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## STATE Acrobats stranded in Dallas homeless shelter

DALLAS (AP) — A team of 16 young Chinese acrobats arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on one-way tickets this week, expecting to cartwheel their way across the country on a 10-month U.S. tour.

Instead they were stranded at a Dallas homeless shelter until Wednesday, two days after their Wisconsin-based circus promoter failed to meet them at the airport.

"From what I know, it seems to be poor planning more than anything else," said Bill Thompson, the executive director of the Union Gospel Mission homeless shelter. "Somebody didn't take care of business, the homework."

## NATION Tax rebate checks will be in the mail by spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The checks aren't in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to millions of people, the centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy. First, though, you must file your 2007 tax return.

## WORLD Iran introduces uranium gas in centrifuges

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran's new generation of advanced centrifuges have begun processing small quantities of the gas that can be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The diplomats emphasized that the centrifuges were working with minute amounts of uranium gas. One diplomat said Tehran has set up only 10 of the machines — far too few to make enriched uranium in the quantities needed for an industrial-scale energy or weapons program.

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# Bomb kills mastermind militant

One of world's most wanted terrorists killed in car bombing in Syria

By ZEINA KARAM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — One of the world's most wanted and elusive terrorists, Imad Mughniyeh, was killed in a car bombing in Syria nearly 15 years after dropping from sight. The one-time Hezbollah security chief was the suspected mastermind of attacks that killed hundreds of Americans in Lebanon and of the brutal kidnappings of Westerners.

The Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its top ally,

Iran, blamed Israel on Wednesday for the assassination. Israel denied any role.

Mughniyeh was also on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists, and the U.S. State Department had offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to his arrest or conviction. He was indicted in the U.S. for his role in planning the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner in which a U.S. Navy diver was killed.

The United States welcomed Mughniyeh's death.

"The world is a better place without this man in it," State Depart-

ment spokesman Sean McCormack said. "One way or the other, he was brought to justice."

The hijacking was the only attack on Americans for which Mughniyeh was charged, but he carried out or directed a series of terrorist spectacles aimed at the United States and Jewish targets.

Mughniyeh's death was the latest in a series of blows to major terror figures in recent weeks. Abu Laith al-Libi, a senior al-Qaida leader, was killed in Pakistan in late January by a missile fired from a U.S. drone. This week, Pakistani security forces criti-

cally wounded and captured Mansour Dadullah, a top Taliban figure, in a firefight near the Afghan border.

But Mughniyeh, a Shiite Muslim not known to be connected to the Sunni al-Qaida or Taliban, harkened back to an earlier era of terror. A secretive, underground operator whose name was not even known for years, he was one of the first to turn Islamic militancy's weapons against the United States in the 1980s.

Mughniyeh emerged during the turmoil of Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, rising to become Hezbollah's security chief, and the dramatic

suicide bombings he is accused of engineering in Beirut were some of the deadliest against Americans until al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

He vanished in the early 1990s, reportedly undergoing plastic surgery and moving between Lebanon, Syria and Iran on fake passports. But Western intelligence agencies believe he then took his terror attacks abroad, hitting Jewish and Israeli interests in Argentina, among other places.

One Western official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss

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# Healing Harvey

By MATT MCGOWAN  
STAFF WRITER

Harvey may have more than 25 fake symptoms of heart disease and very little to offer in the way of conversation, but he is no hypochondriac.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing's newest faculty member has not complained much about his medical problems since he arrived last week because, in reality, he is a mannequin — a \$60,000, hi-tech mannequin.

The patient simulator embodies the forefront in clinical-simulation technology, said Sharon Decker, director of the nursing school's Clinical Simulation Center. As one of only a few Harveys in existence, Tech's new equipment will give stu-

dents a chance to acquaint themselves with many types of heart illnesses.

Because Harvey is one of the most sophisticated medical simulators on the market, Decker said, it provides an unprecedented realism to students treating him.

"The nice thing is any other simulator cannot — okay, listening to one part of my heart, I may have 'bump-bump, bump-bump,'" Decker said, pointing to her

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# Tech nursing school acquires state-of-the-art simulator

PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Treador

# Senate votes ban CIA waterboarding, other harsh methods

By PAMELA HESS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Wednesday moved to prohibit the CIA from using waterboarding and other harsh interrogation methods on terror suspects, despite President Bush's threat to veto any measure that limits the agency's interrogation techniques.

The prohibition was contained in a bill authorizing intelligence activities for the current year, which the Senate approved on a 51-45 vote. It would restrict the CIA to the 19 interrogation techniques outlined in the Army field manual. That manual prohibits waterboarding, a method that makes an interrogation subject feel he is drowning.

The House had approved the measure in December. Wednesday's Senate vote set up a confrontation with the White House, where Bush has promised to veto any bill that restricts CIA questioning.

Arguing for such restrictions, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said the use of harsh tactics would boomerang on the United States.

"Retaliation is the way of the world. What we do to others, they will do to us — but worse," Rockefeller said. "This debate is about more than legality. It is also about morality, the way we see ourselves ... and what we represent to the world."

