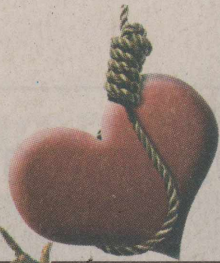


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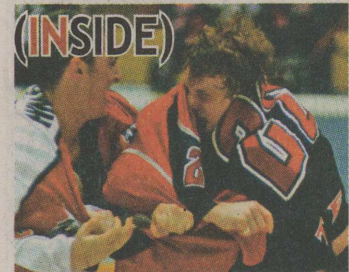


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STATE
Officials say soldiers can't visit Juarez

EL PASO (AP) — Fort Bliss officials say that they've temporarily discontinued issuing passes to soldiers who want to travel across the border to Juarez because of increasing violence there. "This is only for a short term until things settle down and there's no perceived danger to any soldier or anyone going to Juarez," Fort Bliss spokeswoman Jean Offutt said Saturday. "I think it's just based on the events that are going on in Juarez at this time."

NATION
Disabled spy satellite could hit Earth

WASHINGTON (AP) — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday. The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret. It was not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

WORLD
Son of Libyan leader had hand in Mosul violence

BAGHDAD (AP) — A son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi is behind a group of foreign and Iraqi fighters responsible for this week's devastating explosion in northern Iraq, a security chief for Sunni tribesmen who rose up against al-Qaida said Saturday. At least 38 people were killed and 225 wounded last Wednesday when a huge blast destroyed about 50 buildings in a Mosul slum. The next day, a suicide bomber killed the provincial police chief and two other officers as they surveyed the blast site.

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Treasury secretary pushes economic aid

By BEN FELLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's chief negotiator on an economic aid deal said Sunday the Senate should quickly get behind a plan or risk drawing the resentment of a frustrated public. The president and House leaders have agreed on a proposal to provide tax rebate checks to 117 million families and give businesses \$50 billion in incentives to invest

in new plants and equipment. The goal is to help head off a recession and boost consumer confidence. "I don't think the Senate is going to want to derail that deal," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said. "And I don't think the American people are going to have much patience for anything that would slow down the process." But many senators say they are entitled to their ideas and that they never agreed to be deferential to the House and the White House on the

final terms. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., agreed that the negotiations should move through the House first, but he and other senators still want to have input. The Senate is considering adding such elements as extending unemployment benefits for workers whose benefits have run out, boosting home heating subsidies, raising food stamp benefits and approving money for public works projects. When asked if such ideas would be deal-breakers, Paulson said he did

not "want to cast a shadow on this rare bipartisan moment." Paulson negotiated the deal with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio. The secretary said some of the elements the Senate is considering may have merit but were excluded from the current deal to keep it simple and targeted. "Complexity is our enemy," Paulson said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday." "I believe that the House lead-

ers were very decisive in keeping it simple," he added. "And I believe and I'm optimistic that the Senate leaders will do the same." The president, too, has pushed the Senate to act swiftly. The White House is trying to strike a balance — respecting the right of the Senate to influence the legislation, but keeping the pressure on so that no momentum is lost in giving a boost to a sagging economy.

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Seeking Shelter

Homeless presence on campus reported by Tech police, library officials

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Despite reports of homeless people in the Texas Tech Music building and University Library, Tech Police believe finding homeless non-students staying on campus is a rare occurrence. Tech Police Deputy Chief Gordon Hoffman said while his department received a report Jan. 12 of a homeless non-student sleeping in the Music building, he believes such reports are uncommon on the Tech campus. "From my personal knowledge, this is pretty rare," said Hoffman. "It's not a common occurrence, at least that the police are aware of." A non-student was found in the lobby of the Music building at 11:52 p.m. Jan. 12, according to the Tech Police daily crime log. After further investigation, he was determined to be homeless and staying in the Music building. Hoffman said while this does not happen often, it does not mean the Tech Police Department is not looking for homeless people on campus. "We have random patrol, and of course

we have the housing guards and the academic guards that are here during the late hours to report to us and to have us investigate suspicious persons," he said. This particular homeless person was issued a trespass warning, Hoffman said, which allows the Tech police department to file charges if the person comes back on campus and is causing trouble. Alan Shinn, assistant director of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Music, said he rarely has heard of this type of disturbance in the Music building in his 25 years working in the building. But, Donald Dyal, dean of libraries, said the University Library has had experiences with homeless people in the past. "It is less of a problem now than it has been since I've been here in the last six years, partly because we've been very aggressive about ascertaining that people actually have some kind of legitimate business in here," Dyal said. In the past, he said, people used to be able to come into the library and use computers without an eRaider username and password. "We don't discriminate against people who are not students or staff or faculty; it's just that's not what we're here for," he said. "We're focused on students, staff, faculty."

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Treador

SOME REPORTS HAVE been filed with the Texas Tech Police Department of homeless people sleeping on the Tech campus and using university facilities.

Tech employee reinstated after cleared of sexual assault charge

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

After being charged with sexual assault on a child in September 2007, Texas Tech employee Barry Todd Smith has been cleared of the charge and given his job back in the university's Accounts Payable and Travel Services department. According to a news release, a recent investigation performed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services/Children's Protective Services showed no evidence of a crime, causing the Lubbock Criminal District Attorney to reject the charges. In addition, Smith took and passed a polygraph exam stating he was not guilty. Smith was released on a \$100,000 bond in September, which was reduced from the original \$500,000 bond by Judge Bob Darnell. Upon releasing him from jail in September, Darnell ordered Smith to live by 17 conditions of bond, all of which have been removed. In the news release, Chuck Lanehart, the attorney representing Smith, said "I applaud Texas Tech, the CDA and CPS for doing the right thing, but it's a shame Todd had to go through literal hell to clear his name. This just shows how these sorts of accusations should be thoroughly investigated before someone is arrested, not afterward." mag8240@hotmail.com

Obama wins S. Carolina in racially charged primary

By DAVID ESPO
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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the racially charged South Carolina primary Saturday night, regaining campaign momentum in the prelude to a Feb. 5 coast-to-coast competition for more than 1,600 Democratic National Convention delegates. "The choice in this election is not about regions or religions or genders," Obama said at a boisterous victory rally. "It's not about rich versus poor, young versus old and it's not about black versus white. It's about the past versus the future." The audience chanted "Race doesn't matter" as it awaited Obama to make his appearance after rolling up 55 percent of the vote in a three-way race. But it did, in a primary that shattered turnout records. About half the voters were black, according to polling place interviews, and four out of five of them supported Obama. Black women turned out in particularly large numbers. Obama, the first-term Illinois senator, got about

a quarter of the white vote while Clinton and former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina split the rest. Clinton flew to Nashville as the polls closed, and looked ahead. "Now the eyes of the country turn to Tennessee and the other states voting on Feb. 5," she said, adding "millions and millions of Americans are going to have their voices heard." Edwards finished a distant third, a sharp setback in the state where he was born and scored a primary victory in his first presidential campaign four years ago. Even so, he vowed to remain in the race, his goal, he said, to "give voice to all those whose voices aren't being heard." The victory was Obama's first since he won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3. Clinton, a New York senator and former first lady, scored an upset in the New Hampshire primary a few days later. They split the Nevada caucuses, she winning the turnout race, he gaining a one-delegate margin. In an historic race, she hopes to become the first woman to occupy the White House, and Obama is the strongest black contender in history. The South Carolina primary marked the end of the first

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Windows Vista release available to students, staff but not promoted

Primary

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By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

While Windows Vista is available through the Texas Tech system, the university does not recommend students download the operating system.

