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Ex-monk sentenced to 80 years in sex case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A monk convicted of sexually assaulting novice monks at a monastery outside of Blanco was sentenced to 80 years in prison.

William Hughes, 57, got the maximum sentence after a Blanco County jury convicted him Wednesday on four counts of sexual assault of a child.

Two former novice monks accused Hughes and other senior monks of abusing them when they were teenagers living at the Christ of the Hills Monastery in the 1990s. Three other monks await trial.

NATION

Microsoft invests \$240 million in Facebook

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It's hard to determine what's more surprising about Microsoft Corp.'s investment in Facebook Inc. — the appraisal that valued a 31/2-year-old Internet hangout at \$15 billion or the rare snub of online search leader Google Inc.

The \$240 million price Microsoft paid for a 1.6 percent stake in Facebook demonstrates just how badly the world's largest software maker wanted to deepen its relationship with a startup that doesn't even have \$200 million in annual revenue.

WORLD

Putin warns against new sanctions for Iran

LISBON, Portugal (AP) - Russia's President Vladimir Putin on Thursday warned strongly against new international sanctions on Iran, saying they would lead to a dead end.

Putin, in Portugal for a summit with leaders of the European Union, said the standoff over Iran's nuclear program should be resolved through talks, pointing at North Korea as an example.

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Calmer winds aid firefighters in Calif.

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

found two burned bodies in a officials said. gutted house, authorities said Thursday, and flames drew perildespite a break in the harsh winds missing sometime after that. and a massive aerial assault.

Medical examiners were trying

San Diego, said Sheriff's Depart- evacuees. ment spokeswoman Jan Caldwell. SAN DIEGO (AP) - Crews They were believed to be related, as authorities return to neighbor-

Neighbors told officials they last saw the pair around midnight Monday ously close to thousands of homes when they told the two to evacuate, in Southern California's firestorm Caldwell said. They were reported

Flames also claimed the life of a 52-year-old man in Tecate. The San one Orange County blaze. to establish the identities of the Diego medical examiner's office listed

were found near Poway, north of the blazes because all who died were and shelters were emptying. Qual-

hoods where homes burned.

The grim announcement came as the firefighters, aided by the calming Santa Ana winds and dropping temperatures, looked to gain control fighters had lost ground overnight on

Some evacuees were being al-

The number of victims could rise sheltered more than 10,000 people at the height of the evacuations, had just 2,500 people left Thursday morning.

that have whipped the blazes into a destructive, indiscriminate fury since of some of the most severe fires. Fire- the weekend were expected to all but disappear. "That will certainly aid in firefighting efforts," National Weather Service meteorologist Jamie

But electricity was a concern. A comm Stadium in San Diego, which wildfire cut a main power link with Arizona, while another blaze near Camp Pendleton was threatening the main north-south power corridor that connects San Diego with the The hot, dry Santa Ana winds rest of California. Additional power was being shipped from Mexico, said Sempra Utilities Chief Operating Officer Michael Niggli.

> Even with the slackening winds, the San Diego County remains a

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man and woman whose bodies seven other deaths as connected to lowed back into their neighborhoods, Meier said.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador THEFTS ON THE Texas Tech campus have increased during the last three months, resulting in numerous vehicular burglaries.

Texas Tech police see wave of vehicle burglaries on campus

By ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

Lubbock's burglary rate was twice the national average in 2006, a nearly 15 percent increase from 2005, and the Texas Tech Police Department is warning that on-campus vehicle burglaries also are on the rise.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said he believes the • the 26 vehicle burglaries reported on the Tech campus between Aug. 18 and Oct. 25 is an increased figure but did not have records accessible before this time period.

"Usually we have these in spells," he said. "We have a rash of them, Somebody will get arrested, and they'll be out." out of commission for a while and then it will reappear."

Unlike vehicle past where winbroken out, Hoffof the recent veon cam-

burglaries in the dows man said many hicle burglaries them to find out.' pus have involved

and then we have a dead spell for a while. locking mechanisms being "punched "Usually they just smash and grab, but

this may be more professional perhaps, but I don't know," Hoffman said. "It could possibly be more than one person, but that's hard to say. We just have to catch

Though vehicle burglaries have increased on the Tech campus, Sgt. Clay Winters with the Lubbock Police Department said they are not a trend that contributed to the city's increase in burglaries in 2006.

"I know they've had more than we

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Gates doubts level of commitment from Europe in Afghanistan

By ROBERT BURNS ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Thursday questioned the commitment of some NATO allies to winning in Afghanistan, saying the outcome there is at "real risk" because some European nations are unwilling to provide enough troops and resources to the mission.

"In Afghanistan a handful of allies are paying the price and bearing the burdens," he told a conference of army leaders from 38 European nations organized by the chief of U.S. Army Europe.

"The failure to meet commitments puts the Afghan mission — and with it, the credibility of NATO — at real risk," he added in remarks that were notably critical of European governments that have been close security, political and economic partners of the United States for more than five decades.

He also said restrictions that some allies put on how and where their troops can operate in Afghanistan have unfairly burdened other coalition partners and "done real harm" to the overall war effort.

The United States has 26,000 troops in Afghanistan and the non-U.S. total is 23,000. For the past year, NATO has had overall command of the forces, other than 13,000 U.S. troops doing counterterrorism missions. In that period, violence led by the Taliban has

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Democrats accuse Rice of concealing information on Iraq

By ANNE FLAHERTY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats on Thursday accused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice of grossly mismanaging diplomatic efforts in Iraq and concealing information from Congress, putting a visibly frustrated Rice on the defensive.

At a hearing by a congressional watchdog committee, Democratic lawmakers said the State Department under Rice had been too lax with armed security contractors, ignored corruption at the highest levels of the Iraqi government and was sloppy in overseeing construction of the costly new U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

"I think there was a huge gap between what she said and reality," said Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Waxman, D-Calif., and other Democrats said they would not call on Rice to resign, noting that their frustration is with the Bush administration's policies rather than Rice

"If you just change the deck chairs, it's not going to change the policy," said Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., a committee member.

The hearing gave Democrats the venue to hammer the administration on the war. Thus far, they have been unable to pass veto-proof legislation ordering troops home from Iraq.

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Study says higher education may delay onset of dementia

STAFF WRITER

dementia associated with old age, but it also may increase the speed of memory decline once it begins.

According to a new study pubjournal Neurology, people with the onset of memory loss later in life than people with less education. more educated individuals.

stract, at www.neurology.org, the the time these people were born, completion of post-graduate study research team — headed by Charles the average life expectancy was 45 Hall, an associate professor at the (years old), so the participants had of their cognitive skills at the start cation correlated with a 4 percent Albert Einstein College of Medialready outlived the life expectancy of the study and then again each of cine of Yeshiva University — fol- by 30 years." lowed 488 people in the Bronx

during the study.

Higher education may delay between 1894 and 1908," Hall said. a 50 percent faster rate of decline tive abilities is a cause or effect of and then we followed them for up of education. to 20 years.'

Hall said some of the study's critlished in Tuesday's issue of the ics suggested the study was flawed small number of cohorts," Hall said. because it tracked people with more formal education experience dementia, who already may have education they'd had. We did not been in poor health.

However, after memory loss starts, "(The participants) had to undergo years." the decline occurs more rapidly for a rigorous physical exam prior to According to the report's ab- these were all healthy people. At

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those who developed dementia tion — the equivalent of a four-year Reminding Test. college degree as well as 12 years

"I was surprised that we were able to observe this with a relatively "We just asked them how much take into account the quality of "That was not the case," he said. the education, just the number of

the beginning of the survey, so tions ranged from fewer than three years of elementary school to — underwent a detailed assessment the following years. The patients

"We started with people born of basic education — experienced on is whether this reserve of cogni-"They were 74 to 85 upon entry, than someone with only four years the education," Hall said. "We've efits probably do not work on the students would escape this trend. activities late in life and dementia. We don't know if the delayed onset of symptoms is caused by these cognitive activities or if people with delayed symptoms are just drawn to these activities."

> According to the abstract, each year of formal education delayed The patients — whose educa- the time of memory decline on the faced. Buschke Test by 2.5 months. After the change point — the time when memory decline begins to accelerate - each year of additional edufaster decline rate.

"One thing we are still unclear more to hiding symptoms than the effects we see." delaying them.

seen associations between cognitive direct neurobiology of the disease," Schiffer said, "but more by strengthening the person's capacity to withstand the disease, to cope with it, to function well in spite of it."

> an education today because of dif- are comparable.' ferent factors the older generation

"We don't know whether their rioration are the best way to go. types of educational experiences 1960s or to education now," Hall Dr. Randolph Schiffer, chair able to prove it for your generation degree program and contemplate According to the findings, a per- were evaluated with a memory of Neuropsychiatry at the Texas until you're the age of the partici- another one besides."