The legislation bars the CIA from using waterboarding, sensory deprivation or other harsh coercive methods to break a prisoner who refuses to answer questions. Those practices were banned by the military in 2006.

CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden said last week that current law and court decisions, including the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005, cast doubt on whether waterboarding would be legal now. Hayden prohibited its use in CIA interrogations in 2006; it has not been used since 2003, he said.

The Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 prohibited cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment for all detainees in U.S. custody, including CIA prisoners.

In comments last week to the House Intelligence Committee, Hayden acknowledged for the first time publicly that the CIA has used waterboarding against three prisoners.

The technique is still officially in the CIA tool kit but it requires the consent of the attorney general and president on a case-by-case basis.

Hayden warned Congress that if the CIA were limited to military techniques, it would adhere to them without wavering, even if it meant failing to get urgent and crucial information. He contends the CIA has different interrogation needs than the military and requires more latitude.

"I guarantee you we will live within those confines of any statute of that nature.

But you have to understand there would be no exceptions," he said.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, backed by Senate Republicans Olympia Snowe of Maine and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, inserted the provision in December into a bill providing guidelines for the running of U.S. intelligence agencies this year.

The 19 approved interrogation techniques in the military field manual include "good cop/bad cop," "false flag" — making prisoners think they are in the custody of another country — and the separation of a prisoner from other prisoners for up to 30 days at a time.

It prohibits military interrogators from hooding prisoners or putting duct tape across their eyes. They may not be stripped naked or forced to perform or mimic sexual acts. They may not be beaten, electrocuted, burned or otherwise physically hurt. They may not be subjected to

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# Hance addresses Faculty Senate on funding

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate discussed scholarships, watchlists and several other resolutions Wednesday in the Student Union Building Senate room.

Chancellor Kent Hance opened the meeting by reminding faculty of his top priorities: raising money for scholarships, endowed chairs and research.

Hance said recently he has been raising money for scholarships that impact students who are in immediate need rather than scholarships set up for future students who exceed academically.

"In 2001, it cost about \$7,500 to go to Texas Tech including tuition and room and board," he said. "Now it's about \$18,000. There are a lot of students that \$2,500 is a lot of money."

The average student is graduating from Tech with about \$17,000 in debt, Hance said.

"Somebody asked me the other day, 'are there any problems at Texas Tech?'" he said. "I said 'none that

money won't solve. Got any? Give me some."

Hance said he hopes the next legislative session will result in Tech receiving more scholarship funds.

"We now have a full-time representative in Washington that works for us," he said. "It helps us tremendously to have someone there at all times."

He said he believes more effort needs to be put into recruiting more academically outstanding students and urged the faculty senators to initiate contact with such potential students.

"It impresses them. You don't have to spend more than five minutes with them, and it's a joy," he said. "I'm flying some of these National Merit

Scholars in this weekend."

Hance said he hopes to hire a new president as soon as possible, and the process of doing so has already begun.

"We will have an advisory committee, and we will have a search committee," he said. "The advisory committee will go through a list of people who apply, and they will narrow it down and turn the list over to the search committee."

The advisory committee will consist of 15 to 20 people, Hance said, of which, many will be Tech faculty.

Gene Wilde, Faculty Senate president, said he is meeting with members of the Young Conservatives of Texas organization Friday to discuss the faculty watch list the group is

putting together.

The list, which will be published on the organization's Web site, [www.orgs.ttu.edu/youngconservativesoftexas](http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/youngconservativesoftexas), in the next few weeks, will include Tech faculty members whom students have deemed biased in the classroom and have reported to YCT.

"I'm getting together with the principals to talk about the watch list," Wilde said. "Let's have a friendly academic conversation."

Mary Frances Agnello, senator for the College of Education, said she was somewhat concerned about the list affecting professors who have not been tenured.

"We can laugh about it, but, being an untenured professor, I'm hoping that we're going to try to help faculty if they do end up on this list," Agnello said. "There are plenty of us who are not, and it really is an issue."

Provost William Marcy said he did not want the list to create unnecessary havoc.

"I would like to assure anyone who is worried that there is no tenure impact on faculty that make the list or don't make the list," Marcy said.

In addition to Hance's and Wilde's announcements, the Senate adopted several resolutions.

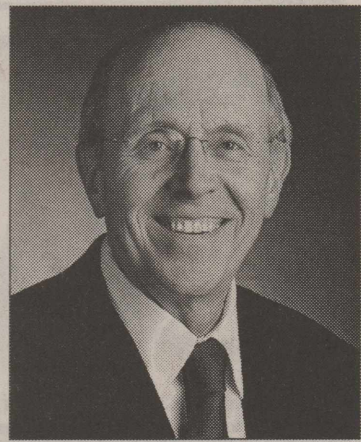
One resolution passed was the establishment of a Child Care Liaison, a position the Student Government Association Senate and Staff Senate already have agreed to implement.