"We are not encouraging people to go download Vista right now," said Sam Segran, chief information officer of the Information Technology division at Tech. "We are just making it available for people who want it."

Students have been able to receive a copy of Vista since Jan. 21, either through the eRaider software download site or by purchasing a copy from the ATLC for \$10, according to a TechAnnounce reminder.

Even though Vista has been on the market for more than a year, Segran said the IT division has good reasons to delay promoting its release to Tech students and faculty.

"We delayed Vista for about a year," he said, "mainly because when Vista first came out, there was a fair amount of compatibility issues with both software and also with devices."

Segran, who owns Vista on his home computer, said while students should be pleasantly surprised with the interface of Vista, the university will not promote student downloads

as long as the Microsoft XP operating system continues being successfully updated with patches.

According to the Microsoft Web site, www.microsoft.com, the upgrades Vista made from XP include an enhanced user experience designed to make computing easier for the user, a more entertaining media set and a better connection utility.

Vista also attempts to improve security by introducing a safer environment that protects a computer from pop-ups, slow performance and security threats.

Despite these updates, Segran said he does not believe the release of the Vista update to students and staff greatly will affect the technological

aspect of the university, especially because most new computers already have Vista on them.

Steven Applegate, a senior computer science major from Amarillo, said he purchased a computer with XP on it rather than a computer with Vista because of the problems he has heard others are having with Vista, including rumors of the operating system crashing.

Applegate said when all the problems with Vista are fixed, he will have no problem buying a computer with the operating system on it.

Kyle Romero, a junior computer engineering major from Spring, said while he does not have much experience in dealing with Vista, he would use it if he ever bought a computer that already had it.

Segran said before students upgrade their computers to Vista, they

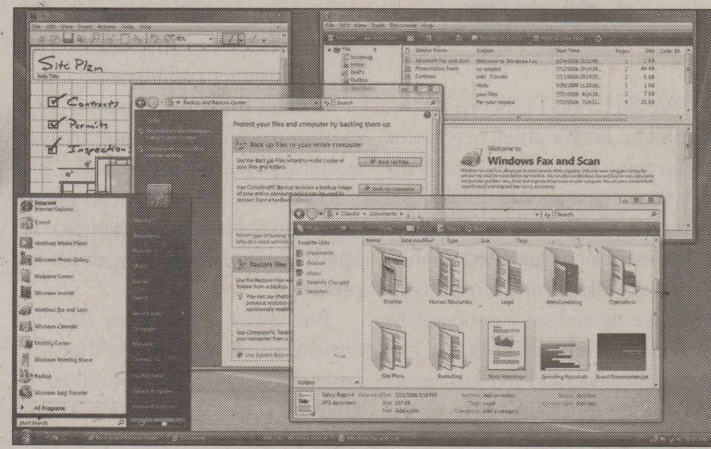
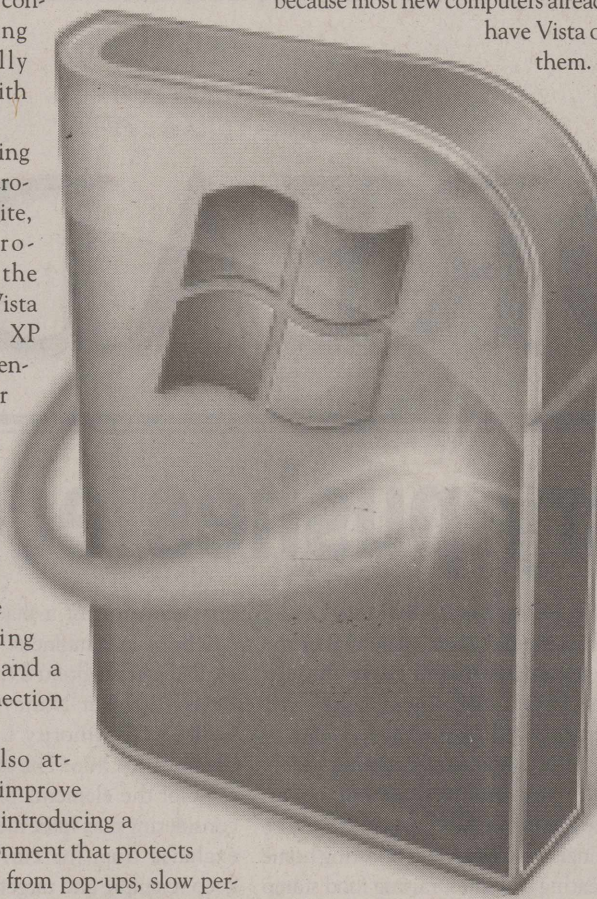
must make sure it will work with all of their software and hardware, because at this point Vista is still more of a "coolness" upgrade than a functionality one.

"One thing we do caution people is if people are using other software and other peripheral devices, think twice and check everything out first before making the switch to Vista," he said.

Students also must be aware that if they download Vista through the Tech system, he said, they only can keep it on their computers until they graduate because of the license agreement.

Segran said there have been 172 distributions of Vista through downloads and media sales.

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Long-ago lead exposure, and possibly other pollutants, may hasten old-age mental decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Could it be that the "natural" mental decline that afflicts many older people is related to how much lead they absorbed decades before?

That's the provocative idea emerging from some recent studies, part of a broader area of new research that suggests some pollutants can cause harm that shows up only years after someone is exposed.

The new work suggests long-ago lead exposure can make an aging person's brain work as if it's five years older than it really is. If that's verified by more research, it means that sharp cuts in environmental lead levels more than 20 years ago didn't stop its widespread effects.

"We're trying to offer a caution

that a portion of what has been called normal aging might in fact be due to ubiquitous environmental exposures like lead," says Dr. Brian Schwartz of Johns Hopkins University.

"The fact that it's happening with lead is the first proof of principle that it's possible," said Schwartz, a leader in the study of lead's delayed effects. Other pollutants like mercury and pesticides may do the same thing, he said.

In fact, some recent research does suggest that being exposed to pesticides raises the risk of getting Parkinson's disease a decade or more later. Experts say such studies in mercury are lacking.

The notion of long-delayed

effects is familiar; tobacco and asbestos, for example, can lead to cancer. But in recent years, scientists are coming to appreciate that exposure to other pollutants in early life also may promote disease much later on.

"It's an emerging area" for research, said Dr. Philip Landrigan of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. It certainly makes sense that if a substance destroys brain cells in early life, the brain may cope by drawing on its reserve capacity until it loses still more cells with aging, he said. Only then would symptoms like forgetfulness or tremors appear.

Linda Birnbaum, director of experimental toxicology at the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, said infant mice exposed to chemicals like PCBs show only very subtle effects in young adulthood. But more dramatic harm in areas like movement and learning appears when they reach old age.

Animal studies also show clear evidence that being exposed to harmful substances in the womb can harm health later on, she said. For example, rodents that encounter PCBs or dioxins before birth are more susceptible to cancer once they grow up.