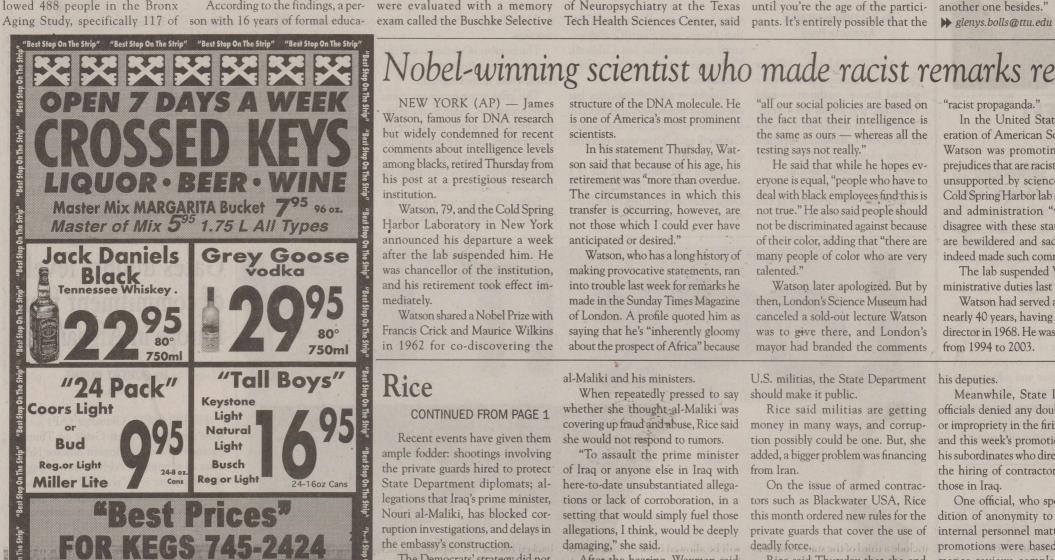
education's effects may be related general rise of health may mediate

That said, Hall said he had no "Education and its related ben- reason to believe today's college

"In principle, there's no reason we would not see these findings in people my age or your age," he said, "but again, we can't be sure (the trend will continue) — this is basi-Hall said the findings will not cally my grandparents' generation. necessarily apply to people earning I don't know if our life experiences

> Schiffer said he believes the delay of symptoms and quick dete-

"Isn't that what we want?" he are similar to my education in the asked. "To delay the symptoms of (the) disease until a final, brief pesaid. "We don't know if it's absoriod of deterioration? So everybody lutely comparable, and we won't be at Tech should finish his or her



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Nobel-winning scientist who made racist remarks retires

NEW YORK (AP) — James Watson, famous for DNA research but widely condemned for recent comments about intelligence levels among blacks, retired Thursday from his post at a prestigious research

Watson, 79, and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York announced his departure a week after the lab suspended him. He was chancellor of the institution, and his retirement took effect immediately.

Watson shared a Nobel Prize with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins in 1962 for co-discovering the structure of the DNA molecule. He is one of America's most prominent scientists.

In his statement Thursday, Watson said that because of his age, his retirement was "more than overdue. The circumstances in which this transfer is occurring, however, are not those which I could ever have anticipated or desired."

Watson, who has a long history of making provocative statements, ran into trouble last week for remarks he made in the Sunday Times Magazine of London. A profile quoted him as saying that he's "inherently gloomy about the prospect of Africa" because

"all our social policies are based on the fact that their intelligence is the same as ours — whereas all the testing says not really.'

He said that while he hopes everyone is equal, "people who have to deal with black employees find this is not true." He also said people should not be discriminated against because of their color, adding that "there are many people of color who are very

Watson later apologized. But by then, London's Science Museum had canceled a sold-out lecture Watson was to give there, and London's mayor had branded the comments

"racist propaganda."

In the United States, the Federation of American Scientists said Watson was promoting "personal prejudices that are racist, vicious and unsupported by science." And the Cold Spring Harbor lab said its board and administration "vehemently disagree with these statements and are bewildered and saddened if he indeed made such comments."

The lab suspended Watson's administrative duties last Thursday.

Watson had served at the lab for nearly 40 years, having been named director in 1968. He was its president from 1994 to 2003.

Rice

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Recent events have given them ample fodder: shootings involving the private guards hired to protect State Department diplomats; allegations that Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, has blocked corruption investigations, and delays in the embassy's construction.

The Democrats' strategy did not go unnoticed by Republicans.

Democrats seemed to be trying "to drill enough small holes in the bottom of the boat to sink the entire Iraqi enterprise, while still claiming of Virginia, the committee's top efforts are dysfunctional.

Welch on whether al-Maliki was tion investigations in Iraq. corrupt. Since April, the prime minister has required that Cabinetreceive his approval. Such a policy, tantamount to blanket immunity for

al-Maliki and his ministers.

When repeatedly pressed to say whether she thought-al-Maliki was covering up fraud and abuse, Rice said she would not respond to rumors.

of Iraq or anyone else in Iraq with from Iran. here-to-date unsubstantiated allegations or lack of corroboration, in a allegations, I think, would be deeply damaging," she said.

After the hearing, Waxman said undying support for the crew about al-Maliki's corruption policy and that legally. to drown," said Rep. Tom Davis department insiders tell lawmakers its

including a tense exchange with the public disclosure of U.S. corrup- contractors.

U.S. militias, the State Department his deputies. should make it public.

On the issue of armed contrac- those in Iraq. tors such as Blackwater USA, Rice private guards that cover the use of deadly force.

Rice said Thursday that she and there was a gap between "her very Defense Secretary Robert Gates earlier and took into account their smooth presentation" and the facts. might make further recommenda-Rice said the State Department was tions. She said legislation is needed invested in stopping corruption, but to ensure contractors involved in scandal did not satisfy many Demo-Waxman said she was unfamiliar with overseas killings can be prosecuted crats during the hearing, including

A day earlier, Rice ousted the shire. State Department's security chief, The hearing comes after several Richard Griffin, after a review panel dreds of millions of dollars, "didn't The usually unflappable Rice weeks of wrangling between Waxman she convened found serious defi- you or your subordinates ever stop became frustrated at several points, and the department, particularly on ciencies in his office's oversight of to ask whether or not the legal

The department says such infor-state for the Bureau of Diplomatic tions?" he asked. mation should be classified because it Security, resigned under pressure, level corruption investigations first could expose sources and hurt U.S.- becoming the first political casualty armed contractors operating in com-Iraqi relations. Democrats counter of the fallout from the Blackwater bat zones under military control and Welch and other Democrats say, is that if Iraqi officials are stealing from incident. He will be replaced on make them subject to U.S. criminal their government and funding anti- Nov. 1 on an acting basis by one of jurisdiction.

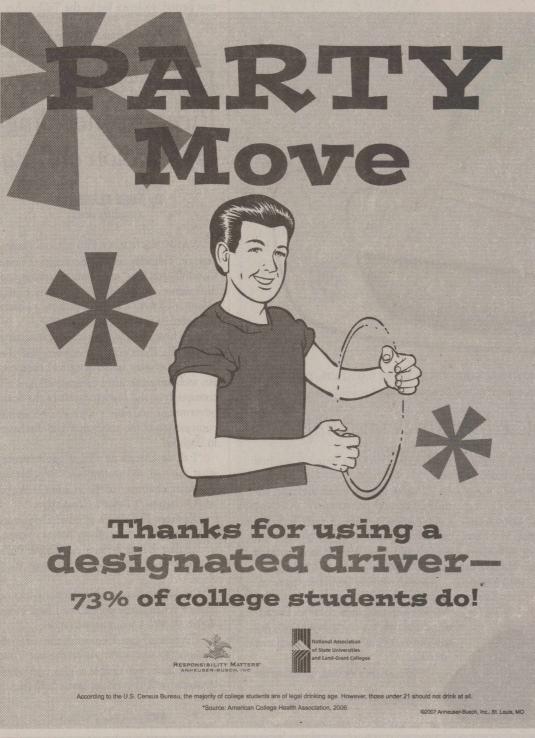
Meanwhile, State Department Rice said militias are getting officials denied any double standard money in many ways, and corrup- or impropriety in the firing of Griffin tion possibly could be one. But, she and this week's promotion of two of "To assault the prime minister added, a bigger problem was financing his subordinates who directly oversaw the hiring of contractors, including

One official, who spoke on consetting that would simply fuel those this month ordered new rules for the dition of anonymity to describe an internal personnel matter, said the promotions were based on performance reviews completed months work over the past seven years.

Rice's answers on the Blackwater Rep. Paul Hodes of New Hamp-

Before giving Blackwater hunframework was a place to hold these Griffin, the assistant secretary of contractors accountable for its ac-

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Fox News network vice president visits Texas Tech

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

A vice president for Fox News seemingly skeptical Texas Tech journalism audience Thursday evening.

the Mass Communications building.

Robert Wernsman, a journalism instructor, said Wilson contacted documentary "Outfoxed."

According to the Web site them an opportunity to respond." outfoxed.org, the documentary "examines how media empires, led by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, have been running a 'race to the bottom' in television news." The film explores message across.

"A student in my principles of journalism class contacted her father after we viewed the documentary," Wernsman said. "Her father happened to know Brian Wilson, and within 36 hours, Brian Wilson contacted me and said he would like to pay a visit and talk to my class."

Wernsman said he accepted Wil-

son's self-invitation in the spirit of Fox hosts like Bill O'Reilly. being fair and balanced.

Brian Wilson spoke at the Society say, 'Hey, we're making this documen-characterizes Fox News.' of Professional Journalists meeting in tary about you, and we'd like to hear what your side of the story is," he said. "I don't know what you're definition of journalism is, but that doesn't match him after he showed his class the my definition at all; I think you owe

> many people who claim to be Fox reporters who were told to slant their story to meet the channel's agenda.

the different ways in which news were said to be Fox reporters — sort at the world a little differently and can be manipulated to get a certain of," he said. "Most of them were af- says, 'There may some other viewwho actually worked for the Fox News it's always going to be controversial." Channel. I worked for an affiliate for work and its affiliates) are completely contacted him. different organizations, and there is no interaction between them."

