, but the root of the scientists have nothing to gain or of the world's ecosystems (which we are a part of), as well as the health of our imagination and spirit.

I am for conserving age old adages such as "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." We need this ethic of reciprocity now more than ever as our world becomes increasingly interconnected. We - whether they lean to the right Basic methods of conservation or the left, conservative or liberal,

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Giuliani defends gun rights

liani, who sued firearms manufacturond Amendment. ers and called for tough gun control as New York's mayor, said Tuesday defense of a right to own guns.

publican presidential contender told to own handguns. The Associated Press in an interview. border security.

He said his thinking on gun rights port such a ban. also was influenced by a federal appeals court decision that overturned the gun industry in 2000 to telling a 30-year-old ban on private owner- the NRA on Friday that he dislikes ship of handguns in Washington on the unintended consequences of that the grounds that the Constitution lawsuit, which still is working its way gives individual citizens the right to through the courts.

did more to crystalize my thinking for law enforcement purposes. on the whole gun issue in light of Sept. 11."

"I think, after Sept. 11 — I mean I probably would have had paign of Democratic rival Chris Dodd the same impression before, I'm not and the International Association of sure — but after Sept. 11, all that Fire Fighters castigated him over a seemed much more powerful to me," supporter's fundraiser seeking \$9.11 Giuliani said.

to have occurred more recently than tacks for political purposes. Giuliani the months after the 2001 attacks. He was quoted in 2002 and 2004 —years later — staunchly supporting the campaign's knowledge. gun control.

In a 20-minute interview in a Giuliani: conference room at his Times Square office, Giuliani explained his think- threat of a bill in the Democraticing on the Second Amendment five led Congress that would renew and days after he sought to reassure the expand a health insurance program National Rifle Association of his that provides coverage for 6 million support for gun rights, telling the children. The bill would boost spendgroup Friday in Washington that the ing by \$35 billion to cover 4 million 2001 attacks highlighted the need more children. for them. Before the same group, Giuliani's rivals, Fred Thompson and John McCain, tried to exploit Giuliani's past support for strict gun control measures.

As mayor, Giuliani sued gun makers and distributors, backed a federal assault weapons ban and once described the NRA as extremist. As a candidate for the GOP nomination, he is struggling to square that record with his need to win over a Republican base made up of conservatives



NEW YORK (AP) — Rudy Giu- cases base their votes on — the Sec-

He no longer argues, as gun control advocates do, that the right to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and a bear arms applies only to the rights recent court ruling framed his current of states to maintain citizen militias. He now says that right also applies "You have to look at all of these is- to individuals as well, and he cites sues in light of the different concerns the court ruling, Parker v. District that now exist, which is terrorism, of Columbia, that said the Second the terrorists' war on us," the Re- Amendment gives citizens the right

In the 1990s, he lobbied Congress He also mentioned immigration and to ban assault weapons. Now, aides have said it's not clear he would sup-

Giuliani also went from suing

In the interview, Giuliani said, "It is a very, very strong descrip- "The case took a lot of twists and tion of how important personal liber turns in the direction of trying to ties are in this country and how we get a lot of information about the have to respect them," he said of the tracing of guns that would be used ruling, adding it "sort of maybe even for private lawsuits" instead of solely

> "I didn't anticipate that when I brought the case," he said.

The ex-mayor spoke as the camfrom attendees. The critics argued His embrace of gun rights appears the event exploits the terrorist ataides called the \$9.11 idea "an unfortunate choice" that was done without

On other issues in the interview,

-Backed President Bush's veto



Crime

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Hudgens said police cannot necessarily assume violent crimes will occur in lower income neighborhoods or cities.

"It depends upon where you are that community," he said.

where they need to apply most of their resources, Seacrist said, and base this on are crime statistics.

"When you look at violent the majority will be in low income areas," he said. "That's just a statis- in 2005. tic, but then you start applying your more officers in those areas to try issues that exist."

188,208 compared to Lubbock's 215,681, also had a lower rate of

Cpl. Jerry Neufeld with the Amarillo in 2006, down from 10 the previous year and 11 as of July

"Homicide is going to go up

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and down," he said. "It can be drug related or it could be gang related, but as far as the fluctuation and or why is anybody's guess."

Neufeld said sometimes the difference between an aggravated assault and a homicide can come down to the assailant "being a bad shot."

"It's very difficult to be preventive and on the resources available to about aggravated assaults and homicides," he said. "A lot of times it seems Police administrators look at to be people being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

The FBI's report also covers violent often the only thing they have to crimes at universities, colleges and junior colleges.

On the Tech campus in 2006, crimes, unfortunately a lot of times 1.79 violent crimes were reported per 10,000 students, down from 2.82

"Ours rate is much less per capita resources to those areas by putting than the city's violent crime rate because the fact that the majority of and see if you can respond to the people here are college students and it's an academic environment," Seac-Amarillo, with a population of rist said. "Our population is here for a specific purpose: going to college."