Studying delayed effects in people is difficult because they generally must be followed for a long time. Research with lead is easier because scientists can measure the amount that has accumulated in the shinbone over decades and get a read on

how much lead a person has been exposed to in the past.

Lead in the blood, by contrast, reflects recent exposure. Virtually all Americans have lead in their blood, but the amounts are far lower today than in the past.

The big reason for the drop: the phasing out of lead in gasoline from 1976 to 1991. Because of that and accompanying measures, the average lead level in the blood of American adults fell 30 percent by 1980 and about 80 percent by 1990.

That's a major success story for environmentalists. But work by Schwartz and Dr. Howard Hu of the University of Michigan suggests that the long-term effects of the high-lead era are still being felt.

phase of the campaign for the Democratic nomination, a series of single-state contests that winnowed the field, conferred co-front-runner status on Clinton and Obama but had relatively few delegates at stake.

That all changes in 10 days' time, when New York, Illinois and California are among the 15 states holding primaries in a virtual nationwide primary. Another seven states and American Samoa will hold Democratic caucuses on the same day.

Obama took a thinly veiled swipe at Clinton in his remarks.

"We are up against conventional thinking that says your ability to lead as president comes from longevity in Washington or proximity to the White House. But we know that real leadership is about candor, and judgment, and the ability to rally Americans from all walks of life around a common purpose — a higher purpose," Obama said.

Looking ahead to Feb. 5, he added that "nearly half the nation will have the chance to join us in saying that we are tired of business-as-usual in Washington, we are hungry for change, and we are ready to believe again."

Nearly complete returns showed Obama winning 55 percent of the vote, Clinton gaining 27 percent. Edwards had 18 percent and won only his home county of Oconee.

Obama also gained 25 convention delegates, Clinton won 12 and Edwards eight.

Overall, Clinton has 249 delegates, followed by Obama with 167 and Edwards with 58.

Obama also gained an endorsement from Caroline Kennedy, who likened the Illinois senator to her late father, President John F. Kennedy.

"I have never had a president who inspired me the way people tell me that my father inspired them," she wrote on The New York Times op-ed page. "But for the first time, I believe I have found a man who could be that president — and not just for me, but for a new generation of Americans."

Economy

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The administration hopes to start getting rebate checks out in May, assuming that Congress acts in the next few weeks.

Paulson said the economic program would boost job creation, consumer spending and confidence in the stock market.

In another appeal to Congress, Paulson said: "Bipartisan agreement — implemented — I think will show the American people that Republicans and Democrats are putting the economic security of the American people ahead of their own political interests."

Among others offering views on the economic plan, Republican presidential contender Mike Huckabee said Sunday it should include money for public works.

Paulson said he knows that idea has some support, but he does not agree with it. He said the views of the presidential candidates tend to look ahead to next year.

"What we're again focused on here is something simple to get money into the economy quickly to make a difference, and infrastructure spending doesn't do that," Paulson said in a later interview on "Late Edition" on CNN.

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FORWARD SHAWN SEIDEL fights No. 5 forward Cody Goodwin at the Texas Tech black and white hockey game Saturday night at the City Bank Coliseum.

ODDBALL DAILY

Kansas governor's son creates prison-themed board game as part of project

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The son of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is peddling a board game titled "Don't Drop the Soap," a prison-themed game he created as part of a class project at the Rhode Island School of Design.

John Sebelius, 23, has the backing of his mother and father, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Sebelius. Sebelius spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran said both parents "are very proud of their son John's creativity and talent."

John Sebelius is selling the game on his Internet site for \$34.99, plus packaging, shipping and handling. The contact information on the Web site lists the address of the governor's mansion. Corcoran said the address will change when John Sebelius moves.

The game also goes on sale starting Jan. 31 at a shop called Hobbs in the college town of Lawrence.

The site describes "Don't Drop the Soap" as a game "Where no one playing enters through the

front door!"

"Fight your way through 6 different exciting locations in hopes of being granted parole," the site says. "Escape prison riots in The Yard, slip glass into a mob boss' lasagna in the Cafeteria, steal painkillers from the nurse's desk in the Infirmary, avoid being cornered by the Aryans in the Shower Room, fight off Latin Kings in Gang War, and try not to smoke your entire stash in The Hole."

The game includes five tokens representing a bag of cocaine, a

handgun and three characters: wheelchair-using "Wheelz," muscle-flexing "Anferny" and business suit-clad "Sal 'the Butcher."

Corcoran said John Sebelius sought legal advice to be sure he followed proper requirements, and he even took out a loan on his own to pay for the production of his work.

"This game is intended for mature audiences — not children — and is simply intended for entertainment," Corcoran said.

New computer store opens in SUB

Texas Tech students will have access to the first on-campus computer store since 2006 today in the Student Union Building.

The new Texas Technology Store will replace the former High Tech retail store, which closed in September 2006, said Zane Nieland, Texas Technology Store manager.

"We are in the same High Tech space, but we are not High Tech," said Nieland, also a former High Tech employee.

Texas Technology will provide similar services as High Tech, such as technology solutions, computers, televisions and accessories, Nieland said.

"We're going to be filling their hole," he said, "and we're going to have better pricing and also better selection."

Though the new store opens its

doors today, Nieland said it will be a "soft opening," with only partial services being offered immediately.

He said the store will offer Dell and Apple products, but is currently negotiating a contract with Apple. An official "green opening" of Texas Technology Store is unscheduled for sometime in the near future, pending the negotiation.

While the store will not offer official university student worker jobs, he said, most of the part-time workers at the store will be Tech students.

Nieland said Texas Technology is part of a 15-year-old company with campus computer stores at the University of Texas at Austin, UT Dallas, the University of Houston and Southern Methodist University.

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Homeless

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Chris Foster, billing and collections supervisor for the University Library, said anyone can register for an eRaider password to log into a computer as long as they have a driver's license or a state- or government-issued identification card. If the patron is under the age of 16, he or she must have a parent or guardian present.

"We rarely deny any service to a patron," Foster said. "That's just not part of our philosophy."

The amount of people passing through the library on a daily basis also makes it difficult for library staff to single out those who may be there to cause trouble.

"This is the most frequently en-

tered building on campus," Dyal said. "You could add everybody who goes to the football games and everybody who goes to the United Spirit Arena and add those two together and it still doesn't come anywhere close to how many people are coming in here."

More than 3 million people enter the University Library every year, he said.

Last year, Hoffman said, there was a report of a homeless person possibly sleeping under the Christmas tree in Memorial Circle.

"There was evidence that a person had been in there," he said, "but I don't think anyone was ever caught."

The discovery was made when the skirting was being removed from the tree. Items such as food wrappers showed someone may have been in there, Hoffman said.

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Boys left with bleeding tongues after sticking them to flagpole

CHESTERTON, Ind. (AP) — Two fourth-grade boys mimicking a scene from the movie "A Christmas Story" wound up with their tongues stuck to a frozen flagpole.

Gavin Dempsey and James Alexander were serving on flag duty at Jackson Elementary School Friday morning, with the job of raising and lowering

the school's flags. They decided to see if their tongues really would stick to the cold metal.

"I decided to try it because I thought all of the TV shows were lies, but turns out I was wrong," Gavin said.

Karen Alexander, James' mother, said her son told her he got the idea from the movie, which is based on

stories about a boy growing up in the northwest Indiana community of Hammond in the 1940s.