> Fox often receives criticism for being number of the vice president of news touch with college students." biased is because of the opinions of in Washington, D.C., and don't you mag8240@hotmail.com

"Bill O' Reilly is not a journalist; At the meeting, Wilson addressed it is an opinion-based program," he journalism and photo-communication "Outfoxed" issues and said he did said. "I think we get unfairly smeared major from Houston, said he came Channel braved questions from a not believe it was an example of because of Bill O'Reilly, and it has into the meeting with pre-conceived "They never, ever came to us to half of what he says, but that is what

> believes people criticize Fox News is because it is different from other opinions in there." network news channels.

it to the subject of your story to give absolutely willing to walk away and news. say, 'Let's not go over and that story; In the documentary, there are here's an interesting story," Wilson said. "When you have news organizations that have done things the same way for many, many, many years and "Some people in that documentary somebody else comes along and looks filiates; I think there was one reporter points here, why don't we do this,'

Wilson said Rupert Murdoch, 12 years, and I can assure you (the net-the owner of Fox News, has never

"If Rupert Murdoch is the one pulling all the strings," he said, "don't Wilson said he believes the reason you think he would have the phone

think I would get daily phone calls?" Humberto Martinez, a senior a huge following. I don't agree with notions about Fox News and 24-hour news in general.

"There is a very blurring line Another reason Wilson said he between opinion and news," he said. "These anchors are throwing their

Martinez said Wilson did not "We don't follow the pack; we are change his opinion on 24-hour

"I think he's completely sincere," he said, "but I think he's playing the role of a business leader. He's wording certain things the right way and avoiding others, as he should as a business leader."

While Wernsman said he believes it is possible Wilson's visit could be a propaganda technique by Fox, he does not believe that was the case.

"He has family in this area, he grew up in West Texas and he's getting to see his mom," he said of Wilson. "I don't think that he's on a campaign; it sounds like he tries to do something like this on an annual basis to be in



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

FOX NEWS VICE President and bureau chief for Washington, Brian Wilson, responds to student questions Thursday in Mass Comm Room

Gates

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increased, although Gates said blunting a spring offensive by sion was a central topic. the Taliban, especially in the south.

ing a two-day meeting of NATO counterparts from other Euro- part of the proceedings. defense ministers in Noordwijk, pean nations. It was the first

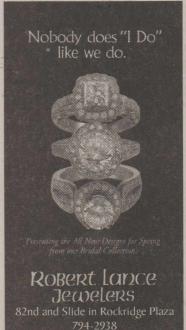
included army chiefs from most gatherings began in 1991 that are great.

Gates spoke hours after leav- NATO countries, plus their reporters were allowed to cover

Gates said before the NATO the Netherlands, where U.S.- time an American secretary of session that he was not satisfied led efforts to provide sufficient defense had addressed the group, with the allies' efforts. In Hei-NATO should take credit for troops for the Afghanistan mis- known as the Conference of delberg he was more direct and European Armies. It also was specific, telling the army chiefs His audience in Heidelberg the first time since the annual that the stakes in Afghanistan

But his house, newly built on tional Forest. Agents from the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were sent to help investigate. Authorities said a 482,000 acres — about 753 square gray with ash. Viper was nowhere smaller, more recent fire in Riverside County also is linked to arson.

Police shot and killed a man who fled Tuesday night when officers approached to see if he might be trying to set a fire in San Bernardino. The As nature's blitzkrieg starts to man, whose name was not released, backed his car into a police cruiser, police said.



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tinderbox. Firefighters cut fire lines around the major blazes, but none of the four fires was more than 40 percent contained. More than 8,500 homes were still threatened.

Towns scattered throughout the county remained on the edge of disaster, including the apple-picking of homes burned in 2003 nontomord

of Lake Arrowhead, fire officials fires, but are certain to rise. said 16,000 homes were in the path of two wildfires that had destroyed fire lines came a day after residents more than 300 homes.

The fires remained out of control, but were being bombarded by aerial their streets, many lined with the woman Lesley Kirk said. tankers and helicopters that dumped wreckage of melted cars. more than 30 loads of water.

Schwarzenegger.

"It's a sad situation out there outside the White House before leaving for California. "I fully understand that the people have got a lot of anguish in their hearts. They just need to know a lot of folks care

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about them."

So far, at least 15 fires have destroyed about 1,500 homes in Southern California since late Saturday.

miles — stretches in a broad arc in sight. from Ventura County north of Los U.S.-Mexico border.

Losses total at least \$1 billion region around Julian, where dozens in San Diego County alone, and recede, many of the other refugees had led police on a chase then include a third of the state's avocado To the northeast, in the San crop. The losses are half as high as borhoods. More than 500,000 people Bernardino County mountain resort those in Southern California's 2003

The more hopeful news on the ation in California history.

President Bush, who has de- Garcia returned to his house in had burned nearly 23,000 acres and clared a major disaster in a seven- the San Bernardino Mountains on destroyed nine homes. It had been county region, took an aerial tour Wednesday, panicked that his street 50 percent contained Wednesday, of the burn areas with Gov. Arnold had been wiped out and his cats, Jeff but firefighters lost ground overnight and Viper, were lost.

in Southern California," Bush said Repair

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like those of his neighbors. Hiding underneath a porch and mewing The total burn area of more than loudly was Jeff, his long, black hair "I'm excited to see my cat and my

a cleared lot, was unscathed, un-

Angeles east to the San Bernardino house, but absolutely devastated for National Forest and south to the my neighbors," he said, preparing to

will be allowed back to their neighwere evacuated in San Diego County alone, part of the largest mass evacu-

"We are focusing more on recovin some hard-hit San Diego County ery and getting these people back up

In the middle of the arc of fire, Running Springs resident Ricky the Santiago Fire in Orange County as it moved into the Cleveland Na-

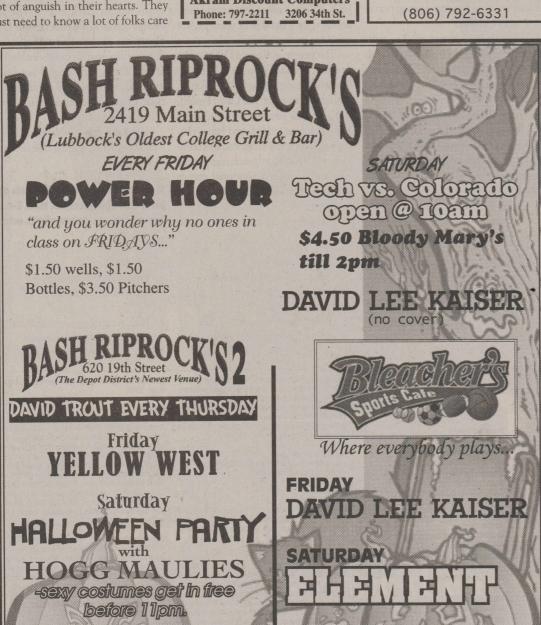
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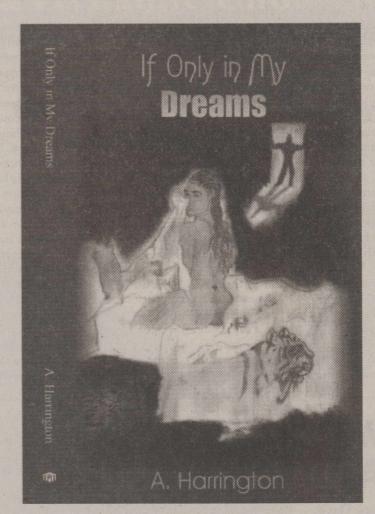
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2007 Constitutional **Amendment Election**

asked to vote on 16 new proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. The amendments being proposed meticulously were crafted by highly skilled lawyers to be worded in a way that confuses voters as to the real intent of the amendments. These lawyers do this in hopes that you will vote for something without seeing the negative impact it will have or just skip voting vehicles for business purposes tax family-violence cases. Bail is a at all. To help understand the true meaning of these amendments, I have put together a voters guide to let you know exactly what each amendment was designed to do.

still will be part of Tech.

Proposition 2: This amendment would provide for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans. While this sounds good being a college student, there are serious drawbacks. This amendment means that if any loan is defaulted, or if interest revenue brought in is not sufficient because of the use of bonds, the taxpayers will have to pay the bill. This amendment would cost the taxpayers too much and should be voted down.

Proposition 3: Currently when a house is reappraised for tax purposes, its proposed value can be increased up to 10 percent per year since the last time it was appraised. This means that if a house is reappraised after six years, the taxes will increase substantially because most appraisers use the maximum values regardless of real value. This proposition would limit the maximum increase in the house's appraised, ending corrupt govern-

Proposition 4: This amendment would allow the state to issue up to Again, this would issue bonds office. that will require payment of interest, bringing a higher burden to of only 10 states that does not proposition should not pass. taxpayers. This amendment does require a record to be kept of how not specify where the money will each legislator votes. This does provide issuance of \$250 million be going, and it will be used by not allow the residents to know in bonds to pay for increased walegislators for earmark spending how their representative votes ter consumption in the colonias to win local favor. It will likely be on issues and does not allow for along the Texas-Mexico border. spent on local museums and parks, accountability to the voters. This Again, the use of bonds will cost which should be funded by local amendment would make it manda- the taxpayers more money and residents, not with state money.

low for towns with populations in its final passage. This will let the increased water consumpsmaller than 10,000 people to vote voters know if their congressman tion by illegal immigrants movto freeze property taxes in their is doing what he says he is. downtown area without authorization from the state. This would issue up to \$5 billion of general Ridley is a graduate student help small towns revitalize their obligation bonds for highway im- from Ardmore, Okla. E-mail him downtown and main street areas provement. The highways are in at brian.ridley@ttu.edu.



without having to travel to Austin for authorization.