Seacrist said Tech police, which violent crimes, with 1,005.65 per currently has 51 officers, plans to 100,000 people, according to the increase its force by three in the next

"Our big concern is the safety of the Amarillo Police Department, said campus itself," he said. "After Virginia five murders were committed in Tech, we have certainly increased our training as far as how to respond to what's called an 'active shooter situation' in universities and schools."

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Number of reported violent crimes per 10,000 students at universities in Texas

Texas Tech	1.79
Texas A&M	2.45
University of North Texas	3.44
University of Texas at Arlington	4.33
University of Texas at Austin	2.41
Rice University	9.81

Rates of reported violent crimes per 100,000 people (Populations in parentheses)

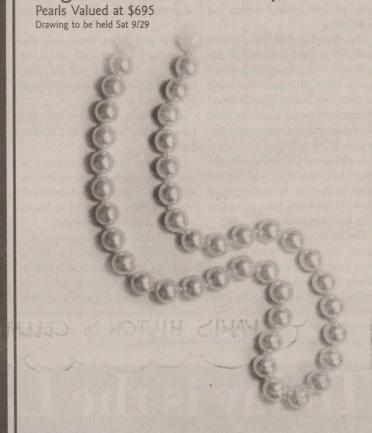
Lubbock (215,681)	005.65
Amarillo (188,208)	862.34
Corpus Christi (291,507)	710.10
Dallas (1,248,223)	1206.36
Garland (222,477)	258.90
Houston (2,073,729)	1169.39
Plano (257,183)	288.90
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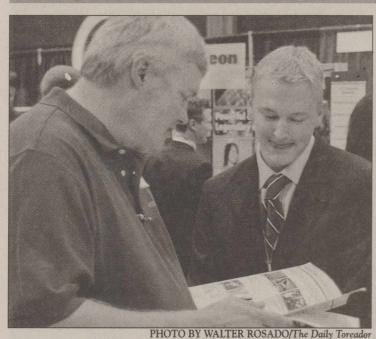




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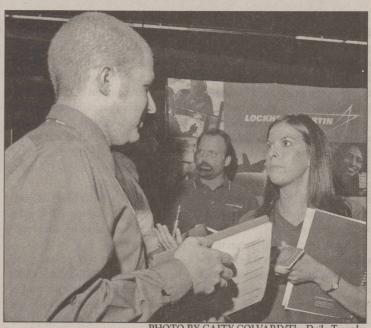
ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR



BILL CONNELLY LOOKS over company brochures with Scott AN ENGINEERING STUDENT hurries to get onto a trolley that took ROBERT SPARHAWK, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from Schmerder, a senior mechanical engineering major from Dallas, Wednesday at the Engineering Career Fair.



engineering students to the Civic Center for the Engineering Career Fair Wednesday afternoon.



Odessa, speaks with Tech graduate and Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Engineer Amanda Thering during the engineering job fair.

Governor and first lady to move into \$1 million home

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick be used as staff quarters. Perry and wife, Anita, will move out of the 150-year-old Governor's upstairs, a feature Perry liked, said Mansion next month and into a spokesman Robert Black. The upstairs three-story, limestone home with a bedrooms give the family "a level heated pool, an outdoor cabana and of privacy" while hosting guests, he

The state will pay \$9,900-a-month Governor's Mansion undergoes renovations. The 6,386-square-foot home in a posh west Austin neighborhood feet. has been listed on the market for more than a year, with the most recent asking price \$1.85 million.

In addition to a \$9,900 security deposit, the Perrys will pay a \$1,800 pet part of the estimated \$10 million in deposit so they can bring along their renovation costs for the Governor's 5-year-old daschund, Lucy, according Mansion. Perry is required by law to to the lease agreement.

The home with "luxurious Texas pecan hardwood floors, a gourmet kitchen with marble countertops and to a game room. The guest house will the windows.

The bedrooms in the home are

The real estate listing said the in rent for at least a year while the house has five bedrooms and 6,386 square feet, but Black said the house has four bedrooms and 4,602 square

> The Perrys will move into the house by the first part of October, Black said.

Rent for the new residence is live in Austin while governor.

The Governor's Mansion, a desstyling" sits on 3.25 acres and has ignated National Historic Landmark, is set for a facelift starting this fall. In addition to new plumbing, the project another kitchen outside by the pool. will include lead and asbestos abate-It includes a subzero refrigerator, a balment and an effort to preserve some cony and a third-story attic converted of the historic pine wood used around

Democrats order OSHA to regulate exposure to diacetyl

WASHINGTON (AP) workers who package it. While acetyl. there's no evidence of any danger it, Congress is taking action.

Rather than wait on studies affirming or dispelling the dangers others aren't placed in danger. posed by the chemical behind ers' exposure to it.

caused a deadly lung disease in for the chemical in question, di- their families."

mediately enforced to ensure future workers in the popcorn industry and The lack of an Occupational

the artificial taste and smell, the Safety and Health Administration to give OSHA time to complete a inhale it in manufacturing settings House voted Tuesday to have the standard on diacetyl "has endan-scientific study of diacetyl exposure — either in making the flavoring or government regulate food work- gered the health of families," said and to issue a recommended expo- adding it to food products ranging Rep. Betty Sutton, D-Ohio. "That sure limit for the use of that chemifrom popcorn to pound cakes.