"I can't believe he did it, but they learned their lesson," she said.

James said he plans to eat a lot of ice cream to help nurse his wound.

"When you're young, you're just messing around," he said.

Billie Dempsey, Gavin's mom, said a nurse called them to tell them the boys' tongues were bleeding.

"The nurse asked them, 'OK, who double-dog dared who?'" Billie Dempsey said, a reference to a phrase that a character in the movie used to dare another child to stick his tongue to the pole.

Man who calls himself tantric master breaks record in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who calls himself a tantric master broke his own world record by standing engulfed in ice for 72 minutes.

Wim Hof, 48, stood on a Manhattan street in a clear container filled with ice for an hour and 12 minutes Saturday.

Hof said he survives by controlling his body temperature through tantric meditation. Tantra is an

Eastern tradition of ritual and meditation said to bring followers closer to their chosen deities.

Hof set the world record for full

body ice contact endurance in 2004, when he immersed himself in ice for an hour and eight minutes.

Hof's feat kicked off BRAIN-

WAVE, a five-month series of events in New York exploring how art, music, and meditation affect the brain.

Burglar breaks into car, takes bishop's crown

ARLINGTON (AP) — A car burglar made away with a Greek Orthodox bishop's religious items — including a jeweled crown of gold and silver.

Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, bishop for the Northwest region of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, was dining with others at a restaurant in Arlington on Friday when the break-in occurred. He was visiting Dallas-Fort Worth area parishes.

The bishop, who ministers in many states, including Texas, said the car was parked in a brightly lit spot.

"We came out at 10 o'clock, and the window was smashed," the bishop said.

Someone took his symbolic crown from the back seat, along with his New Testament, veil and cell phone.

Isaiah, an ex-Marine, said a black fabric bag was also stolen. The bag has special meaning, having been given to him years earlier by the widow of another Marine.

He estimated that replacing the crown would cost between \$6,000 and \$10,000. The bishop offered a four-digit monetary reward if the crown is returned without damage.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Indonesia's ex-dictator Suharto dies at 86

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Former Indonesian President Suharto, the U.S. Cold War ally who led one of the 20th century's most brutal dictatorships over 32 years that saw up to a million political opponents killed, died Sunday. He was 86.

Suharto had been ailing in a hospital in the capital, Jakarta, since Jan. 4 when he was admitted with failing kidneys, heart and lungs. Doctors prolonged his life through dialysis and a ventilator, but he stopped breathing on his own overnight before slipping into a coma Sunday.

He was declared dead at 1:10 p.m. when his heart stopped. The cause of death was multiple-organ failure, Chief Presidential Dr. Marjo Subiandono said.

"My father passed away peacefully," sobbed Suharto's eldest daughter, Tutut. "May God bless him and forgive all of his mistakes."

As is customary in Islamic tradition, Suharto's body was to be washed and joint prayers were held at the family home in the presence of his six children, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and dozens of the country's ruling elite.

Ethnic clashes erupt in Kenyan town, at least 7 killed

NAKURU, Kenya (AP) — Gangs armed with machetes and bows and arrows burned and hacked to death members of a rival tribe in the western Kenyan town of Naivasha on Sunday as overwhelmed police stood by helplessly.

At least seven people were killed.

The fighting was the latest flashpoint of violence over President Mwai Kibaki's disputed re-election in the U.S.-allied African nation once considered a beacon of stability on the continent.

Groups from Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe set ablaze the homes of Luo rivals in the center of the town, about 55 miles northwest of Nairobi, the capital. Police did not intervene.

Bank accuses trader in fraud probe of betting billions

PARIS (AP) — Societe Generale detailed Sunday how a young trader evaded all its controls to bet some \$73 billion — more than the French bank's market worth — saying he hacked computers and used other "fraudulent methods" to cover his tracks, causing billions of dollars in losses.

The bank says the trader, Jerome Kerviel, did not appear to have profited personally from the transactions and seemingly worked alone — a version of events reiterated Sunday by Jean-Pierre Mustier, chief executive of the bank's corporate and investment banking arm. But, in a conference call with reporters, Mustier added: "I cannot guarantee to you 100 percent that there was no complicity."

Jean-Michel Aldebert, the head of the financial section of the Paris prosecutor's office, said the questioning of Kerviel was "going very well and the investigation led by the specialists of the financial police is extremely fruitful."

Kerviel, who was taken in for questioning on Saturday, can be kept in custody until Monday afternoon.

Societe Generale said Kerviel misappropriated other people's computer access codes, falsified documents and employed other methods to cover his tracks — helped by his previous experience working in offices that monitor traders.

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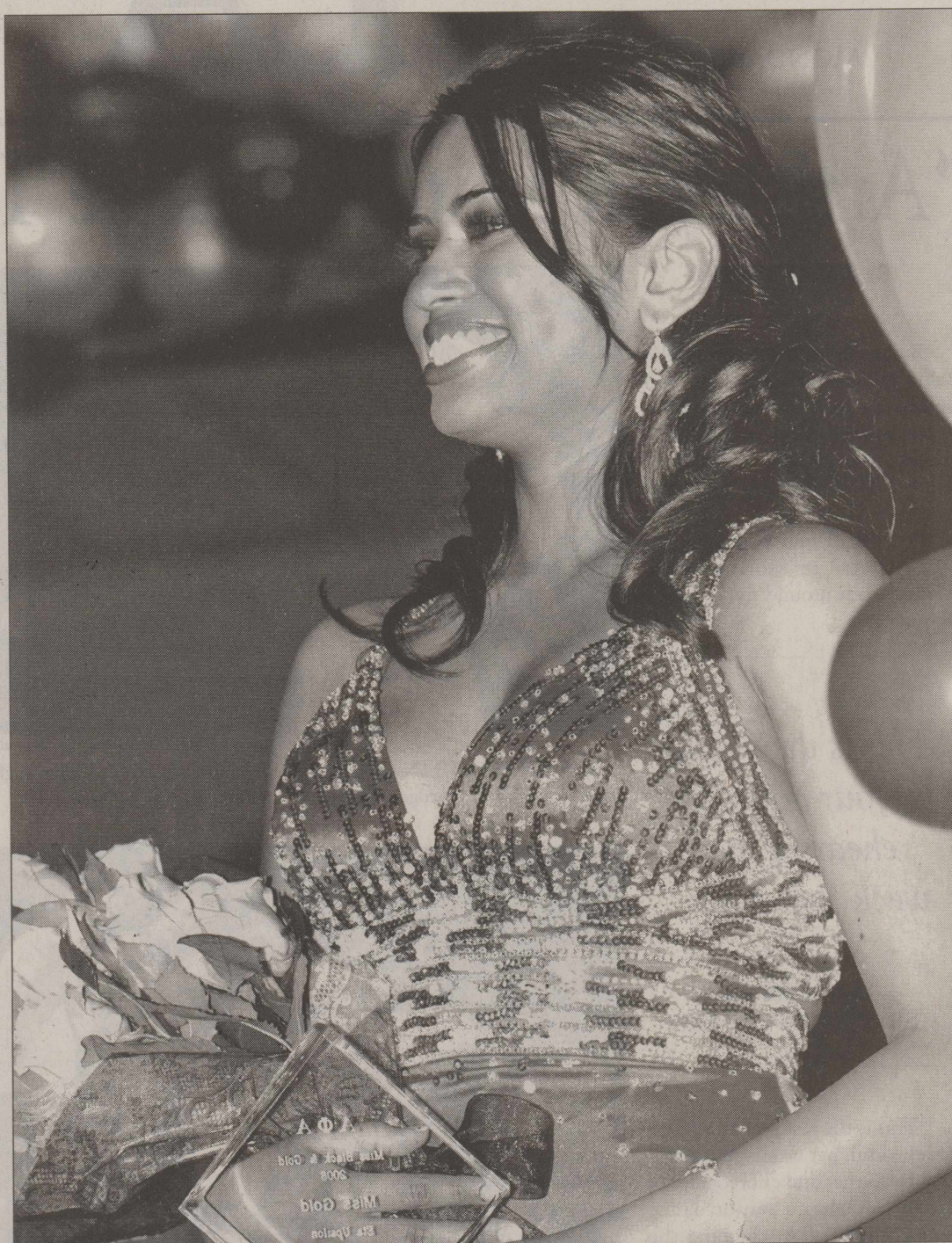


PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
NEHA MANDAVA POSES after being awarded the title of Ms. Gold Friday at the Ms. Black and Gold minority scholarship pageant, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Egypt riot police prevent Gazans from leaving Rafah after border confrontations

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Egyptian riot police and armored vehicles restricted Gaza motorists to a small border area of Egypt on Saturday, in the second attempt in two days to restore control over the chaotic frontier breached by Hamas militants.

At least 38 members of the Egyptian security forces have been hospitalized, some in critical condition, because of cross-border confrontations, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said. The minister complained of "provocations" at the border, a thinly veiled reprimand of Hamas, and said that while Egypt is ready to ease the suffering of Gazans, this should not endanger Egyptian lives.

In the West Bank, meanwhile, moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stuck to his tough conditions for resuming contacts with Gaza's Hamas rulers, dimming prospects for Egypt's proposal to have the two Palestinian rivals come to Cairo for talks on resolving the border crisis.

Earlier, Hamas had accepted Egypt's proposal, and Hamas hard-liner Sami Abu Zuhri accused Abbas of trying to bypass Hamas: "His statements are a rejection of the Egyptian initiative."

Abbas insists he will only talk to Hamas if it retreats from its violent June takeover of Gaza, something Hamas is unlikely to do. Abbas renewed his offer of deploying his forces at the Gaza crossings, as a way of ending the closure of Gaza by Israel and Egypt.

On the Gaza-Egypt border, traffic of cars and pedestrians remained heavy Saturday, four days after Hamas militants blew down the border wall, sending hundreds of thousands of

Gazans rushing into Egypt.

In an attempt to restore some control, Egyptian armored vehicles blocked the main street of the Egyptian border town of Rafah, causing a traffic jam of honking cars filled with Gazans shopping for fuel, food and consumer products.

Earlier Saturday, dozens of riot

police formed human chains to block the two passages cut through the breached border, before once again giving up and allowing the cars to cross into the Egyptian side of the divided town. Authorities were making renewed efforts, however, to keep them out of the rest of the country.

Israel, meanwhile, expressed

growing concern about the possible influx of Palestinian militants into areas of Egypt that border Israel. The Israeli military announced Saturday that its troops were on heightened alert along the border with Egypt, and that an Israeli road and tour-

ism sites in the area are temporarily closed.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Abbas were to meet in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Abbas aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh said the Palestinian leader would

ask Olmert to open Israel's crossings with Gaza, closed last week after a spike in rocket attacks. Abbas will

tell Olmert "about the readiness of the Palestinian Authority to take responsibility of the Gaza borders,"

Abu Rdeneh said.

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'Artistry in Motion' Dance Tech brings imagination to stage

By **JORDAN EICHER**
STAFF WRITER

Bodies in fluid motion to the vivid gestures of color, light and sound create a masterpiece on stage, and for those involved, its finality meant the completion of endless hours of studio, stress and sweat.

A total of four performances of "Artistry in Motion" took Dance Tech around five months to perfect.

"This is the result of four hours of rehearsal, per week, per piece."

— **TARAH SPRAGUE**
SENIOR DANCE MAJOR

"This is the result of four hours of rehearsal, per week, per piece," said performer and choreographer Tarah Sprague, a senior dance major from Dallas, claiming the end result was completely worth it. "It just gets better and better every single show, and watching your piece come together, it was just a great experience."

For Sprague and a few of her colleagues with Dance Tech, this "Artistry in Motion" was a bittersweet performance of mixed emotions.

"I guess what sticks out about this performance the most to me is that it's my last," performer Betsy Walker, a senior dance major from Friendswood, said.

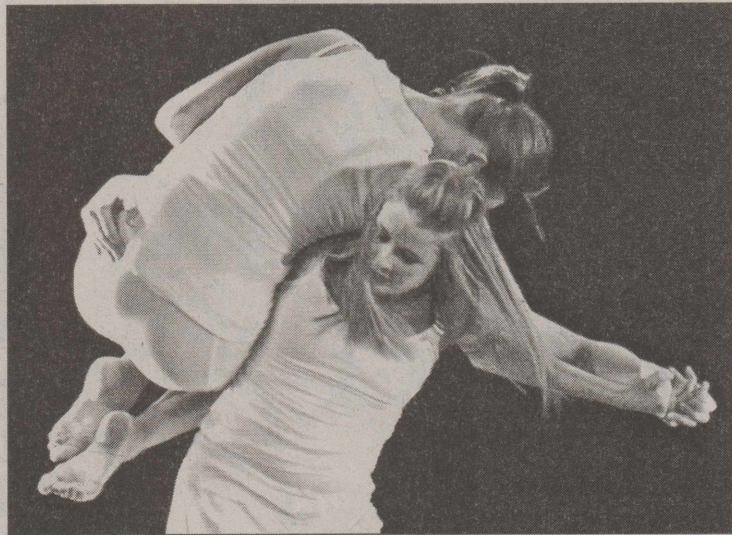


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TECH STUDENTS IN the DanceTech program perform Friday night in the Charles E. Maedgen theater.

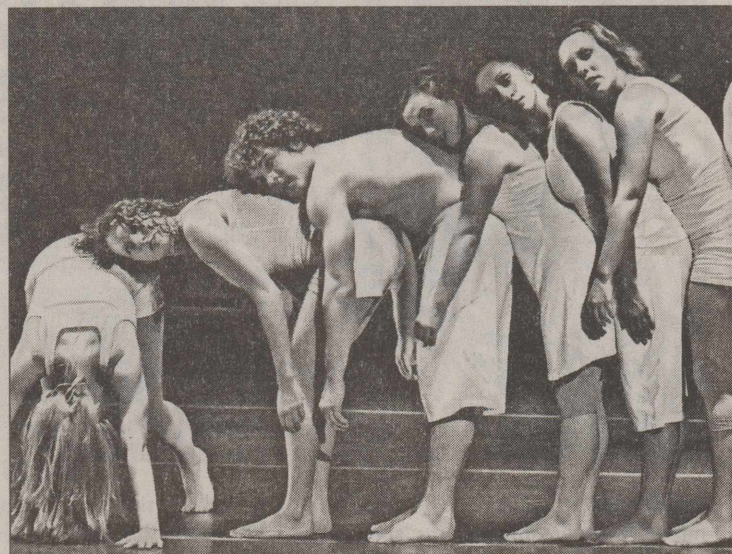


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MEMBERS OF THE DanceTech program lean on one another during the performance Friday night in the Charles E. Maedgen theater.