Proposition 6: This would provide those who use their personal ditions of release in felonies or exemptions on their vehicles.

would allow government to sell circumstances. This gives judges property that was taken by eminent domain back to the previous to deny bail. Proposition 1: This amendment owner at the price the governis amending the Constitution to ment paid to acquire it. While a judge must leave the bench list Angelo State as a component this proposition does not solve as soon as he hits the age of 75 of Texas Tech. Whether or not the many of the problems that current, years. This proposition would amendment passes, Angelo State eminent domain laws cause, it is a allow judges to complete the small step in the right direction for remainder of their terms before reform of this terrible process.

> Proposition 8: This will clarify the terminology used for certain ment would authorize the isprovisions relating to home equity loans but will not change what the to go toward cancer research. actual laws are.

Proposition 9: This proposi-

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appraisal value to 10 percent in homes of totally disabled veterans money cancer research already a tax year, regardless of how long from taxation. This will have little it had been since the house was economic effect on voters but will make a big difference to those who for 15 percent of the money to have given so much to our country go toward overhead costs like

\$1 billion in bonds payable from abolish the constitutional author- use "historically under utilized the general revenues of the state ity for the Office of Inspector of businesses," meaning affirmafor maintenance, improvement, Hides and Animals. The amend- tive action, much of the funds repair and construction projects. ment would delete this obsolete could be wasted with overhead

tory to record the names of those will require more to pay-off in Proposition 5: This would al- who voted for and against a bill the future to basically pay for

Proposition 12: This would

but issuing bonds will cost the taxpayers more than is needed by paying on interest. The money for infrastructure should come from the revenue already brought in by current taxes, not by issuing bonds.

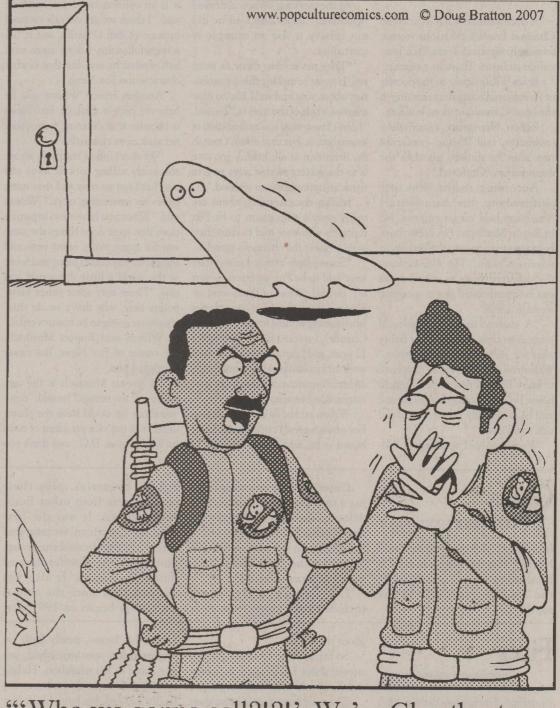
Proposition 13: This amendment would deny bail to people who violate court orders or conconstitutional right and should Proposition 7: This proposition only be taken away in extreme too much leeway in the ability

Proposition 14: Currently,

Proposition 15: This amendsuance of \$3 billion in bonds While finding a cure for cancer is a great cause, this is not the tion will exempt all or part of the way to go about it. The bonds will be paid out during 10 years at \$3 million a year, meaning Texas will amass a huge debt to be paid off later, and the interest on this will compound into a huge sum. Funding medical research is a role better-suited for private citizens than the

Private citizens are much better equipped to determine what causes they are concerned about and what portion of their earnings should go to those causes. Not to mention that the money this proposition would provide is just a drop in the bucket compared to how much gets. When you add in the fact that this proposition allows corporate bonuses, and a clause Proposition 10: This would that requires the government to costs and in businesses that are Proposition 11: Texas is one not the most cost effective. This

Proposition 16: This would ing into border towns.



"Who we gonna call?!?!' We're Ghostbusters, you moron!!!"

Dumbledore: Out of the broom closet

Britney

Drumm

erhaps the most newsworthy event of the year occurred this week — taking the general American public by storm. Major news stations and newspapers have been following the unfolding event with a dutiful eye, making sure this story is given top priority to the American public.

correctly: Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore ... is gay.

Not just gay, but specifically in love with his former friend-turned-nemesis the dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald.

Clearly, as most noble fans must, I feel betrayed. How could an intelligent, kind and heroic man be homosexual? None of these things led me to believe — in all my nine years of following the series — that such an individual also could be infatuated with a person of the same sex. Now, my entire perception of the series is tainted.

Dumbledore's secret alliance with unable to grant my mind peace. Professor Snape? His business trips with Ministry of Magic officials? Those late night, private lessons with innocent and only 17-year-old Harry Potter?

Tainted, tainted, tainted.

Whereas before I was fixated with the obvious knowledge of all characters' heterosexuality — as a common frame of mind — I now find myself rapt with this ultra-mega-super-unclean knowledge.

This outing by an author has made me question other beloved characters

And yes, you have been informed from my favorite pieces of fiction. If the homosexual tendencies deep inside his greatest wizard of the modern age — sans He-who-must-not-be-named — could be thrown under the bus of gayness, what other author or creator might be imaginary universe? If Dumbledore isn't

> My immediate concern was for involved. Gandalf. Another wizard and older man who used to hang out with Saruman the White (a lot) before that Wormtongue started to become a distraction. I phoned J.R.R Tolkien's office, but having been deceased for a number of years, he was

wouldn't confirm (nor deny) any information concerning Willy Wonka, Matilda or James (of The Giant Peach). Willy Wonka (dealing with children), character's sexuality. Matilda (being a child) and James (living with magically enhanced insects in a magically enhanced peach core) would all create a sudden, irrational uproar with my understanding of each tale and

I considered calling the Wachowski

Tech deserter boy Doesn't want to die or kill

(First private class from Tech arrested for military desertion) brothers to confirm Morpheus's absolute straightness but thought better of it when I remembered that he was still in love with Jada Pinket Smith's character.

My last inquiry, and by far the most important, concerned the Star Wars universe. Darth Vader was married with kids and so clearly could never hone any plastic heart. Luke and Leia, though perhaps suited for a Kentuckian-like affair for a while, don't harbor any same-sex tendencies. And the droids don't have waiting in the wings to ruin another souls, so my concern with their sexual preferences (so-called) would probably be more appropriate for the programmers

But, dear Obi-Wan Kenobi is unclear and what about (GodAlmightyLord forbid) Yoda? If their sexuality was in question, my very moral structure might literally crack in half. The Jedi Master riding on the back of virile Luke Skywalker in the steamy jungle for a The people at Ronald Dahl's estate few months sounds questionable but, George Lucas, surely, could not betray my fandom trust with an aforementioned, imaginable detail like a fictional

Lucas was unavailable for comment - and thus my wandering-like existence

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THE WEEK

By JORDANN DAVIS

Dead dog on a shirt Feds are going nuts right now But we hate your school

(Regarding the Vick 'Em shirts of last week)

Go team go team go Wreck 'em Tech or maybe not We'll drink either way

(Red Raider football)

Dumbledore is gay Greenland's ice sheets are melting Apocalypse now

(On J.K. Rowling's proclama

Send him to the chair

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(On American's amalgamating celebrity couples' names)

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Bush promises strong response to fire damage

Thursday with promises of federal help, supportive words for those who've lost home and businesses and thanks to overworked firefighters.

House early Thursday as he was leav- smell of smoke. ing for bone-dry California and a visit to the blaze-stricken region. "I fully understand that the people have got a lot of anguish in their hearts, and they just need to know a lot of folks care about them," he said.

Bush flew to fire-ravaged California tour of the devastation wrought by talk about recovery efforts and have otic. It's anxiety producing. And just blazes fanned by Santa Ana winds, lunch with emergency responders. ferried several California lawmakers with him on Air Force One. He was citizens who are risking their lives devastated and listens to the people "It's a sad situation out there in Corps Air Station-Miramar here California and we owe a great debt of Southern California," Bush said on by his tour guide for the day, Gov. gratitude to our nation's firefighters," the rainy South Lawn of the White Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the Bush said.

> The president also was getting a look at the situation on the ground. But first came the helicopter tour inspection of the wildfire damage and a visit to a San Diego neighborhood.

Bush, who was getting an aerial condido to assess that area's damage, traveling with Bush. "This is cha-with rebuilding infrastructure.

greeted on the tarmac at Marine to protect people and property in who have been affected — is very

Fran Townsend, his White Housebased homeland security adviser, said the most important aspect of the to the victims of the fires.

having him there — where he walks important."

Bush declared the fires a major disaster on Wednesday, setting in motion long-term federal recovery programs, some requiring matches from the state, to help state and local president's trip was providing comfort governments, families, individuals and certain nonprofit organizations "People are going through a very recover. The assistance varies from He was then traveling north to Es- difficult time," she told reporters direct aid for uninsured losses to help

than not they're right.'

secluded areas.

likely target."

the campus."

during the day as well.

target, and whatever method they use,"

exterior parts of camps like commuter

parking lots and near main roads like

suspects in the recent vehicle burglaries,

a suspicious vehicle has been reported

He said while he is not aware of any

"It's just information more or less

gold car that's acting suspiciously and if

they've seen this Techannounce to give

University Avenue and 19th Street.