But Democrats said Wednesday House Republicans think the Demo- for diseases." to the millions of people who eat a federal standard needs to be im- crats' bill is premature, and Con-

Consumers probably won't no- is why we have to act today. Work- cal," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, That buttery taste and smell of tice. Many popcorn makers have ers should never have to choose R-Fla. "Without a complete study, microwave popcorn may have already found a flavoring substitute between their health and feeding Congress may push manufacturers to use different chemicals that could The Bush administration and be even more directly responsible

Diacetyl occurs naturally in foods gress' interference with OSHA's such as butter, cheese and fruits, and work may cause more harm than the Food and Drug Administration has approved its use as a flavor ingre-"We believe that it's important dient. The concern is when workers

Inmate in fatal escape attempts suicide, prison officials say

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — One Michelle Lyons. The 37-year-old undisclosed TDCJ unit. brief escape this week that left a Texas corrections officer dead tried state prison officials said.

Jerry Martin tried to hang himself in his cell at the Estelle Unit released. outside Huntsville at around 5:25 a.m., said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman since 1997, was then taken to an hour. Martin was caught hiding in a been prevented.

of the two inmates involved in the Martin used boxer shorts he attached to a light fixture in his cell.

Martin was quickly found by ofto kill himself Wednesday morning, ficers who had been checking on him frequently, Lyons said. He was taken

Martin, who has been serving a the pickup truck. 50-year attempted murder sentence

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Monday at the Wynne Unit in Hunts- and bloodhounds. ville, stole a truck, then hijacked a car before they were caught within hours. tence for murder in 1986. to a Huntsville hospital and later Corrections officer Susan Canfield, 59.

tree about 31/2 hours later, after a man-Martin and another inmate, John hunt that included a police helicopter, Ray Falk, 40, broke from a work detail Stetson-hatted lawmen on horseback

Falk had been serving a life sen-

A review by the department's was run over and killed as they fled in independent investigator's office and the Texas Rangers will determine Falk was apprehended within an what occurred and how it could have

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LORA OF AALON Salon cuts the hair of Emily Bishop, a senior management major from Flower Mound, during a demonstration of the latest fall fashion Thursday evening in the lobby of the Carpenter/Wells Residence Hall.

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig to stay in office pending ruling in bathroom sex sting case

judge considers his bid to withdraw a guilty plea, overturning the impossible, and it should be.' senator's previous statements of intent to resign by Sunday.

will stay in office "for now," but the state didn't handle the plea political. people close to him said he will remain until the judge rules. Hennepin County Judge Charles Porter said he probably won't decide the matter until next month.

planned to seek a fourth term next year, pleaded guilty in August to disorderly conduct following a June 11 sting operation in a men's room at the Minneapolis airport.

Craig's comments Wednesday were greeted with chilly silence from Senate Republican leaders who have made clear they wish he would step down and let Idaho's GOP governor name a replacement. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters he had nothing to add to previous statements in which he said he thought Craig made the right decision on Sept. 1, when he announced his intention to resign

by the month's end. "Today was a major step in the legal effort to clear my name," Craig said in a statement Wednesday. "The court has not issued a ruling on my motion to withdraw my guilty plea. For now, I will continue my work in the U.S. Senate for Idaho."

He later told reporters in the Capitol he had nothing to add.

Craig did not attend Wednesday's hearing in Minneapolis be-

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. fore Porter. His lawyer, Billy Martions. Martin said Craig denies Larry Craig said Wednesday he will tin of Washington, acknowledged intentionally touching or talking remain in office while a Minnesota the difficulty of getting the guilty plea withdrawn, saying it is "near

> Still, Martin's team pursued a properly. They said the plea petition had no signature or other indication a judge had accepted it.

Craig has said he panicked and foolishly pleaded guilty with-Craig, who originally had out consulting a lawyer, in part because an Idaho newspaper had

to the arresting officer. "You should have either touching, or words," Martin said.

Prosecutor Christopher Renz dual strategy, arguing that Craig's said the timing of Craig's deci-The Idaho Republican said he conduct was not criminal and that sion to withdraw his plea was

Craig "sat and was able to think about it a thousand miles away at his apartment on the Potomac," Renz said at the hearing. "He called me about it" and could have called others if he needed advice.

Hotel

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ventions, meetings and tourists pass

Miller said the project will cost \$66 million, with Plains Capital Bank providing \$35 million and the city providing \$11.4 million.

"All of (the city money) will be paid back with hotel/motel tax money from this facility as well as a percentage of the revenues, as well as what we call tax increment finance money." he said. "The increase of the value major private financiers of the project. of all of Overton north is generating new taxes that will be dedicated, for a period of time, to the infrastructure of this area as well as the construction of the conference facility."

project will come from private and division of Garfield Traub Develop-

"We're the developers," he said. "What we do is arrange all of the financing, we put the team together. Private financing we have arranged; the public financing we have to work with the city and show them how

The hotel is expected to generate \$12 million in the first year and provide over 300 jobs. It will stand 15 stories high and have 304 rooms.