"What we were envisioning was this person would be able to work with any student, faculty and staff, and they would have a resource to contact this person and say, 'hey I'm trying to find child care for this community' and they would have a list available," said Kathy Nordstrom, a member of the Staff Senate.

She said the liaison also may be responsible for creating a list of child care facilities for special-needs children and adult day cares where individuals with dementia are taken care of.

The Senate also adopted a resolution making it mandatory for faculty members to be notified before any operating procedure affecting faculty is created or revised.

"It's just a courtesy thing," Wilde said. "We want to have access to



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things and have input as leadership changes."

Wilde said he received a report from members of the Fall Break Task Force chaired by Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs. Because it is so late in the academic year, the task force has decided to not have a 2008 Fall Break, he said. To do so, major adjustments like starting the year earlier would have to take place.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for March 12.

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# Clinton defeats show margins with whites, women, older voters slipping

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton's crushing losses in Maryland and Virginia highlight an erosion in what had been solid advantages among women, whites and older and working-class voters.

While this week's results can be explained by those states' relatively large numbers of blacks and well-educated residents — who tend to be Barack Obama supporters — her presidential campaign could be doomed if the

trends continue.

Clinton is holding onto some of her supporters who are largely defined by race and often by level of education, such as low-income white workers and older white women, exit polls of voters show. She's been losing other blocs, again stamped by personal characteristics, such as blacks, men and young people both black and white, and better-educated whites.

The latest defeats have slowed the one-time favorite's political momentum at a bad time. With Obama winning eight straight contests and easily outdistancing her in money raising,

she must now endure three weeks until primaries in Texas and Ohio that she hopes will resurrect her campaign.

Clinton's losses have also enabled Obama to take a slight lead in their crucial fight for convention delegates. With 2,025 needed to clinch the nomination at the party's Denver gathering in August, Obama has 1,224 delegates to Clinton's 1,198, according to the latest count by The Associated Press.

Before this year's presidential contests began, Obama was running consistently behind his rival in the polls. The Illinois senator was mostly

attracting upper-echelon whites, young people and about half of black voters — resembling the coalitions that sealed defeat for past non-establishment Democratic candidates such as Gary Hart and Bill Bradley.

Things have changed since the voting has started, especially after bitter exchanges during the Clinton-Obama contest in South Carolina highlighted their racial differences and, subsequently, former Sen. John Edwards exited the race.

Now, virtually all blacks support Obama, significant since they make up about a fifth of Democratic vot-

ers overall.

And while last year's polls showed Clinton leading among men, Obama now leads her among males by 11 percentage points, according to exit polls of voters in 20 competitive Democratic primaries.

Before Tuesday's voting, the two were even among white males this year. Obama defeated her among that group by 18 percentage points in Virginia — his first win with white men in a Southern state — and they divided white men about equally in Maryland. Obama has done especially well with men who are college educated.

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chest. "If you listen to the next part of the heart with the same pathology, you may have a murmur. Other simulators cannot change it that sophisticatedly. This one makes it as real to life as you can possibly have."

The CH Foundation granted the funding for Harvey to the Health Sciences Center, she said.

Because Harvey will be available to any student in need of learning about cardiovascular treatment, said Kay Sanford, grants administrator at the foundation, Harvey offers a great opportunity for students across many fields, which is why his purchase is worthwhile.

"We just think it's a great tool, because of the fact that it will help more than just the School of Nursing," she said. "It's interdisciplinary, and that's a

good thing."

The foundation also has provided other advanced simulators to the center, Decker said, such as an infant patient simulator and the \$35,000 Sim Man, a full-body mannequin with blonde hair who received a catheter during a simulation Wednesday afternoon.

Through a window in a simulation control room, instructors closely monitored three nursing students as they performed the procedure on the open-mouthed, plastic patient.

After the simulated procedure, Meghan Hirth, a senior nursing major from Midland who participated in the procedure, said she has performed many procedures, both simulated and real, throughout the course of her studies.

Calling simulators "kind of a rush" and still exhilarated from Sim Man's catheterization, she said patient simulators offer students the best of both academic worlds.

"It's kind of like an ideal world," Hirth said. "You have your teacher, who is grading you. In a hospital, it's not always an ideal world. If we don't always do something exactly right, we might not know right away, rather than here, we are told right away."

Because they can manipulate the scenario, Decker said, instructors often

use the simulators to give students an opportunity to experience certain situations they are unlikely to come across during clinical trials in real hospitals.

Death simulations are no exception, said Melissa Smith, a senior nursing major from Flowermound and Hirth's teammate during Sim Man's procedure. Instructors sometimes are prone to surprise their students during a simulation scenario.

"The mannequins start to 'code,' or basically, they'll start dying," she said. "Alarms will start going off, and you'll see the assessment that things aren't going well. You have to move fast."

The simulated scenarios actually are more stressful than real situations, Smith said, but only because every little detail is witnessed and noted by the instructors. After one simulated death, for instance, another student began to cry for the diseased mannequin.