Many of the pieces Walker said she performed to were pieces created by her friends, who also were leaving the company.

"I think it was being a part of their experience that has made this really special," she said.

With a sizable turnout, audi-

ence members seemed to enjoy the production.

"I really liked it; it was very artistic," said audience member Christy Morrison, the aunt of a performer, after the curtains closed. "I was impressed with the turnout on a Sunday afternoon, and I hope



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador
MEMBERS OF THE DanceTech program pose before the performance Saturday night in the Charles E. Maedgen theater.

that means this program is really coming into its own."

Similar to the performers, Morrison said she had a favorite selection.

"I really like the dance entitled 'The Collectables,'" she said, referring to seventh selection by choreographer Cassidy McCabe, a senior dance major from Lubbock, featuring the dancers as collectable

dolls. "The audience just really got into that one."

For another performer, that type of reaction is what it is all about.

"The most gratifying part of is really doing it in front of an audience," A.J. Warren said, "because they really are the last element to the performance."

Explaining the reasons she

dances and hoping to speak for her Dance Tech colleagues, Warren said all her hard work is for a positive final response from those who come to see the masterpiece.

"I'm just so glad to see we had a lot of people come out to see us," she said. "I hope people continue to seek out dance, because it really is an amazing art form."

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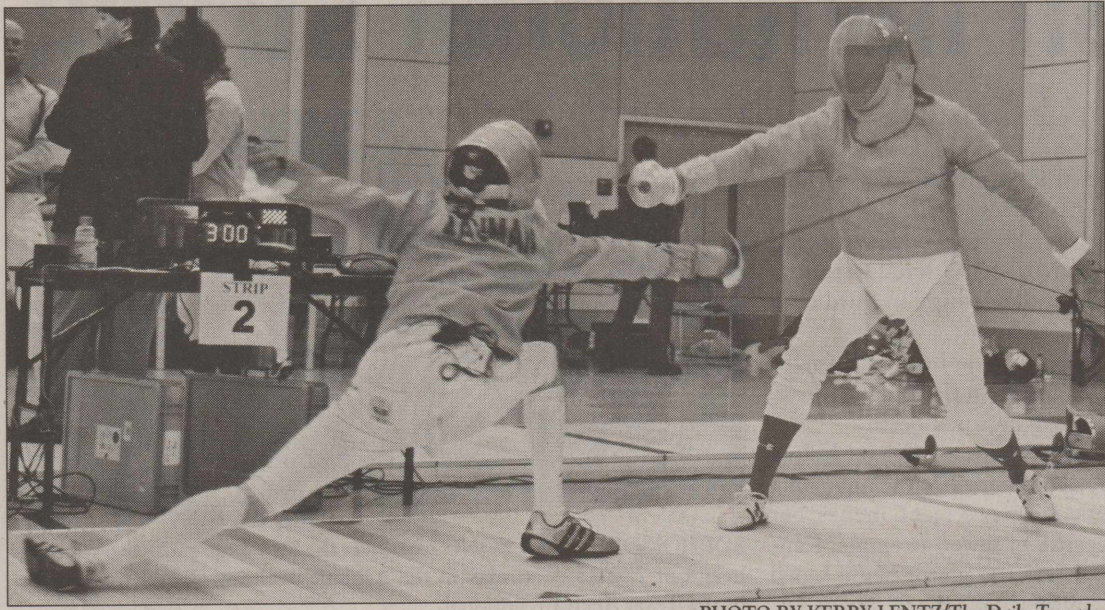


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RYAN JANSSEN (PICTURED right), a senior Mechanical Engineering major from Shallowater, competes in a sabre match during the Tech Fencing Open held in the Student Union Ballroom all day Saturday.

ALL-NIGHTER AT THE REC

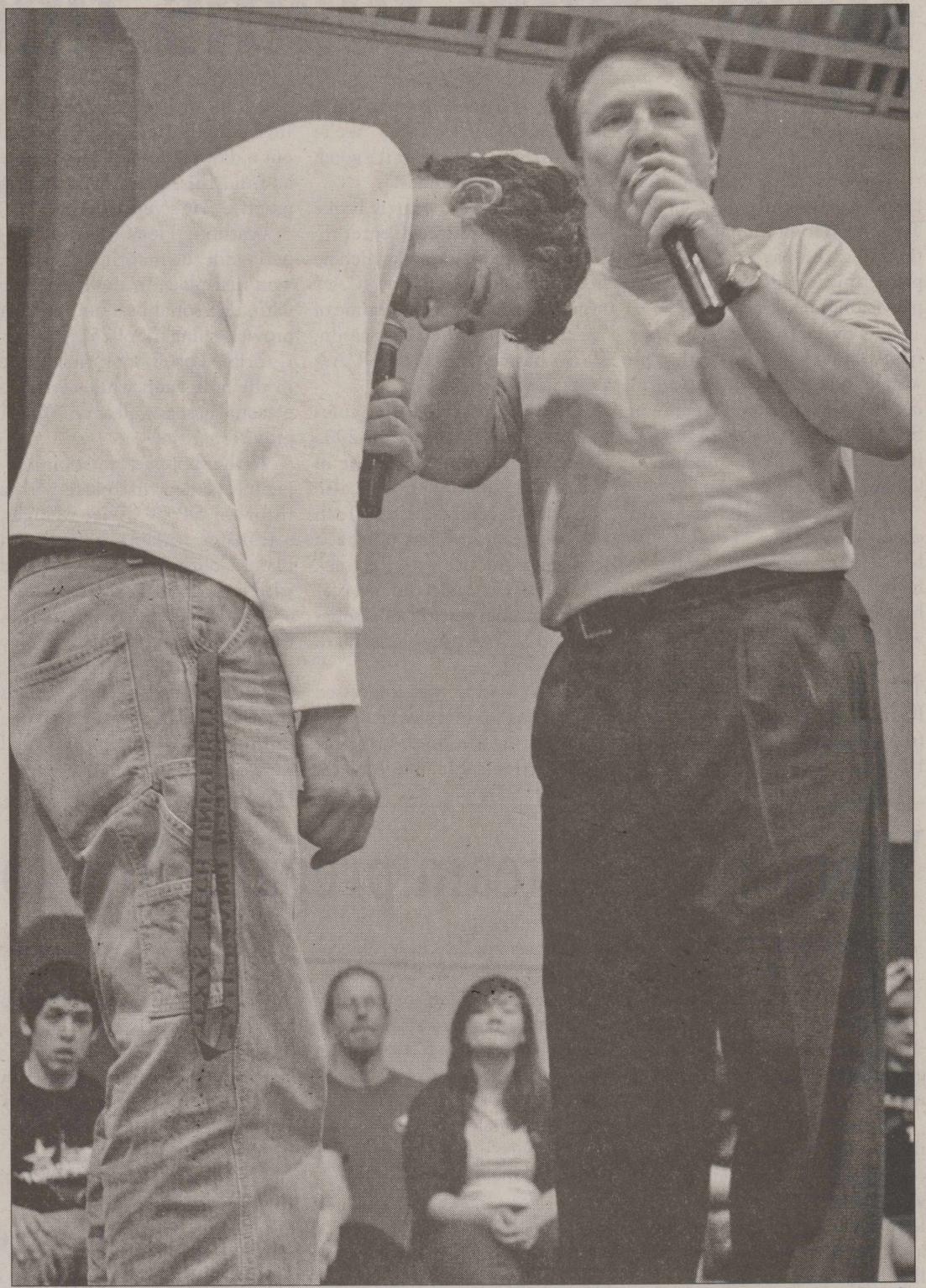


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HYPNOTIST TOM DELUCA puts sophomore Loyd Hamilton from El Paso, TX in a deep sleep at the All-Nighter Friday night located in the Student Rec Center.