Moffett said the vision for the project came from Delbert McDougal, a developer of Overton Park who

ceremony.

Moffett said the project had many obstacles, most of them financial.

"Originally, this started with a little concept," Moffett said. "It became clear to us that the city wanted more, our opthe bank and ask for more money."

Due to the rising cost of construction, he said the developing company once had to go back to the financiers and increase the budget. The CH Foundation and the Moody Foundation are two

Steve Lewis, senior vice president of Plains Capital Bank, said he become involved with the project when McDougal mentioned it to him.

"Delbert McDougal is a good cos-Funding for the remainder of the tumer of ours, and when he said the hotel's coming on, I said 'I need to meet said. "They've had to decline a lot of public foundations, said Stephen who's doing it," he said. "We benefit conferences, this is allowing them to Moffett, president of the hospitality from helping out the community; jobs have conferences and be right next to are created, we get more exposure out the property."

The hotel and conference center grounds lie in District 1, City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon's district. She said she believes this project will improve the area's economy and provide jobs for many, including Tech students.

The project was not met with much resistance, she said.

"Initially, people were concerned when the McDougal family went out and bought properties here and families were displaced," DeLeon said. "But they got paid market values for their home."

Ken Martin, principal in charge

was not present at the ground-breaking of the hospitality division of the DLR group, said plans for the Overton Hotel and Conference Center do not compare to any other hotel in Lubbock.

One thing Martin said he made sure us by because of a lack of facility smaller hotel and a little bit different to include was a ballroom capable of holding up to 900 people. The lobby will be two stories, the top overlooking the erators wanted a little bit nicer facility, so bottom. A full-service, up-scale restauit grew. We had to go back to the city and rant and bar will be incorporated, which Martin hopes Tech students utilize.

For a higher rate, customers will be able to stay on the top three floors, giving them access to a private lounge and separate service.

Martin said he is expecting more than just Tech parents to stay at the

"We've talked to a number of deans and they have a real problem booking all these conferences that they have because they are competing with space with the university for classes," he

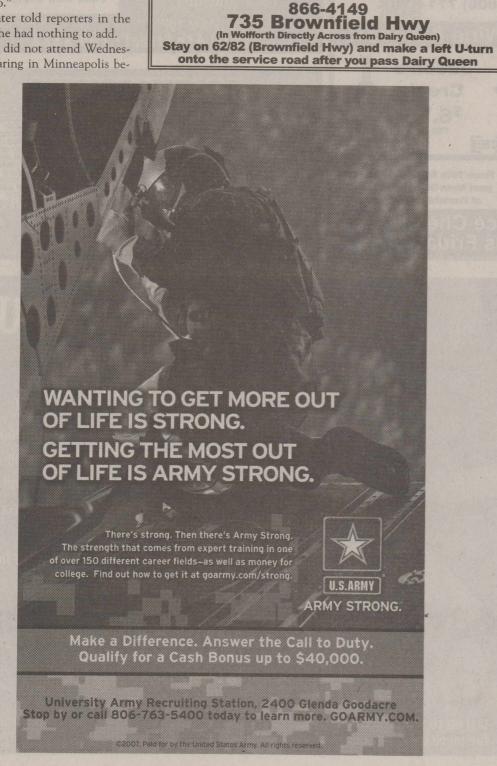
Moffett said he plans to work with Tech restaurant, hotel and institutional management students, though details are still being ironed out.

"We're programming 1,000 square feet, and they're going to help us design it. What we're doing is giving them the availability of space," he said. "They'll come over twice a day, Monday through Thursday, disperse through the hotel and do whatever they need to do."

The completion for the Overton Hotel and Conference Center is scheduled for spring 2009.

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O'Reilly fights back against charges that he's racially insensitive

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly said Wednesday his critics took remarks he made about a famed Harlem restaurant out controversy where none exists."

Media Matters for America as "smear merchants" for publicizing statements he made on his radio show last week.

that he dined with civil rights activ- black culture. ist Al Sharpton at Sylvia's recently in New York City.

restaurant, he said. "There wasn't any kind of craziness at all," he said.

O'Reilly told The Associatof context and "fabricated a racial ed Press that Media Matters had "cherry-picked" remarks out of a He criticized the liberal group broader conversation about racial attitudes. He had told listeners that his grandmother — and many other white Americans — feared blacks because they didn't know any and O'Reilly told his radio audience were swayed by violent images in

and "couldn't get over the fact that was a criticism of racism on the part. They want to shut up anybody who there was no difference" between of white Americans who are ignorant has an honest discussion about the black-run restaurant and others of the fact that there is no difference race." between white and black anymore,'

Americans. Anyone who would be offended by that conversation would have to be looking to be offended."