Some scenarios, she said, include students who pretend they are hysterical members of the mannequin's family to create the frenzy often present during real-world operations. Instructors, through an earpiece during such reenactments, will encourage the 'family member' to distract the students as they try to work.

"Usually their oxygen levels and

all their vitals go down when you do something bad," Hirth said, "but this time, they went down because they were going to die no matter what. We learned from that."

Harvey can expect a lot more company in the coming months and years, Decker said, because the HSC's simulation center expects to grow considerably during that time. Before long, the center should be one of the best of its kind in the nation.

She said the growth comes on the heels of several factors.

"One is patient-safety reasons," Decker said. "You need to make sure your students now are competent in their skills before they go into the hospital setting. The other thing is, because of the increase we have in students, there are not the clinical placements that we used to have. Now the goal is to utilize these very heavily to get students ready."

Harvey's designer, Dr. Michael Hoffman, director of the Gordon Center at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, named Harvey's after one of his instructors. The mannequin's facial features and build were modeled after one of Gordon's medical students, a body builder, explaining why Harvey has muscles.

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# Organization seeks student approval for City Council election recall

By **MATT MCGOWAN**  
STAFF WRITER

A Lubbock grassroots organization called upon Texas Tech students this week to sign a petition calling for, among other things, the removal of Linda DeLeon, the District 1 representative on the Lubbock City Council.

The group, Recall 2008, appealed to Tech students for their endorsement because the group believes DeLeon's policies negatively impact them, said Roger Settler, a member of the group. This is the group's third attempt in two years to remove DeLeon. They failed to gain enough signatures in both prior attempts.

DeLeon called upon police to enforce city codes more strictly, he said, causing a growth in the number of students who see police "harassment on an unusual basis," particularly in the residential areas near the university, such as Tech Terrace and North Overton.

One example, Settler said, is the police department's "party patrol" — a police task force charged with increasing the enforcement of underage-drinking laws and noise violation statutes.

"(Police) will see a group of people out in the neighborhoods on the weekends," he said. "They'll stop and not only ticket drinkers, but non-drinkers. We've been hearing com-

plaints about all kinds of oppressive things, including illegal search and seizure in the student community."

For the petition to pass, Settler said, the group must acquire at least 500 valid signatures from registered Lubbock voters who live in DeLeon's district. If the group can collect enough signatures, the petition then will be submitted to the city.

If adopted, he said, the petition then would give voters the choice during May to remove DeLeon from the council.

As of Wednesday, Settler said, the number of signatures on the petition is "getting there."

DeLeon's misdeeds are not unilateral, he said, and he believes Floyd Price, another member of the City Council, also has brought oppressive police measures to Tech students.

Price's term on the council, however, expires this year, so the petition does not include his removal.

Price said Settler's claims are flawed and ungrounded. Placing all blame, regardless of the grievance, on one or two of the council's seven members does not make sense. He said a member's single vote severely limits his or her ability to enact a personal agenda.

Regardless, he said, claims that police specifically target students are "ludicrous." Merely addressing Settler's claims seems frivolous, he said, especially his assumption that

the city encourages police to fine students to bring in more revenue.

"I know one thing that can read minds, and that's God," he said. "I don't think anybody else can do that. That never came out of my mouth. It never came out of Linda's mouth. How on God's earth can anybody read my mind?"

The city does not intentionally target students whatsoever, Price added. The municipal government regards Red Raiders as valuable citizens.

Settler said he believes Lubbock's ordinance restricting more than two people with different last names from living in the same household also is absurd.

The city's current council, Price said, had nothing to do with that ordinance.

"That has nothing to do with this council here," he said. "That's always just been, for a long time. When you go back and dig up ordinances, go back and dig up the time that it actually went in place."

If a repeal of the housing restriction came before the council, Price said he does not know how he would vote. A decision about that would require more thought and thorough investigation before he could decide.

He said he will seek reelection in May.

Linda DeLeon was not available for comment.

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RYAN MCKENNA, RIGHT, takes a break from signing the petition Wednesday afternoon at the Free Speech area in front of the Student Union Building as Roger Settler, left, explains his hopes of getting enough numbers for the recall of City Council member Linda DeLeon.

## Bombing

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cuss intelligence matters, said Wednesday that Mughniyeh was linked to the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, an attack which killed 19 Americans.

Mughniyeh continued to head external operations for Hezbollah and was "very active and very dangerous," the official said.

His slaying could raise tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, as well as with the militant group's allies, Syria and Iran. Israel and Hezbollah fought a bloody war in the summer of 2006, and some Lebanese figures close to the Shiite militant group called Wednesday for attacks against Israel in retaliation for Mughniyeh's death.

It could also worsen the turmoil in Lebanon, where Hezbollah is locked in a power struggle with the U.S.-backed government.

Hezbollah called for a huge turnout at Mughniyeh's funeral in south Beirut on Thursday. The same day, government supporters are planning a rally of hundreds of thousands in downtown Beirut to mark the third anniversary of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

With fears growing of street violence between the two camps, the U.S. Embassy strongly encouraged American citizens in Lebanon to limit all but essential travel Thursday.