Department on Thursday approved "We have some incredibly brave the neighborhoods that have been a monthlong emergency food stamp because of the fires.

program in San Diego County to help For instance, the Agriculture feed people whose homes were damaged or destroyed or who lost income

Master of Mix \$5.95 1.75 L All Types ing 'Oh, well nobody will know what's underneath there." Neufeld said. "Well, all you've done is peaked the interest of **Jagermeister Knob Creek** every thief that walks by there and says, 'What's underneath that,' because they Bourbon Liqueur figure there's something and more times Neufeld said he also recommends parking a vehicle in well-lit and non-"It may be quicker for you to get to your car when you're ready to go," he "Longnecks" "KEGS" said, "but if there's not anything else around it, then it's definitely a more While many vehicle burglaries occur at night, Hoffman said some happen "All they're looking for is an easy Hoffman said, "they're usually pretty quick at it, and they try to get away or For Kegs 745-5092 have a major street close by where they don't have to do a lot of roads within Jose Cuervo Skyy Vodka Hoffman said on-campus vehicle Gold Tequilla burglaries most often occur in the

Light Natural Busch

Miller Lite

"Tall Boys" "24 Pack" Coors Light,

Burglary

have, and I'm kind of thinking it's probably somebody that's living there on campus doing it cause I haven't had a whole lot of it," he said.

While he could not give a definitive answer for the city's increase in burglaries, Winters said the Lubbock Police Department has not grown in proportion with the city's population.

Lubbock's 2006 average of 1423.4 burglaries per 100,000 inhabitants is nearly double the national average of 729.4, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report.

However, the rate of vehicle theft in Lubbock, 321.3 per 100,00 inhabitants, is approximately 19 percent lower than the national average of 398.4, according to the report.

Winters said he also was unaware as to why the rate of vehicle theft was lower in Lubbock, but he recommended people make greater efforts to prevent their vehicles from being stolen because certain part of town are more

"The problem areas are generally down in the Depot Entertainment District area when the bars are open, and , of course, any area where apartment on locking mechanisms. complexes are prevalent are going to get hit heavily," he said.

cities in the region had higher rates of burglaries than the national average, including Amarillo, with 1,281.6 per with 1,086.4.

Cpl. Jerry Neufeld with the Amarillo Police Department said his department to that method of burglary, but Neufeld vehicle burglaries, including incidents ones. where the "punching" method was used

the lock, and twist and pop it out."

Some vehicles are more susceptible also has received additional reports of said he did not know exactly which

He said the best method of protec-

Burglaries per 100,000 inhabitants for cities in Texas

Lubbock	1,423.4
Abilene	1,086.4
Amarillo	1,281.6
Austin	1,052.0
Corpus Christi	1,030.9
Plano	540.5
Pasadena	687.5
State Average	917.3
National Average	729.4

Information Provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report.

ing the door lock, it's because they see According to the FBI report, other something worth stealing," he said "There's different things, but from what we have seen, it's nothing more than a

tion a person can use to prevent a burglar "More than likely, if they're punch- from targeting his or her vehicle is not leaving objects like purses, lap tops and brief cases in the vehicle and avoiding to tell the community that if they see a "Magic Coat Syndrome."

"They'll take that purse or that screw driver and a hammer that they laptop and then set it in the back seat 100,000 inhabitants and Abilene, punch literally drive it all the way into and set a coat or a blanket over it, think-

and information about the burglaries was posted on Techannounce on Thursday.

> us a call," he said. adam.young@ttu.edu

His Halloween partner was arrested on his way to the party. Now the Dynamic Duo is a Dynamic Uno.



million students between the ages of 18 and 24 drive under the influence each year.

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Tech restaurant gives Lubbock a view from the top

By ANN LUU STAFF WRITER

call after phone call to clients, confirming reservations.

"The max (number of) people the of hand. restaurant can hold is 150," said Ward, the hotel and institutional management program. "We always tell people to make to turn anyone way, but when we're full, we're full."

Ward is referring to Skyviews, a fullservice restaurant located on the sixth the Tech Plaza at 19th Street and Unithe restaurant. versity Avenue.

Skyviews is open year-round to the that take place inside the restaurant. public mostly, though it usually follows

the Skyviews Thursday.

the Tech calendar as the majority of Tech and provides students with culinary receive are long-lasting. students manage the establishment.

Managing and running the restaurant restaurant for the lunch buffet. J.B. Ward sits at a desk, making phone is required for RHIM majors, Ward said.

"It's mainly to (allow students to) gain lab instructor for Texas Tech's restaurant, experience," Ward said of Skyviews. "This program is the best way."

RHIM students attend lecture classes reservations for dinner. We don't want to learn core aspects of the restaurant business, such as the principles of managing, management skills and financial administration.

floor of the Bank of America building in senior-level classes, they begin managing they are graded on how many people they

Ward said there are two labs and a class

The first lab meets in the morning

knowledge. These students also set-up the

Still, the restaurant is in a controlled culinary knowledge, but its expanded beneficial for all RHIM students. environment, so problems never get out curriculum includes service skills, kitchen to wait tables properly.

> Finally, the third lab is a dinner series managing the kitchen and attracting the applicable to life.

Once students reach sophomore-to market the dinner series, Ward said, and situations.

At the beginning of each semester, students are assigned to a specific dinner next step. series so they may begin the process of preparation.

"Family and friends will fly in from out of town (for the dinner series)," Ward said, however. "so these students have one shot to make things right.'

Every week, the dinner series has a theme ranging from New York Eateries to Southwest Thai to Italian.

seven-course meals ranging from \$20 to \$30 per person.

Students are not paid, and any tips they receive are recirculated back into ence in that kind of restaurant," she said. the restaurant to cover costs such as linen.

glassware and other supplies. Students in the program cover every aspect of restaurant management, including washing the dishes.

"It's the toughest job," said Ward. "It's

for their hard work, the experiences they

Lindsi Cartmell, a junior RHIM major from Waco, said being given the opportu-The second lab also demonstrates nity to run a restaurant during college is

"It helps us learn to work as a team preparation and lessons concerning how with our peers in a food-and-beverage environment," she said.

Cartmell, president of Tech's chapter in which students are in charge of every- of Hospitality Sales and Marketing Asthing: designing the menu, decorating the sociation International, said the labs restaurant according to the week's theme, provide a hands-on experience that is

"You learn as you go," she said, "and Students have the responsibility to what you learn, you can apply to different

As a junior, Cartmell has completed the first two lab courses and explained they have made her feel prepared for the

"They all build on each other," she said. "You get used to (the work) easily." Skyviews is more than a classroom,

In addition to the student-run dinner series, the restaurant also features catering, banquets and event planning with help from the HSMAI members.

Summer Patterson, a sophomore biol-For dinner, customers get from five-to ogy major from Lake Jackson, was one of Skyviews' customers last year and said she had a great time.

> "It was my first time to have an experi-"It was really nice, and the service and atmosphere were good."

Patterson said she was impressed with the restaurant and did not expect something that sat on top of a bank to be so nice.

"I was surprised I had no idea stu-Although students do not get paid dents ran it," she said. "It's actually a real restaurant. There were candles and chandeliers. I'm really impressed with the professionalism."

> Patterson said she recommends this restaurant to anyone.

"It's a good place for a date," she said. >> vinh-an.luu@ttu.edu

Festival of Nations to educate about international culture

By ALLISON JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Get out your maracas and annual Festival of Nations.

The Texas Tech College of Hup.m. Friday in the College of Hu- Lubbock community. man Sciences' Canyon Room.

festival will include 27 booths pects 200 to 300 people to attend. featuring different aspects about cultures from around the world.

ever had," Mutreja said.

The main target for the festival dren, she said. They will receive ful our country is," he said. play passports and be able to go to

Mutreja said there will be games for the children, Indian and Latin American performances and tional Education Outreach. refreshments.

the Department of Plant and Soil Science, said she will represent the Dominican Republic by wearing a more people to know about.

"I want people to know the said.

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said. "We are joyous people; we like to have fun."

Bilbao said she lived in the Dominican Republic all her life and Didgeridoos: It's time for the fourth then came to Tech six months ago with her husband. She heard the event needed volunteers and beman Sciences will host the fourth lieved it would be a great way for annual Festival of Nations at 6 her to become more involved in the

Sothy Eng, a part-time instructor Rachna Mutreja, a graduate at Tech who teaches development in student from Thailand and co- cross culture, said he has volunteered chair of the event, said the com- at the event all four years. He said the mittee for the Festival of Nations first year, the festival featured just 10 started planning the event at the countries, but with the growth of the beginning of the semester. The event reaching 27 countries, he ex-

Eng will represent his native country, Cambodia. He said his cul-"It's the biggest (festival) we've ture is unique, and he wants people to recognize that.