His radio show was a conversation with Fox News contributor Juan for blacks. Williams, author of a book about the coarseness of some black culture. Williams defended O'Reilly during a Tuesday appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor."

"It's so frustrating," Williams "If you listened to the full hour, it said. "They want to shut you up.

be different in their lives but we're all candidate Joe Biden last winter. 'M.F.-er, I want more iced tea." When Biden praised rival Barack Obama as "articulate" and "clean," many saw this as a way of conveying to criticize his group for merely rethese were unusual characteristics porting what he says.

Daily News that O'Reilly's remarks and we stand by that." were "insulting" and showed he has little knowledge of the black com-

At one point on the radio show, one complaint from a listener. Williams mentioned that too many people see little else in black culture sitive remark," he said. "Anybody beyond profane rap. "That's right," The controversy was similar to O'Reilly said. "There wasn't one per-the conversation on billoreilly.com. Research.

Karl Frisch, spokesman for Media Matters, said it is typical for O'Reilly

"We didn't call him a racist," Sylvia's manager Trenness Frisch said. "We said his comments ings. Woods-Black told the New York were ignorant and racially charged

> O'Reilly said the Williams conversation was carried on more than 400 radio stations and there wasn't

"This isn't about a racially insencan listen to the unedited version of

It was just like a suburban Italian he told the AP. "Circumstances may one that enveloped presidential son in Sylvia's who was screaming, You want to think I'm insensitive to race, you go right ahead."

The real story, he said, was about the "corrupt media culture" where outlets like CNN and MSNBC do stories about his remarks "because they're getting killed in the rat-

"The O'Reilly Factor" is seen by more people — 2.2 million average this year - than its direct competitors on MSNBC and CNN combined. MSNBC's "Countdown" with Keith Olbermann averages 721,000 viewers in the time slot while CNN's 8 p.m. show averages 611,000, according to Nielsen Media

Star

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"My entire freshman year, I was a stripper first and a student second," she said. "It was a horrible thing you don't affect other people."

- it's a hard lifestyle to live. For

people with no self control, (stripping) is not a good job.' a junior political science major, has known Hannah since high school. The two continued their friendship after they each enrolled at Tech. He said unusual careers or lifestyles

often can bring criticism and cruel

generalizations.

"It's something they don't know what I do." about - you don't know how it is to be in someone else's shoes," he said. "You can't say someone should be some way, or live up to your expectations because it's not your life. The same factors that affect

Hannah said she has heard numerous insults, generalizations and assumptions about herself because care of herself, and making the A close friend of Hannah, who is of her job, but uses the same reply decisions she needed to do was when confronted by doubters.

"There so much about strippers that people don't know, lumping and the numerous jobs they have, everybody into one category is not fair; it's inaccurate and ignorant," she said. "It's just a supplement to jobs. my lifestyle. It's not who I am, it's

Instead of being shocked or disappointed, her friend said he was intrigued and pleased to know his friend was making her way through life supporting herself.

"It was definitely interesting - her being able to do things on her own and be independent," he said. "Coming up here, taking awesome."

When talking about students Hannah said what she does is not unlike other common student

"It's very similar to waitressing or bartending," she said. "You're not trying to sell a drink, you're trying to sell yourself. That's where personality comes in. You can be hot as hell, and if you have no personality, you're not going to make money.

Kelly Blumhagen, manager at The Lodge and Hannah's employer, said he respects her ability to work The Lodge are able to have a flexible work schedule.

have no set schedule, they work when they want to work - they're contract laborers. It allows time for school and other activities."

Hannah said her work another personality to cater to the cliché as it is, that's so true. fantasy of the club — making the >> elliott.cochran@ttu.edu



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experience for the customers surreal, but concocted for her.

"It's like schizophrenia in a way," and go to school, and dancers at she said. "You're not getting paid for being the intelligent college student who has a life, you're getting paid "I admire that she works and for being the hot girl, half-dressed, goes to school," he said. "Dancers sitting next to me rubbing on the inside of my leg."

She said as old as the adage is, it holds true to her profession and lifestyle: "The biggest thing is, you can't judge a book by its cover. As

Sirius-ly: Satellite radio renews contract with legendary radio host

NEW YORK (AP) - Sirius Bruce Morrow, known on-air as New York. "Cousin Brucie," to an exclusive multivear deal.

The move came as something of a surprise, given wide speculation that Morrow would return to his traditional radio roots in New York once his contract with Sirius expired.

The loquacious Morrow, who calls himself Cousin Brucie and regularly refers to his listeners as "cousins," will continue hosting two shows playing music from the 1950s and 1960s for Sirius, "Cousin "Rockin' with the Cuz."

Morrow worked for oldies station WCBS-FM in New York from 1982 to 2005. In June 2005, WCBS changed the station format to adult hits. Morrow joined Sirius within weeks of the switch to continue

When WCBS switched its format back to oldies this year, many channel. thought Morrow's return to the station was inevitable, but Morrow said music and a commitment to me."