Hezbollah announced on its Al-Manar television that Mughniyeh "became a martyr at the hands of the Zionist Israelis." The station played Quranic verses in memorial and aired a rare, apparently recent picture of Mughniyeh — showing a burly, bespectacled man with a black and gray beard wearing military camouflage and a military cap.

Syrian Interior Minister Brig. Gen. Bassam Abdul-Majid said Mughniyeh was killed Tuesday night in a car bombing in the upscale Damascus neighborhood of Kfar Sousse, the state news agency SANA reported.

Witnesses in the Syrian capital said the explosion tore apart the silver Mitsubishi Pajero, killing a passer-by and leaving only the front of the SUV intact. Security forces sealed off

the area and removed the body. The Lebanese television station LBC said Mughniyeh was leaving a ceremony at an Iranian school and was approaching his car when it blew up. By Wednesday, the area had been cleared and there was no indication a car bombing had taken place.

The killing is deeply embarrassing to Syria, showing that the wanted fugitive was hiding on its soil. The United States has accused Syria, home to a number of radical

Palestinian leaders, of supporting terrorism.

Iran blamed Israel for the assassination, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini calling the bombing "yet another brazen example of organized state terrorism by the Zionist regime."

In the past, when Israel has been fingered — rightly or wrongly — as responsible for attacks on targets beyond its borders, it has generally responded with impenetrable silence, for example over last September's airstrike on an as-yet undisclosed target in Syria.

This time Israel was quick to deny any role, possibly because it could pay a price for public claims.

"Israel rejects the attempt by terror groups to attribute to it any involvement in this incident. We have nothing further to add," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's office said in a statement.

Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers on the border between the two countries in July 2006, sparking an Israeli incursion into south Lebanon and a 34-day war. While Hezbollah has not come forward with evidence that the soldiers are alive, Israel regards them as such until it is proved otherwise and would not want to jeopardize their return.

## Ethics Committee says Sen. Craig acted improperly in airport sex sting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee said Wednesday that Idaho Sen. Larry Craig acted improperly in connection with a men's room sex sting last year and had brought discredit on the Senate.

In a letter to the Republican senator, the ethics panel said Craig's attempt to withdraw his guilty plea after his arrest at a Minneapolis airport was an effort

to evade legal consequences of his own actions.

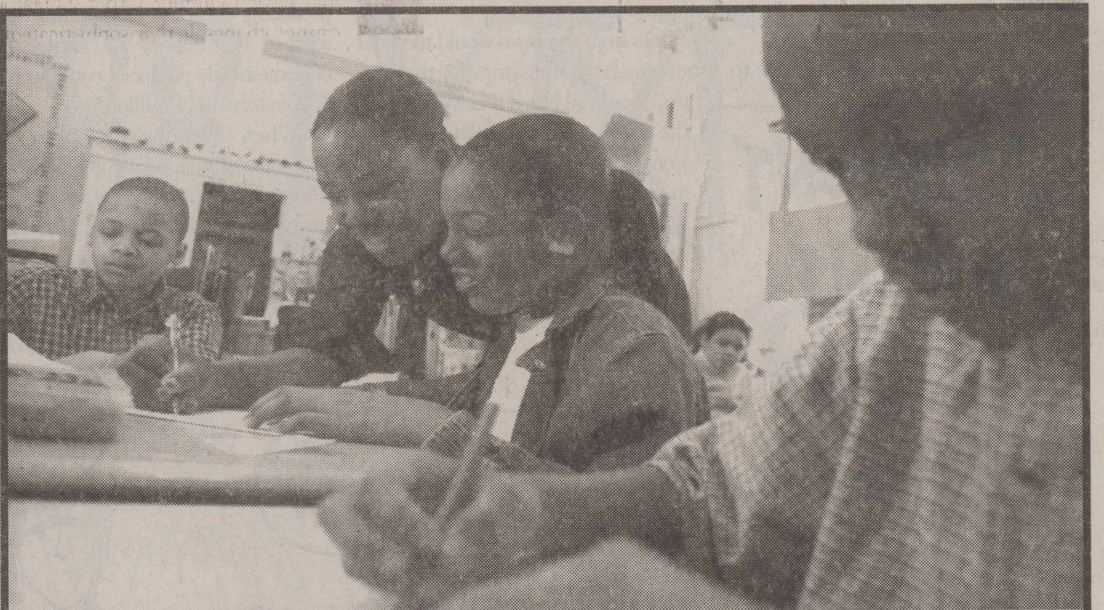
Craig's actions constitute "improper conduct which has reflected discreditably on the Senate," the letter said.

In an e-mailed statement, Craig told The Associated Press he disagreed with the ethics panel's action.

"While I am disappointed and strongly disagree with the conclusions reached by the Senate Ethics

Committee, from the outset I have encouraged the committee to act in a timely fashion and they have done so. I will continue to serve the people of Idaho," he said.

The six members of the committee — three Democrats and three Republicans — told Craig they believed he "committed the offense to which you pled guilty" and that "you entered your plea knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently."