Hearsay from Hollywood

By LAUREN DILLARD
OSU DAILY BAROMETER (OREGON STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. — Well, much like last week, this week is starting off with some horrible, tragic news. On Tuesday, 28-year-old Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York apartment. Rumors have been circulating that it was an accidental overdose or a suicide. The autopsy performed was inconclusive. He has left behind a beautiful 2-year-old daughter named Matilda. He just finished filming "The Dark Knight," a new Batman film in which he played the Joker. Another film he was working on has stopped production.

Originally it was said that he was found in Mary-Kate Olsen's

apartment, but that was quickly disproved. However, it has been released that they had been casually dating for the past three months - but of course this is a rumor. Of course there are so many rumors going around, but I don't think they need to even be talked about.

Hollywood has lost an amazingly talented individual and my heart goes out to everyone affected by the loss, including his fans. All of the rude comments, that I shall not repeat, are unneeded at this point. I don't think this is a special case because he was a celebrity, but should be true with anyone that passes away. There has been a plethora of fellow celebrities speaking out about their thoughts of the star.

Clearly this has touched many

more than expected. Right now I think it is time to respect the privacy of his family so they can mourn. If there was ever a time for the paparazzi to grow a heart, it would be now.

Of course it is hard to move on when this is clearly the biggest news in Hollywood, but other stars also have things going on.

Amy Winehouse has officially entered rehab. I guess she is not standing up to what she says in her song. I assume that this has a lot to do with the video released with her smoking crack and talking about taking six Valium to help her come down from an earlier binge of partying. Hey, maybe there is a good side to the leak of this video if it led her to get help that she desperately needs.

Santa Fe Community College student gets tattoo for Hannah Montana tix

By KRISTEN HUFF
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — When listeners of the Kevin and Casey morning show on KISS 105.3 FM were asked what they would do to meet Disney's Hannah Montana, they gave some interesting responses.

Someone promised to eat bugs. A woman said she would shave her head.

But when two listeners convinced the DJs they were the most deserving to go to Tuesday's sold-out show in Orlando — and agreed to tattoo the station's logo on their bodies live on the air — they knew they had their winners.

That was how McCall Blanchard, a 20-year-old Santa Fe Community College student, found herself in Bodytech Tattooing and Piercing on West University Avenue Thursday morning.

After an hour and a half, a 5-by-5-inch, open-jawed alligator

with "KISS 105.3 FM" above its head was displayed prominently between her shoulder blades.

"I think I'm crazy, but it's worth it," Blanchard said.

She won the hearts of the DJs when she told them her story.

The tickets would be for her 7-year-old niece, Brianna Blanchard, who was born with a birth defect called spina bifida, which affects the spinal cord.

Brianna is confined to a wheelchair most of the time, Blanchard said.

"My niece has been through a lot," she said as the tattooing machine buzzed on her back, completing what would be her fourth tattoo.

The station decided to award Blanchard both the front-row tickets and the backstage passes because the other contestant did not show up.

The station did not explain why.

Additionally, the DJs told Blanchard on the air that a limousine will take Brianna from

her home in Tampa, Fla., to the concert.

Brianna is excited by the thought of meeting Hannah Montana in just four days.

"I love her," she said over the phone. "She's my favorite pop star in the world."

Wayne Lessard, Bodytech's owner, tattooed Blanchard himself after the station approached him with the idea.

"I thought it was such a nice story," he said. "I wanted to be involved in it."

Blanchard, who is a Georgia-raised Bulldogs fan, was hesitant

to have her back permanently tattooed with a gator.

"Can we make the gator red

and black?" she asked, smiling.

In the end, Blanchard was happy with Lessard's work.

"I'm just glad it's not ugly," she said. "Wayne did a really good job on it."

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Lady Raiders beat CU 62-44 after worst loss since 1990

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

For Lady Raider basketball coach Kristy Curry, playing the rest of this season's Big 12 Conference games at

home would be nice. Texas Tech handed the Colorado Buffaloes their worst loss of the season, 62-44, Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (14-6, 2-4 in Big 12) responded nicely to a recent 78-39 defeat at No. 11 Oklahoma, which marked Tech's worst loss since 1990.

"I think you have to give our kids a lot of credit," Curry said. "I thought we never let (Colorado) get into the sync of the game, the flow of the game, and that was the big difference today."

Tech forward Dominic Seals bounced back from a five-point, three-rebound performance against the Sooners, scoring 16 first-half points to finish with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Forward Stanecia Graham added 11 points, her first double-digit scoring game since she scored 13 points against Oral Roberts Dec. 18.

For Colorado (13-6, 2-4), senior forward Jackie McFarland tied a season-high 28 points and nine rebounds on eight-of-14 shooting.

Tech played smart in the first half as it committed only four turnovers. Combined

with the team's eight points off Colorado turnovers, Tech built an 11-point lead in the first half.

The Lady Raiders kept their turnovers under 20 for the first time in five games, committing 15.

Forward Aija Putnina stole the show early for Colorado, scoring the Buffaloes' first eight points of the game, but disappeared after that, finishing with nine points.

A pair of free throws from McFarland with 8:31 left in the first half cut Tech's lead to 17-15 and signaled McFarland would take over for the Buffaloes offensively.

Before McFarland could score again though, a pull up 3-pointer from Tech guard Maria Moore sparked a 9-0 run, giving Tech a 26-15 advantage.

Moore finished the game with seven points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals, while guard Tiny Henderson added eight assists and committed only three turnovers.

McFarland scored the next eight points to cut Tech's lead to five, but two buckets from Seals and a 3-pointer by Tech guard Raquel Christian ballooned the lead back to nine points just before half.

CU came out flat in the second half, going 13 straight possessions and nearly 10 minutes without a basket until McFarland hit a shot at the 11:29 mark to end a 15-0 Tech run that began with less than a minute left in the first half.

"I thought it was a great team effort defensively," Curry said. "I thought our bench came out and gave us a lot off the bench as far as their presence defensively."

Tech's energy off the bench extended to the offensive end of the court, outscoring the Buffaloes bench 23-3.

A trio of free throws from Colorado guards Brittany Spears and Britney Blythe would be the only other points scored by a Buffalo player other than McFarland, who ended up with 28 of the team's last 31 points.

"I thought we did a nice job of containing (McFarland) when it mattered most," Curry said. "A lot of her points came when the game was out of hand. That's not a discredit to her, she's a great player, her motor is always running."

McFarland had eight of Colorado's 13 field goals, both of the team's 3-pointers and 10 of the team's 16 made free throws.