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Morrow has been a radio host Satellite Radio said Wednesday it since the 1950s, working at stations re-signed legendary classic rock DJ like WCBS, WINS and WABC in

> His career has taken him from introducing the Beatles with Ed Sullivan at one of their first U.S. concerts in New York to working as a music consultant and appearing in the movie "Dirty Dancing."

With the dwindling number of oldies-dedicated stations, much of Morrow's work these days is aimed at keeping the music he helped bring to American homes in the '50s and '60s on the air and opening it up to new

The music of the youth in the '50s Brucie's Saturday Night Party" and and '60s is now the music of parents and grandparents, Morrow said, "and they still want to hear their music."

Morrow's role at Sirius will expand as part of the new deal as well. He will host special live broadcasts from events in New York and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and also highlight local New York events and facts on Sirius's New York traffic

The financial terms and length of the deal were not disclosed. Morrow in an interview his reason for joining acknowledged he was approached and staying with Sirius was simple: about a return to WCBS before sign-"Commitment to a generation of ing the deal, but said ultimately he was content at Sirius.

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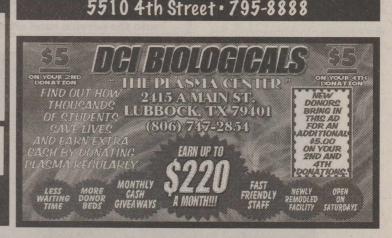
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Texas Tech cross country teams travel north for meet loading up on INTs

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech cross country teams travel to Bethlehem, Penn., Invitational Meet 1 p.m. Friday.

Coach Jon Murray said racing we can make it." outside the Mountain Region can earn team points toward qualification best competition of the year. to the national meet.

younger runners see a different type to give us a gauge of maybe how we of physicality.

"To be around traffic, to be around

Logan Culotta, Gilbert Limo, Sang said. Cory Higgins, Silas Kemboi, John team. Sang and Kemboi finished first are going to be 50th to 60th." and third, respectively at the Red Raider Jack Rabbit Open Sept. 14.

"On the national scene, they're pretty inexperienced," Murray said. as they can."

The men's team looks to win in its field includes No. 26 Syracuse and No. because of a groin injury. 27 Princeton.

region race, the Chile Pepper Invita- Princeton and No. 28 Tennessee. tional in Fayetteville, Ark., helped the women's team gain crucial points.

"From the position that the girls quick, and everyone will scored from there gave them that know about us," Murray boost to nationals," he said. "We can said. use this meet. Whatever position we get over there is really boosting us. If of the large number of today to participate in the Paul Short everyone really works to make sure teams running in the Paul that they're positioning top 50, I think Short Invitational, the

Sang said this meet presents the to gain better positions

"This meet there are more (Diviraces. He said this meet can help the sion I) schools," he said. "This is going will do in the conference."

After Tech's top three runners, people, that helps you when you're Kemboi, Sang and Limo, the rest sure if that will play a role preparing for a national meet," he normally finish a race on each others now that we are running heels, which could be a good thing, against a lot of people.

"The young runners, they run aland that time frame is Means, Zach Quinones, Edwin Sang most the same," he said. "So one is go-huge. and Pedro Vargas will represent the ing to be, let's say, 50th and the others

will run Chepleting Boit, Michelle of her career. Guzman and Katherine Priebe with accomplished runners Asia Diaz, some good competition "This is a good learning opportunity Michelle Edman, All-American there," he said. "Obvifor them to get in there and just try to Irene Kimaiyo, Gladys Kipsang and ously Wisconsin has some keep their composure and run as fast defending national champion Sally good girls. Tennessee's

The women's team placed first in girl; if she takes care of third meet in a row but will face 42 the Red Raider Jack Rabbit Open her business she should teams in the 8-kilometer race. The without Kipsang, who was held out be OK."

Tech women will face 46 schools scheduled to start at 1

"If we go up there and beat Wis- at 1:40 p.m. consin we'll move up the ranking real >> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

Kimaiyo said because women's team will need than it has in previous

"The gap between the first one and the fifth runner was really big (last meet)," she said. "I'm not Every position counts,

Murray said there is a slim chance Kipyego The No. 23 ranked women's team could lose the first race

> "There's going to be top girl is a very quality

The men's meet is

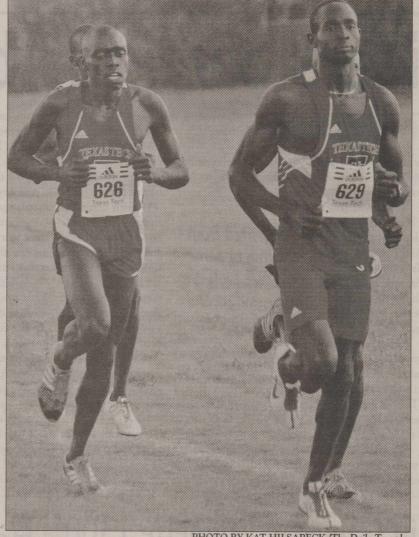


PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK / The Daily Toreadon Kemboi said last season's out-of- including No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 13 p.m., and the women's MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech cross country team, Gilbert Limo and Edwin

meet is scheduled to start Sang, run around the West Rec fields Friday evening during the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open.

loading up on INTs

IRVING (AP) — Anthony Henry gave up so many big plays last season that the Dallas Cowboys considered moving him from cornerback to

Coaches didn't make the change. then might've questioned that decision just three plays into this season.