"We hope people understand our is local elementary school chil- culture, the way we dress, how color-

Holly Follmer, a human developeach booth to receive flag stamps. ment and family studies graduate All of the booths will give out student and co-chair for the event, information about the countries helped organize the event and recruit they are representing, such as their volunteers to represent countries. types of music, food and clothing. She said the festival has two sponsors this year: the Tech Council on Family Relations and the Tech K-12 Interna-

She said the K-12 International "It's a program to educate kids Education Outreach is a program to about other cultures and promote try and teach children more about multiculturalism," she said of the different cultures around the world. The event is not just for children but Laura Bilbao, a staff member for for people of all ages who want to become more aware about different

"Our goal is to bring an awareness native costume. She said there is and appreciation of the cultural dia lot about her culture she wants versity that exists at Tech and within the Lubbock community," Follmer

kind of people we are," Bilbao > allison.johnson@ttu.edu

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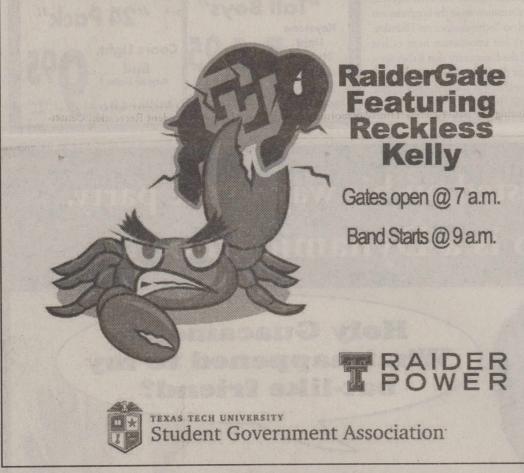
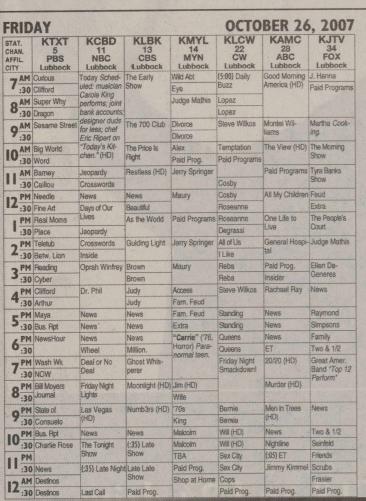


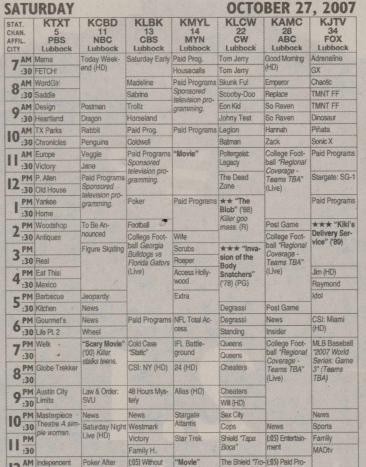
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ASHLEY INGRAM, A senior RHIM major from Sugar Land, and Lacie

Richie, a senior RHIM major from Fort Worth, prepare lettuce wraps at













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UT conservative group's list singles out professors

By CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

published its spring 2008 Profeswhich aims to identify University to watch out for, Ziegler said. of Texas professors "who push an students through oftentimes subtle but sometimes abrasive methods of indoctrination."

necessarily to point out professors as Republican or Democrat, but opinions who suppress different viewpoints in class, said Joshua Perry, executive director of the organization.

"It's to let the students know what they're in for," Perry said.

In an effort to improve on the list from spring 2007, the organization observed more classes and added professors to its "honor roll," said Elizabeth Young, chairman for the organization.

"We tried as hard as we could to be nonpartisan," Young said. "I think that's reflected by the fact that there are Republicans on the watch list and liberals on the

The organization describes the list as "a compilation of student submission detailing professors they feel infringe upon academic free- time it has been published. doms agreed to by this university."

its list at least three times.

removing two professors who are no longer at UT and adding three their education." professors to its list of teachers to be commended.

more Ben Ziegler said he believes there is little variation between the the list will not help students.

"A professor is hired by the be cause for concern.

university for a specific reason," Ziegler said.

Web sites such as www.pickaprof.

Mechanical engineering junior validity.' ideological viewpoint on their Evan Segal said he believes the list

The purpose of the list is not should determine whether he's an students interested in a course to effective teacher," Segal said.

to identify professors with biased sen has been named in the list every speak with the professor. Nobody

don't think whether or not a professor is liberal or conservateve should determine whether hes's an effective teacher.

> - EVAN SEGAL UT ENGINEER MAJOR

"Anytime students take an The organization has published interest in their education, that Cloud said. "It tries to discredit is a good thing," Jensen said. "It's This latest version of the list not a question of whether these copies previous lists nearly ver- students should be allowed to do batim, with small updates such as this, because they should. It's a positive sign, they are evaluating

Though Jensen said he believes open communication between stu- dents reflect on themselves criti-Advertising and history sopho- dents is a good thing, the fact that recent list and previous ones should already know about is the definition

"The story is not about the content of the list, but their motives behind printing the same list year (U-WIRE) AUSTIN — The com, where students can comment after year," Jensen said. "I would Young Conservatives of Texas on courses and professors, would think if someone is trying to put be more helpful to a student than forward a list critical of professors sor Watch List on Wednesday, a potentially biased list of professors on campus that doesn't change year after year, I would question their

> Jensen said the list is not trustworthy because it relies on the "I don't think whether or not a evaluations of a small group of professor is liberal or conservative students. He said he encourages attend a class, look at its syllabus, Associate professor Robert Jen- talk with students in that class and from the conservative organization has ever approached him, Jensen

The members sent by the organization to observe the classes do not speak to the professors because they want the professors to teach they way they normally teach, said Brianna Becker, who compiled the list.

"We don't want to interfere," Becker said.

The organization keeps the same entries for the professors until they feel enough time has passed or they are no longer valid, such as when a professor leaves the university, Becker said.

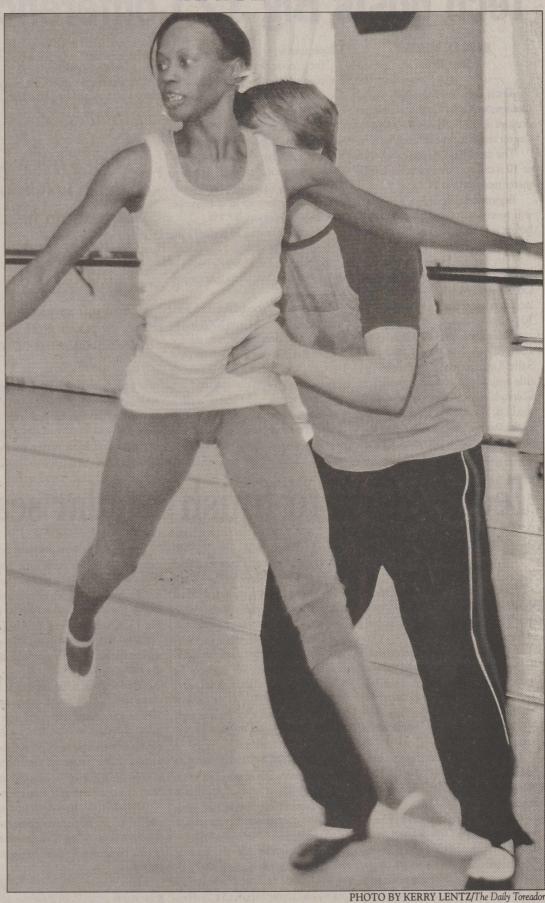
Dana Cloud, an associate professor in the college of communication also on the list, called it

"It's a form of McCarthyism," professors from exercising academic freedom in the name of academic

The list is misleading, and warns students against taking some of the best teachers at the university - teachers who will make the stucally, Cloud said.

"Exposure to ideas they didn't of education," Cloud said.

RAISE ME UP



EU'LINA SMITH, A sophomore dance major from Lubbock, gets help from substitute teacher Joseph Sanders during her Ballet 1 class Thursday morning at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Spears avoids hit-and-run trial by paying for fender-bender; still faces one charge

ney Spears avoided a criminal chael Flanagan to that charge. hit-and-run trial by paying for damages in a fender-bender but still faces a charge of driving without a license, a court commissioner ruled Thursday.

attend the hearing on the mis- for a year. demeanor charges stemming from an Aug. 6 parking lot mishap.

Susan Speer dismissed the hit- by recently getting a California and-run charge after a lawyer for driver's license. the pop star said his client had Studio City parking lot.

Outside court, Flanagan said Assistant City Attorney Michael Amerian had offered Spears a ken to Spears in a few days. plea deal involving the license charge that would have resulted that was hit was satisfied with away after assessing the damage Spears was not required to in her being placed on probation the resolution and did not want to her own car.

> Flanagan said he believed a run charge. plea was unnecessary because

Taryn Rose Burberry Vineyard Vines

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Brit- on Spears' behalf by lawyer Mi- Motor Vehicles when she went civil compromise." to apply for a license well before the accident.

Flanagan said he had not spo-

He said the owner of the car to go forward with the hit-and-

Superior Court Commission Spears had rectified the situation missioner the owner of the other their two young sons. car was satisfied.

photographed Spears steering her car into another vehicle as she tried to park in a space in a lot. The video showed her walking complies with a court order.

On Friday, a hearing is set in Spears' custody fight with ex-Amerian also told the com- husband Kevin Federline over

Her attorney, Anne Kiley, said "I spoke with the victim," earlier this week that Spears had

Superior Court Commissioner comply with. In the incident, paparazzi Scott Gordon had told Spears

what directives Spears failed to and alcohol."