McFarland said she was not sure which Colorado team showed up against Texas Tech.

"I don't know what happened to us today," she said. "It wasn't us on offense, on defense, you know, talking, whatever. I don't know what the deal is. It's just frustrating whenever we don't have our full team out there."

Colorado shot 24 percent from the field, going 4-of-23 in the second half.

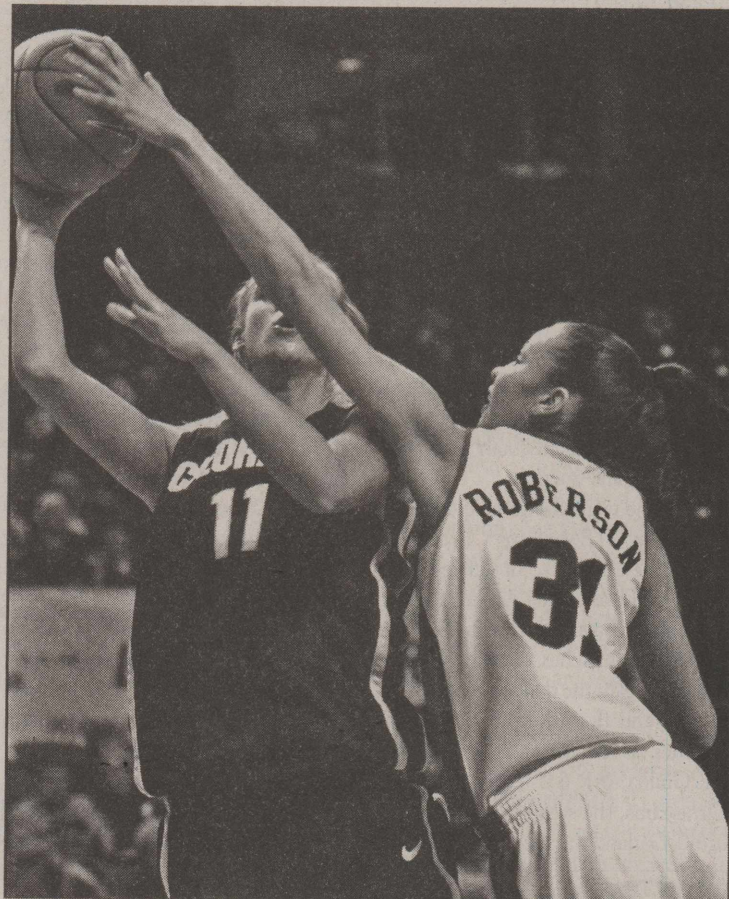


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Ashlee Roberson had three blocks against Colorado, including this one against CU's Hannah Skildum.

On the other end, the Lady Raiders made 41 percent of their shots while recording 14 assists to the Buffaloes' three.

"I thought (Tech) came ready to

play," Colorado coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said. "They were hooked up, and it was their game from the start."

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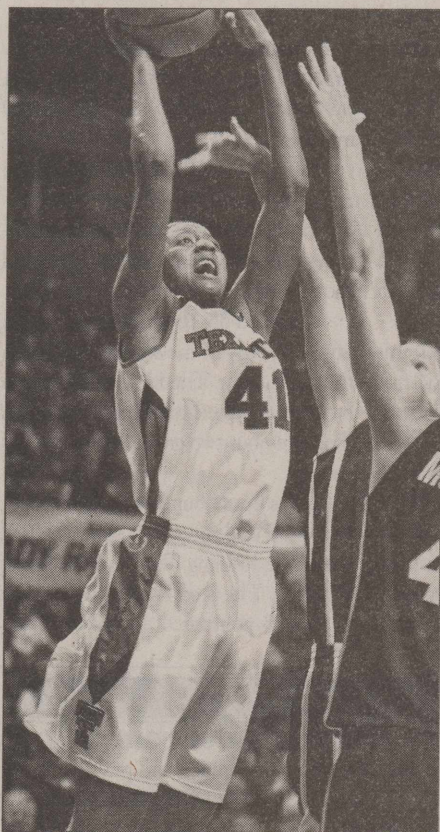


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DOMINIC SEALS SCORED 21 points and had 9 rebounds to lead Texas Tech past Colorado 62-44.

McNeill: Defensive scheme to focus on fundamentals

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill has plans for improving the Tech defense this offseason.

The former interim coordinator said he is ecstatic for the faith his peers have in him and at the chance to continue his job from last season.

"I'm very honored and excited to have been named the permanent defensive coordinator," McNeill said. "I'm excited about the challenge. I'm

excited about the fact that (Tech coach Mike Leach) had the confidence in me to make me permanent as the coordinator. I'm looking forward to getting around the players, in the offseason. Finishing up recruiting strong first, but getting around the players in the offseason, summer and two-a-days."

The decision to name McNeill as the permanent defensive coordinator was prolonged because of the Red Raiders' coaching staff task of recruiting.

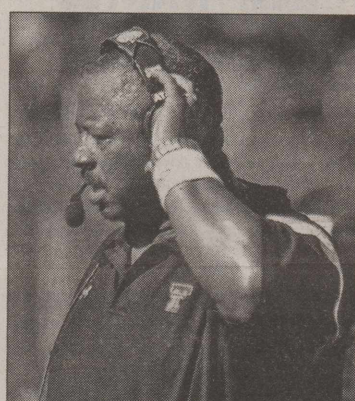
Leach said McNeill was the right choice from the start and McNeill had

the job, but he wanted to wait until recruiting started before he made an official announcement.

"Pretty much wanted to hire Ruffin from the beginning because he did so well this season," he said. "He's done a superior job with the players and guys who (he) coaches. We were just waiting (to get) recruiting going. (There will) probably be another change or two on the staff. Hope to do it all at once. We'll just handle those after recruiting."

With McNeill at the helm of the Tech defense, the defensive scheme will not be changed much. Instead, the Red Raiders' coaching staff expects to focus on fundamentals in improving for the 2008 season.

McNeill said before the coaching staff can think of changing the defensive scheme, the players have to know the basics extensively.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE coordinator Ruffin McNeill said he has no major changes for the Red Raider defense this offseason.

over everything else. Making sure that we doing the little things — the fundamental part — defensive line wise, linebacker and secondary. That will not change. Before we add anything or change anything, the fundamentals will have to be in place."

If the Tech defensive staff will change the scheme, it will think of less rather than more.

McNeill said the defensive players responded well to him last season in part because the schemes were simplified, and the coaching staff should take this and use it as an advantage.

"If we do add some things, things will be removed," he said. "We're not going to add things and keep things. If we want to add some things defensively, which we'll meet as a staff here after recruiting, we will delete some things. We don't want to expand the package; we want to have it more concise. I

think the thing that the players react to well was toning things down, and we'll keep that philosophy."

To get to this point, The Red Raider coaching staff will evaluate the whole season to determine what it knows worked and did not work. The coaching staff still put emphasis on finishing recruiting before the coaching staff begins any type of this work.

"Once we finish recruiting, we have a set of cut-ups we're going to dive into as a staff," he said. "They go from game No. 1 to game No. 13 against Virginia. We'll evaluate what worked for us there and what we felt good about, and then we'll go from there as far as what parts of the package we want to add to what we have."

The Red Raider coaching staff, busy with recruiting, is working toward National Signing Day Feb. 6.

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