Already nervous about the absence of injured top cornerback Terence Newman, the Cowboys could only cringe when New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress beat Henry for a 60-yard touchdown with the season less than 2 minutes old. A few more shrieks followed that night, plus a groan when Henry swatted a dead ball, drawing a 5-yard penalty for delay of game.

It's hard to believe that's the same Anthony Henry who has been playing cornerback for the Cowboys the last two weeks.

Henry bounced back from his ugly opener by intercepting two passes and snagging an onside kick to help prevent any chance of a Miami comeback the next week. He then picked off two more passes against Chicago, returning one 23 yards for a touchdown.

Just like that, Henry is the NFL leader in interceptions - only one other player even has three - and he's already matched his best season total since snagging a league-best 10 as a rookie for Cleveland in 2001.

Henry also leads the team with eight passes deflected, after not posting any in the opener.

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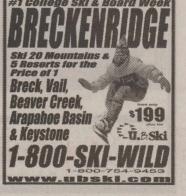
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Red Raiders outpaced by No. 7 Longhorns

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

12 Conference loss of the season to the Longhorns 3-1

The loss puts the Red Raiders at .500 for the season (7-7, 1-4 in Big 17 assists to start 12 play).

"They did a great job blocking," Tech coach Nancy Todd said about Texas middle blocker the Texas defense. "They play out-ofsystem balls really well; the blocking the winning kill to was great. They have the girls that hit seal a 30-17 win in up pretty high. (Destinee) Hooker's up there, she's pretty high, big high jumper. That's hard to defend, but it's good team," Tech great for us to play teams like that."

In the first game of the match, the cia Ostmeyer. said. Longhorns (7-3, 3-1) held the Red "They're a pretty big Raiders to a -.040 hitting percent- team. Defensively, I thought they did damentals and potency. age putting Tech behind early in the a really great job of blocking.' game. Both teams had many digs, as Defensively, the Red Raiders were forcing Texas to take a time out. The We picked it up on the passing and

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Texas Tech received its fourth Big unable to match the Longhorns in relinquished the lead. blocks as Texas finished the first game

We fired from

the loss in game

one. We picked it

up...and we did

pretty good.

Texas recorded the match to the Red Raiders' seven. Brandy Magee had

"They're a pretty middle blocker Ali-

Texas had eight and Tech had seven. two by getting off to a 12-8 lead, fired up from the loss in game one.

comeback, making the game as close we did pretty good. as 28-26 late in the game. Tech never

.119 with contributions from outside hitter Michelle Flores and Ostmeyer. Flores finished game with six kills while Ostmeyer finished with a 30-26 win in game

- ALICIA OSTMEYER TEXAS TECH MIDDLE BLOCKER

second game was an improvement of fun-

"We just came out with a lot of The Red Raiders started game intensity," Ostmeyer said. "We were

Longhorns made strides to make a got the ball to the great hitters, and

With leads switching back and forth, the Longhorns held on to a 30-The Red Raiders improved their 20 game three win, putting them in hitting percentage to a position to win their 13th straight match against the Red Raiders. The Longhorns continued their success in game four as they posted a 10-4 lead, putting the Red Raiders in a hole early in the game.

> As Tech never gave up the lead in game two, Texas returned the favor five, helping Tech to winning the final game 30-17.

> The Red Raiders will try to improve in conference play against Ostmeyer said Iowa State at 1 p.m. Saturday in the the difference in the United Spirit Arena.

> > "We just gotta play aggressive," Flores said. "Forget this game and keep our eyes on Iowa State and try to do our best. It's just play hard and just forget about this game, forget about it.'

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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR middle blocker Brandi Hood scores a point on a kill for the Red Raiders during 3-1 loss to the Texas Longhorns Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

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ake your seats, everyone. Class is now in session. After taking in the UTEP game at Jones AT&T Stadium from the sidelines, it occurred to me that this student body could really use a lesson in taunting the opponent and creating a true home field advantage for the Red Raiders

First, we have to begin with an example of what not to do. Landon The "Raider Power" chant is as effective Goodwell is a defensive lineman for UTEP. I have no doubt he was deeply intimidated — please note the sarcasm — by one student who yelled out a the top of your lungs while the opposing graduate-level insult from the first row quarterback is trying to change the play of the student section. You know exactly at the line of scrimmage, you will do

not that good"

Although I enjoy a good play on who take the field.

First of all, under no circumstances mous taunting fan quoted above. You stadium and cost your team money? might get a laugh out of one or two even picks out your words above the labeled "Bench Replacement Fee."



highly unlikely.