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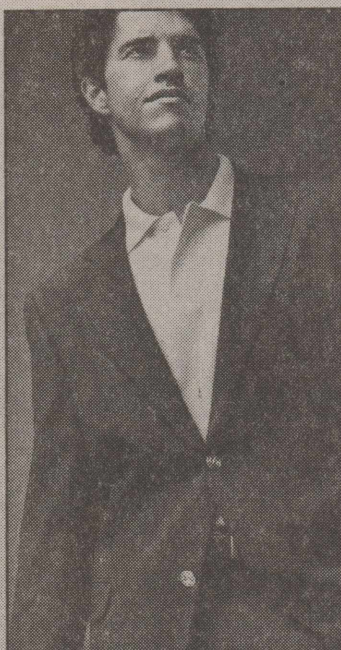
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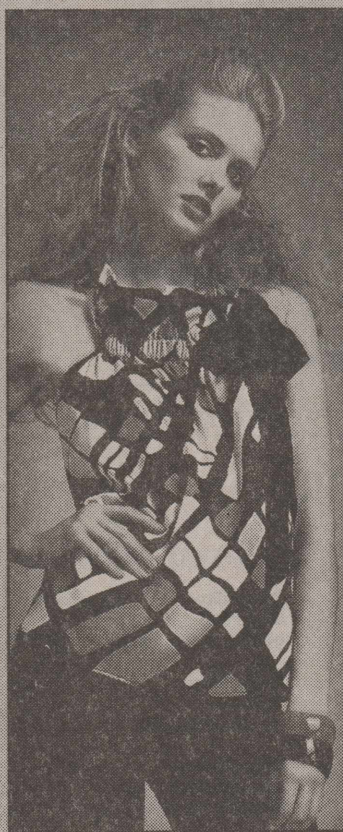
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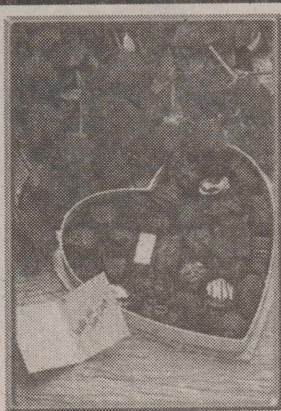
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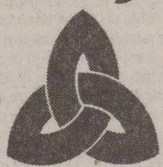
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## Texas primary a 'must win' for Sen. Clinton

The presidential primary in Texas scheduled for March 4 should have been irrelevant as Texas is one of the last states to go to the polls. But for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democrat from New York, Texas and Ohio will be the defining votes determining her presidential future.

Speaking to the *New York Times*, a superdelegate who has pledged his or her support for Clinton said, "She has to win both Ohio and Texas comfortably, or she's out ... The campaign is starting to come to terms with that."

Not only because Texas is the biggest prize left to grab after Super Tuesday and the Beltway primaries this past Tuesday, clocking it at 228 delegates, but the uncommitted superdelegates are going to be looking to see which campaign has more strength before making their pledges of support.

So what is the outlook for Clinton in Texas?



**Derek Johnston**

Simply put, Clinton should have no problem in Texas. Out here in West Texas, Clinton is more often the subject of jokes and demeaning remarks than thought of as a future president. So how then, can she have a chance in Texas? The answer lies not in conservative white voters, but in minorities. More specifically, Hispanic voters.

The home of George W. Bush long has been considered a bastion of red conservative values, and it seemed like most liberals are confined within Austin and the University of Texas. But the reality is Texas

might become a blue Democratic state in the near future and quite possibly in the 2008 election.

This switch in ideology comes from the massive influx of Hispanic immigrants coming from Mexico. And I'm not talking about illegal immigrants who can't vote, but an increasingly rising population of Hispanic U.S. citizens and voters.

As a general rule, Hispanic voters turn their support Democratic because Democrats support legislation and an ideology that attempts to help minorities and the impoverished get health-care and insurance. Democrats support welfare and Social Security for citizens with fixed incomes or no incomes at all.

Republicans and conservatives tend to follow the ideology of natural inequality — that being poor simply means you aren't working hard enough and that anyone can be successful if he or she wants it bad enough.

California showed Clinton has the support of an overwhelming percentage of the Hispanic population, and she is counting on that support to carry over to Hispanic voters in Texas.

So what are the stakes in the March 4 primary?

On March 4, Texas and Ohio, and then Pennsylvania later on, are going to the polls in the final major primaries of the '08 election. After Tuesday's Beltway primary going to Obama, and his five-state sweep during the weekend, Clinton is going to be hard pressed to stop the rising tide that is Obama's momentum. She needs to

come back with a sweep of all three March 4 contests.

If she can get all three states by a comfortable margin, she most likely will lock up the nomination, but if she fails to win a single state, or can't beat Obama by solid margin, then the nomination most likely will go to him.

At the beginning of the campaign season, no political analyst, pundit or journalist ever could have imagined this race going down to the wire as it has. The contest was supposed to wrap up before Super Tuesday, or at least be decided by the Super

Tuesday contests.