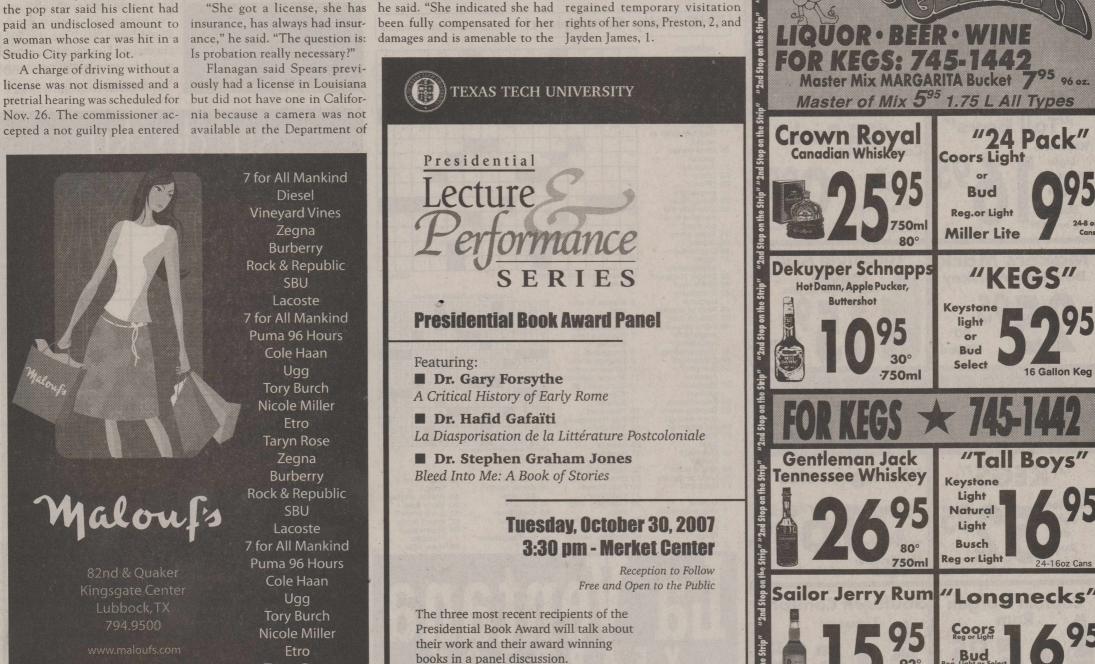
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Among other things, Gordon just days earlier that she could ordered her to undergo rannot visit the boys without a par- dom weekly drug testing, citing enting coach present until she evidence that Spears engaged in

"habitual, frequent and continu-The mandate did not spell out ous use of controlled substances

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Tech hosts Big 12 Conference Cross Country Championships

STAFF WRITER

Conference Cross Country Championships at the Rawls Golf Course today for the first time in Tech history.

The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 10 a.m., and the women's 6,000meter race starts at 11 a.m.

will weave through the golf course regionals and nationals." before reaching the finish line near the driving range.

The Big 12 brings nationally-On the women's side, No. 14 Tech will look to hold off No. 15 Colorado, No. 30 Nebraska and No. 33 Baylor.

the U.S. World Championship team a good day or not." in the steeplechase and finished second to Kipyego in last year's NCAA rado lost two of its top-five runners that fifth and sixth person up there team will be Edwin Sang, Silas Kem-

Tech coach Jon Murray said the advantage in depth. Kipyego's arrival makes it difficult championship.

"Nine out of 10 years (Barringer) would be the conference champion, the regional champion and the national champion," he said. "It just so happens Sally is running. So (Barrin-Beginning at hole No. 9, runners ger) is the runner-up in conference,

Colorado has won 10 of the 11 Big 12 team championships.

Kipyego said she looks forward to ranked competition into the event. the challenge that Barringer consistently brings.

"I know she's good," Kipyego said. "It's going to be hard, and it's going to Defending Big 12 Champion get fast. This one is definitely a huge and NCAA National Champion one for me because it's the first time Sally Kipyego looks to defend her I get to run against her this year. It title against stiff competition such as depends, because in the morning you ners with Sally and Irene (Kimaiyo), 12, Colorado has dominated the season, and in its last Colorado's Jenny Barringer, who made never know. You might end up getting

from last season, which gives Tech so we can finish the scoring as quick boi and Gilbert Limo.

"It's theirs to lose," Murray said.

There's not a lot of sharp uphills or sharp down hills, but there's no

> JON MURRAY TEXAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY COACH

area to rest.

(Diaz) have come on real well this every title. Defending-team champion Colo- year. We just need to keep getting

as possible."

Murray said the women's race will of the men's team is to Texas Tech hosts the 2007 Big 12 for Barringer to win an individual "We got a couple of great front-run- present some of the best competition finish higher than ninth

> Kipyego, Barringer and Kimaiyo placed first, second and ninth, respectively, in the 2006 National Championships.

> Murray said the Rawls course presents unusual terrain considering the race is being conducted in Lubbock.

"You get out there, and it's hilly," he said. "It's constant up and down. slowly getting to the There's not a lot of sharp uphills or sharp down hills, but there's no area really compete in the Big to rest."

ranked opponents: No. 5 Colorado, do because it's a competi-No. 14 Texas, No. 18 Oklahoma State tive league." and No. 24 Iowa State.

Since the inception of the Big in half of its meets this and then Gladys (Kipsang) and Asia conference championship, winning race, finished eighth in

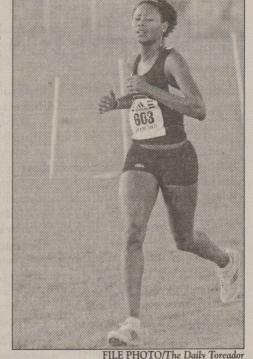
Top runners for the Tech men's tival.

Murray said the goal place, which no Tech men's cross country team has done before.

"Getting in the top six would be a great thing for this program," he said. "The young runners have been getting better and better each year. They're point where they can 12. Being in the top six in The men's race includes four the conference is hard to

> Tech has finished first the Chile Pepper Fes-

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TEXAS TECH CROSS country hosts the 2007 Big 12 Championship today at the Rawls Golf Course.

Tech soccer to finish regular season on road

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

soccer team know their Big 12 Confer- A&M at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Aggie ence Tournament life rests on the balls of their feet.

the end of the regular season, the Red of Tech and Baylor. "It's going to be Raiders control their own destiny. If Tech wins this weekend against Baylor, the team would qualify for its first everybody else in this conference, Big 12 Championship Tournament and we're just going to have to one have, and they beat Nebraska pretty the Big 12 in shots and points. since 1999.

In 2006, Tech won the first-ever "Battle for the Brand" trophy after first nine games this season, but since defeating Baylor 2-0 at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Former Tech coach Neil McGuire and Baylor coach George Van Linder agreed that the trophy would create each season. The winning team will receive the trophy and a set of branding irons with the Tech and Baylor logos soldered onto them.

Tech (6-6-2, 4-3-1 Big 12) will Players on the Texas Tech women's before going up against No. 3 Texas Soccer Complex in College Station.

"There's a rivalry between us," With two games remaining until junior midfielder Shannon Sims said a hard game no matter what, and they've been playing just as hard as up them.'

Baylor (7-8-2, 1-6-1) won six of its Big 12 play began Sept. 28, the Bears dropped six of their next eight games. 4-1 victory against Nebraska Friday.

Baylor defender Megan Sherrell "special meaning" between the teams scored three goals on four shots in the win against the Cornhuskers. The senior's first career hat trick landed her this week's Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week award.

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She leads the Bears in almost every Defensive Player of the Week award,

fourth place and Baylor 10th in the Stone said the Bears will not roll over season championship thanks in large against the Red Raiders and could play the role of spoiler.

"Baylor poses a big challenge because we're (in Waco)," Stone said. easily, so we know they've got some to keep the Battle of the Brand trophy here, or we have to give it to them."

Tech defender Jennifer Kammerer Their first conference win came in a said she knows Baylor, who remains in contention for a Big 12 Tournament that learning curve at A&M." berth, remembers what happened

"This weekend is huge for us," Kammerer said. "Last year we took since 1999. a game from Baylor when they had already made the tournament, so we really are focusing on them." For Tech, nine players have scored

leading with three goals each.

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defend the trophy at 7 p.m. Friday at offensive category with nine goals, Harrison was selected to the Soccer Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field in Waco seven assists, 25 points and 42 shots. America's Team of the Week and Soc-With the Red Raiders sitting cer Buzz's Elite Team of the Week.

The Aggies (13-2-1, 7-1-0) contin-Big 12 standings, Tech coach Tom ue to run away with the Big 12 regular part to forward Ashlee Pistorius, the Big 12 career leader in goals scored.

Harrison will most likely mark Pistorius, who is tied for first in the "We've got points that we'd love to nation with 17 goals, while leading

"At A&M, like we did against firepower. We've got an opportunity Oklahoma State, we need to get to know A&M a little bit," Stone said. "Through the first 20 minutes against Oklahoma State, we learned a lot about them, and there will be some of

> The Aggies hold a 12-1 all-time record against the Red Raiders, who have not won a game against A&M

"There's no rest at this point," Stone said of his team's current position in the Big 12. "There's no time to take your foot off the gas. It's all about goals this season, with forward Zhaleh trying to get points on the road, and Rezaie and defender Brittney Harrison hopefully after the A&M game we'll look up and see where we stand."