This is no substitute for solid noise. and intimidating as any I have heard, not to mention easy to remember. Between that and simply screaming at your job as a fan. Fifty thousand voices players are not drafted, but we will cross "Hey Goodwell," he said. "You're yelling in unison beats one fan being that bridge another day. Until someone clever every time.

words as much as any writer, I have to not understand about Tech fans, even remain a black mark on the university's admit that better trash talk is done on after 20 years of coming to games in and the fields of third-grade Pee-Wee foot- out of the student section. In particular, ball. With that in mind, we begin with the ripping up of benches in the student enough for this first day of class, so here the basic rules of making the Jones an section makes no sense and, in my is a recap of our lesson. Stay loud, stay intimidating place for opposing players opinion, is the most idiotic thing I can unified, keep it simple and try to keep possibly think of short of cheering for the Jones in one piece. Your first test will should you try to be cute with your jabs boring that you have nothing better to western (La.) State. No Blue Book or at the opposing team like our anony- do than cause destruction to your own Scantron is required. Just wear some-

I would love to see Tech's tuition rate other students standing next to you, rise again next semester with a fee on **Quisenberry is a junior broad**noise and hears your display of wit is Better yet, the stadium maintenance

crews need to go into the stadium before the next home game and remove all the benches from the student section, leaving the concrete foundation alone for our student body. After all, true fans — and this is something I commend my fellow students for — stand up during every play of the game, so the benches are not necessary.

Maybe I am missing something. Maybe there is some deep emotional reason, some great tradition and symbolism to pulling out the benches from the stands. If there is, please let me know immediately so I can cross it off the list of the great mysteries in my life — another one being why more Tech can give me a concise and sound reason There are a few things that I still do for destroying our own stadium, it will permanent record in my book.

I think we have covered more than thing red and get ready to be loud.

but the chances that your taunt's target the account summary of every student cast journalism major from Quanah. E-mail him at eric.quisen-

Falcons QB Michael Vick tests positive for marijuana

restrictions on Michael Vick on College of William and Mary. Wednesday after the Atlanta Falcons quarterback tested positive for marijuana.

Because of the result, U.S. release," Malone said. District Judge Henry Hudson placed special conditions on to do." Vick's release, including restricting him to his home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring and ordering him to submit to random drug testing.

The urine sample was submitted Sept. 13, according to a document by a federal probation officer that was filed in U.S. District Court on Wednesday.

Vick, who has admitted bank-County in his written federal plea, is scheduled for sentencing substances. Dec. 10. He faces up to five years in prison.

Because Vick violated the conditions of his release, Hudson could take that into consideration during sentencing, said Linda Malone, a criminal pro-

"Every judge considers pretty now. seriously if they feel that the defendant has flaunted the conditions for

ing or killing or causing dogs to particulate." fight other dogs and engaging in vears in prison.

The 27-year-old former Virginia rolling a dogfighting operation restrictions included refraining property and seized dozens of dogs, on property he owns in Surry from use or unlawful possession of most of them pit bulls, and equipnarcotic drugs or other controlled

> The random drug testing ordered Wednesday could include investigation seemed to be dragurine testing, the wearing of a sweat ging and a local search warrant was patch, a remote alcohol testing system or any form of prohibited arrived with their own warrants substance screening or testing.

> Hudson's order also requires Vick to participate in inpatient or outpatient substance therapy and mental health counseling, if the things. His three co-defendants pretrial services officer or super- also have pleaded guilty. One of vising officer deem it appropriate. them, Quanis Phillips, failed a Vick must pay for the treatment.

Vick's attorney, Billy Martin, after his plea. also represents Idaho Sen. Larry airport sex sting.

Craig on Wednesday, Martin was because they had prior criminal asked to comment on Vick. He records.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A cedure expert and Marshall-Wythe declined, saying only, "I'm sure that federal judge placed tighter Foundation professor of law at the in the future we'll have something to say regarding Mr. Vick, but not

> In January, Vick was cleared by police of any wrongdoing after his water bottle was seized by security "It's certainly not a smart thing at Miami International Airport. Police said it smelled of marijuana On Tuesday, Vick also was and had a hidden compartment that indicted on state charges of beat- contained a "small amount of dark

> Lab tests found no evidence of or promoting dogfighting. Each drugs, and Vick explained that he felony is punishable by up to five used the secret compartment to carry jewelry.

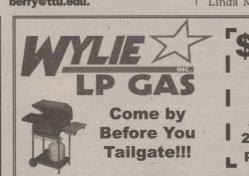
> The federal dogfighting case Tech star was placed under pretrial began in late April when authorirelease supervision by U.S. Magis- ties conducting a drug investigatrate Dennis Dohnal in July. The tion of Vick's cousin raided the dogfighting.

Six weeks later, when the local allowed to expire, federal agents and started digging up dog carcasses buried days before the first raid.

Vick has admitted helping kill six to eight dogs, among other drug test and was ordered jailed

Phillips and co-defendants Tony Craig, who pleaded guilty in an Taylor and Purnell Peace were placed on electronic monitoring During a press conference about at the time of their arraignments





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