The contests in Texas and Ohio were expected to be after the nominees had been selected and thus, irrelevant. But thanks to the Democratic party's decision to have the primaries give out delegates proportionally to the candidates, this contest is still far from over.

But for the Clinton campaign, March 4 is the do-or-die moment of truth. Without resounding wins in Texas and Ohio, she simply won't be able to keep up with the Obama movement.

If she can't win, she needs to do what is best for the party and best for the country and step aside and allow the Democratic political machine to set its sights on John McCain, the November election

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## Valentine's Day shrouded in blood, debauchery

By ALYSON MURPHY  
THE DAILY ATHENAEUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Valentine's Day, it seems, evokes trepidation in the hearts of singles feeling the pressure to couple up on this loneliest of holidays.

Well, before you despair in spending yet another disappointing night with boyfriends Jim Beam, Jack Daniels or Jameson, allow me to educate you on the not-so-romantic history of Valentine's Day.

According to the History Channel, the legends of St. Valentine are uncertain and numerous.

One legend has the priest Valentine marrying young couples during the third century in Rome, after Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men, believing that single men made better soldiers.

Claudius then ordered Valentine to

be put to death for his disobedience.

Another legend states that Valentine sent the first "valentine greeting" to a jailer's daughter that he fell in love with while being imprisoned. He signed this letter, "from your valentine," an expression still used today.

Yet another belief in England and France during the Middle Ages is that Feb. 14 is the beginning of birds' mating season, hence a day for romance.

A more interesting claim, which I hope will relieve any ill-feelings of those flying solo on this supposedly romantic holiday, is that according to the History Channel, the Christian Church decided to celebrate a Valentine's feast in the middle of February to "Christianize" the pagan fertility festival Lupercalia.

This festival involved Roman priests sacrificing a goat for fertility and a dog for purification.

Boys from the town would then cut the animal's hide into strips, dip the strips into sacrificial blood and then take to the streets, slapping both fields and women with the hides in the hope of increasing fertility.

Later in the day, as the legend goes, the women of the city would place its

names in a big urn to be picked from by the male bachelors, and then the two would be paired for the rest of the year.

We are talking "Flavor of Love" meets "Silence of the Lambs" — blood, babies and debauchery.

Luckily there were no video cameras in those days, or VHI would most likely be salivating at the prospect of filming this festival to add to their sophisticated dating-show repertoire.

Extreme consumerism aids this dubious history to puncture even the most brilliant crimson Valentine's Day heart.

The Valentine's page also states that 188 million greeting cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second most popular greeting card-giving occasion.

The U.S. Census Bureau states that the total value of shipments for firms producing chocolate or cocoa products reached 14.9 billion. Wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers in 2006 reached 411 million.

When Valentine's Day fever hits, and you feel as if everyone around you is lost within the throes of young love, consider how much money you will save on flowers, cards and gifts.

Feel a sense of accomplishment for not jumping on the bandwagon of this mislead holiday and not allowing the production companies to convince you that only a heart-shaped box will banish your loneliness.

So this year you didn't get hit by cupid's arrow, or "smacked with a blood soaked piece of hide." Do not follow the lead of long ago participants in the Lupercalia festival, pairing off haphazardly, fertility in mind.

Try to remember this gross consumerism and loveless history when you're throwing back ridiculously cheap drinks; priced low to contribute to the coupling-up fever that is Valentine's Day.

If you are in love this holiday, realize that it is a day like any other and that the true romance will only be found in the strength of your individual relationship.

If you let the hype and loneliness drive you, the only memory you'll have of Cupid is an awkward morning and a walk-of-shame home — not exactly the poetic adoration found within the confines of a Valentine's Day greeting card.

## Black History Month is sanctioned racism

By JILLIAN SHERIDAN  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — It's February: Black History Month. Next month we will move to Women's History Month. Why are these race- and gender-specific months recognized by our government? Theoretically, the months have been established to promote equality in the study of history. How do you have equality in the study of history, and do these months really promote it?

Equality in the study of history could mean that every race and gender receives equal time in history classrooms. Or, it could mean that important historical figures are studied equally, regardless of their race. Either way, these months move us further from true equality.

First of all, isn't it insulting that black history month is February? Does black history compose so little of our national history that it deserves only 29 days out of 366 days (in a leap year).

Secondly, more than 50 percent of Americans are women. Shouldn't women's history get more than 8 percent of the calendar? If the government plans to separate the calendar according to race and gender, they need to do a much

better job.

Separating history into months depending on race and gender is racist and sexist. The segregation of history is as harmful as the segregation of people. But though "separate but equal" has been viewed as unconstitutional and impossible since *Brown v. the Board of Education*, the philosophy behind it is still common. By establishing these months, the government encourages a culture that instills in citizens the view not of racial superiority, but of racial separation. The government encourages racism and sexism by classifying history and historical figures according to their race and gender. But America's history is not a history of many nations learning to tolerate each other and coexist peacefully - it is a history of many unique individuals coming together as a united nation. In a country that prides itself on multiculturalism, true equality comes through integration of people and history.