Waiting for Game 5: Beckett or bust

may not be a member of the Boston Red Sox nation, but I am a believer in Josh Beckett. His performance in Game 1 of the World Series Wednesday — a 13-1 victory for Boston - only added to his dominant post-season résumé. While others can talk about how fortunate in which Peyton Manning and

history of American baseball. Beckett's four starts in the 2007 playoffs have produced four wins for the Red Sox with the ace pitcher allowing a total of four runs combined.

Of course, I probably could have earned a win on the mound for the Rex Sox on Wednesday, considering the Red Sox scored 13 runs and decimated a wellrested Colorado Rockies pitching staff. Still, Beckett gave up only one run to the hard-hitting Colorado lineup that handed the regular season.

ting a measly .1/4 against him. His nine strikeouts in Game 1 of the World Series gives him 35 total strikeouts in the playoffs with only two walks during the same time period.



Quisenberry He isn't dancing around batters.

sports fans are to live in a time He has faced Vladimir Guerrero, Travis Hafner, Grady Sizemore Tom Brady are tearing up the and Matt Holliday and challenged NFL, we should all take a mo- every one of them. No pitcher is ment to appreciate some of the invincible, but if Colorado makes greatest October pitching in the it to a Game 5, it might want to bring some kryptonite to the ballpark, just in case.

Some naysayers will be quick to question the match-up and wonder just what kind of pitching the other team has put on the mound against Beckett. During the Anaheim series, he squared off with John Lackey, a 19-game winner during the regular season. Against Cleveland, Beckett pitched opposite of the Indian's ace C.C. Sabathia (also a 19-game winner this season) and beat him twice. Colorado threw out the Beckett a loss in Boston during closest thing it has to an ace in Jeff Francis — who had 17 wins in the This post-season, Beckett has regular season — but the Red Sox an ERA of 1.20 with batters hit- lineup chased him from the game after four innings.

> Call it a man crush if you want, but Beckett is now at the top of my list of men I'd like to be, right up there with Indiana Jones, James Bond and Maximus Decimus Meridius in "Gladiator." If only there was a way to combine the sustained excellence of Beckett's pitching with the dancing skills of Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon.

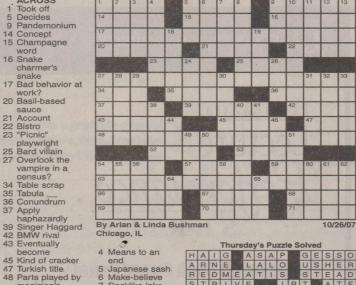
This isn't the first time Beckett has brought his money ball during October baseball. Beckett was the World Series MVP for the 2003 champion Florida Marlins and pitched a complete game shutout

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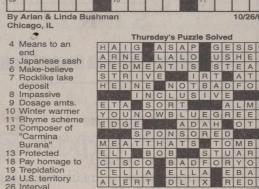
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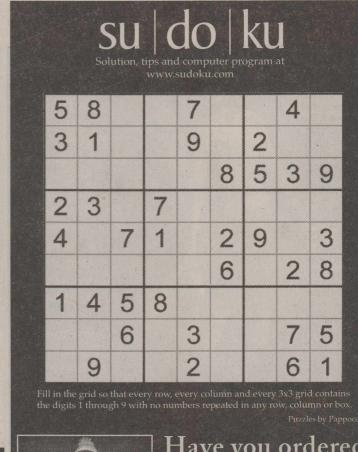


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The Rockies are the feel-good story of the 2007 season, but they look to have met their match against the mighty Red Sox, who quickly are becoming more like against the star-studded lineup of the the rival New York Yankees with a star New York Yankees, allowing Joe Torre's lineup and bloated payroll that would club only five hits in a 2-0 Marlins win make Yankees owner George Steinbrenner proud. Colorado is a Cinderella The Colorado Rockies had eight story in danger of losing a happy ending

I just want to see Beckett back on the Philadelphia Phillies and the Arizona the mound in Game 5 so I can shelve Diamondbacks. Their improbable run to my "Indiana Jones" collection one more

■ Quisenberry is a junior marketby Beckett — who allowed only one run ing major from Odessa. E-mail him at eric.quisenberry@ttu.edu.

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Tech football attempts to stay in title contention against Buffs

SPORTS EDITOR

for the first time since Ruffin McNeill took over as interim defensive coordinator in the 41-10 loss to Missouri, Texas could be out of contention for the Big 12 Championship game with another

Tech (6-2, 2-2 in Big 12) will take on Colorado (4-4, 2-2) 11 a.m. Saturday at Iones AT&T Stadium.

not indicative of its true identity.

"As far as us running to the ball, finishing plays, making the plays — it just wasn't the defense that we had," Duncan said. "We've just got to move on, learn from it and continue to play."

men and sophomores on defense this funny because last year we played a simply because of their experience.

"It's all pretty simple from my perevery day. Our intensity and motiva- Tech quarterback Graham Harrell tion to improve is very important and said. very key."

Tech linebacker Brian Duncan said Hawkins and his son, quarterback the defense's performance Saturday is Cody Hawkins, who has completed 172 of 304 passes for 1,967 yards and 13 touchdowns. The Buffs average more than 24 points per game, but the Colorado defense is what Leach

"They're quick, and they are a implement some new wrinkles that benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

McNeill has played several freshmore excited group," he said. "It's Tech has not yet seen. are a year older."

"I think Missouri had success with is led by second-year coach Dan some of it," he said. "I think it's very similar to last week's defense, so we're just going to have to attack it and weren't any guys open or we weren't weren't converting on our chances.

Dan Hawkins said he plans to that last week."

"You can bring some guys, but season, but Tech coach Mike Leach little bit different team than what we then you're sacrificing some stuff on After allowing double-digit points said youth is not an excuse to lose saw on film. Teams are like that. They the back end, so I think (defensive games, and he will not play veterans have a lot of the same guys, and they coordinator) Ron (Collins has) done a really good job of putting together The Red Raiders can expect to a plan that tries to limit what teams Tech (6-2, 2-2 in Big 12 Conference) spective: You play the best player," he see much of the same fronts and have done," he said. "For the most said. "From there, you try to improve coverages they saw against Missouri, part, he's been pretty doggone successful."

Harrell said no matter what challenges Colorado presents, the team-Colorado, who beat Tech in 2006, what they did, so I'm sure we'll see mates will not let what happened in Missouri affect their mindset for the game against the Buffs.

> "We got beat last week, but that's make some plays. It's not like there just part of the game, and I think everyone knows there's nothing having our chances last week, we just wrong," he said. "We just have to go out and make plays and we didn't TEXAS TECH SAFETY Anthony Hines tackles A&M running back



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Mike Goodson during the Texas Tech football game against A&M

Encore: Improved Colorado team aims for repeat performance

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

This is a different Colorado team. After finishing 2006 in last place in the Big 12 Conference North Division with two wins, the Buffaloes come into

win total from last season. "They've had some ups and downs, but I think they run really well on defense," Tech coach Mike Leach said of

on offense that do some good things." Defense may be one of the Buffaloes' most consistent facets as Colorado allows 23.8 points per game, ranking them fourth in total defense in the Big 12. In 2006, Colorado allowed 22.2 points

The Buffalo defense held the Red Raiders to six points in the 2006 match- in scoring in the Big 12 for the 2006 up — Tech's lowest offensive output of

Colorado defensive back Terrence points per game.

Wheatley had seven tackles and two pass breakups against Tech in 2006. Wheat- offense has been Hugh Charles, who from being bowl eligible. Colorado ley is part of a pass defense sitting second has 97 carries for 561 yards and three is coming off a 19-14 loss to an unin the conference this season.

He said the key to winning a second straight game over Tech is playing with a similar style to that of the '06 Lubbock already having doubled their match-up.

"I don't think you start from square ence in 2006. one," he said. "You probably want to do something similar to what you did last Colorado. "They have some key players the same coverages or, from an offensive standpoint, run the same plays because you know they'll probably have that scouted pretty well."

> the Buffaloes as Colorado coach Dan coach, it's always tough to get things Hawkins started his tenure at the going — especially that first year begot to beat Iowa State, and we have

The Colorado offense finished last season, averaging 16.3 points per game. This season, Colorado manages 24.6

One standout on the Colorado touchdowns. He is on his way to be- defeated Kansas team, where Cody coming the seventh player in Colorado Hawkins threw for 287 yards and two history to lead the Buffaloes in rushing touchdowns. Charles had 11 carries for three consecutive seasons. Colorado's for 40 yards. Wheatly finished with rushing offense was fifth in the confer- six tackles.

is in the middle of his first year under gible, the only focus now is the game year. You know you don't want to run center. He has thrown 13 touchdowns, but with 14 interceptions. Former Colorado quarterback Benard Jackson threw seven touchdowns in 2006.

It was a year of firsts in 2006 for first year, and coming in with a new cause it's kind of a transition year," Tech to beat Nebraska. We're just trying quarterback Graham Harrell said. "Now to win football games and whatever he's been there for a year and is settled in, he has the players more comfortable him, more comfortable with the system and playing good football."

Cody Hawkins said as close as Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins the team may be to being bowl eliagainst Tech.

"I don't think anyone has made any plans to go home for Christmas," he said. "We're all about football right "Last year I think it was their coach's now, and we're trying to win football games right now. We have to beat Texas Tech, then Missouri; we have happens, happens."

> Kickoff is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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PHOTO BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toread TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Brian Duncan grabs Texas A&M tight end Martellus Bennett's feet while defensive tackle Rajon Henley brings him down during the game Oct. 13 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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