There was once a justification for these months, in a time when historical minorities and women were ignored. Today, however, the divisive months do more harm than good. We can't dice history up into little pieces and have it make sense.

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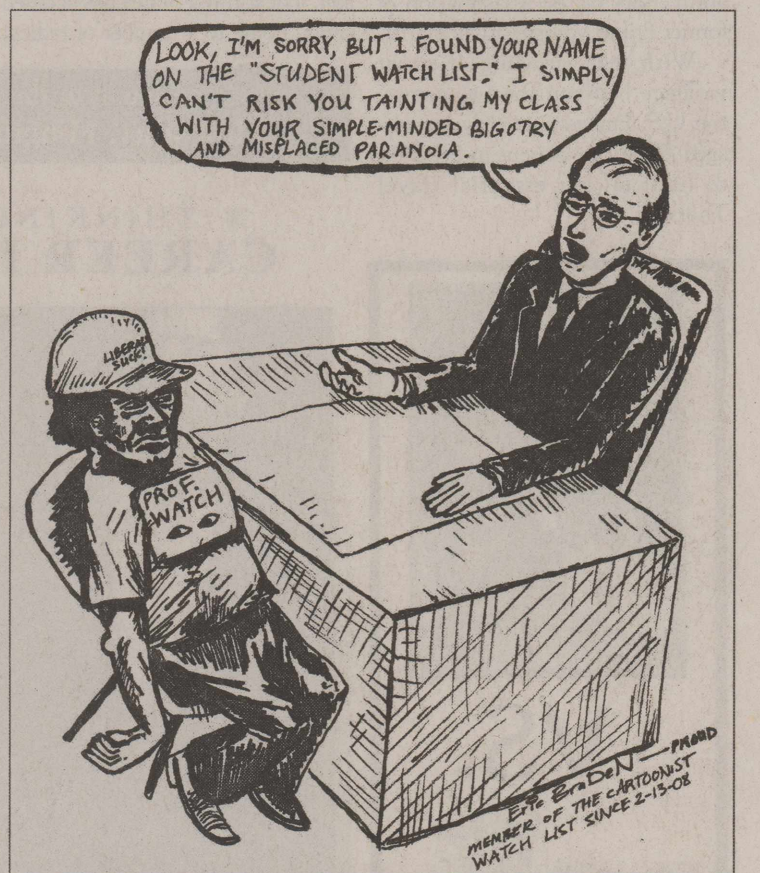
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FLOWERS FOR M'LADY



MICHAEL HALL, A horticulture alumni from Amarillo, takes time to buy flowers for his valentine Wednesday afternoon outside of the Student Union Building.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador

205 companies attend engineering job fair

By LILIANA GONZALEZ  
STAFF WRITER

A green trolley transferred students to Texas Tech's College of Engineering Job Fair to meet with 205 different companies Wednesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Shelli Crockett, director of career services and study abroad in the College of Engineering at Tech, said the college has organized the job fair once each semester for 10 years.

Because about 80 percent of engineering students do internships, Crockett said previous job fairs have averaged more than 1,300 students who met and talked with future employers.

"Students are able to find interesting jobs all in one job fair where they can network and research companies," Crockett said. "This is where the recruitment season starts, about 80 percent of students do internships."

The job fair, which was in the Civic Center for a second time, had several changes this time around, she said, such as an electronic check-in where students printed out a name tag, a trolley that commuted students between the Frazier Alumni Center and the Civic Center and free lunch for students.

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Jerry Watson, project engineer for Conservatek, a small company in Conroe that provides large-scale aluminum roof structure for various markets, said the quality of talent in a person is important in his company.

He said because the company's product is engineered very heavily, company representatives come to job fairs like this hoping to find young talent with potential.

"People that show initiative are important because we need them to join right in," Watson said, "and (have) a strong knowledge base, meaning they did well in school."

Alfonso Abad, a senior mechanical engineering major from Mexico City, said he attended the job fair to look at all the companies related to his area of study.

"It is really good since you have more than 200 companies," Abad said, "and everyone of them is looking for something different."

He said there is something for everyone at the job fair, and students cannot leave empty handed.

"You cannot leave empty handed because they give free stuff such as umbrellas, pens, engineering papers and information," Abad said.

Mark Waddoups, project manager for Entropac/Hibbs and Todd,

said the company is looking for full-time positions and interns.

"We got a lot of work, and we need people to do it, so we need employees and interns," he said. "So this is a good opportunity to come to a job fair."

Waddoups said the company works with civil, environmental and geotechnical engineering.

"We've been in Lubbock for 14 years," he said. "We emphasize at all things related to water and are looking for engineers who want to stay in West Texas."

Scipio Sholars II, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Kilgore, said he attended the fair to look for an internship.

"The job fair gives us an opportunity to network and get our name out there," he said, "and to let people know you are serious about your major."

He said he is interested in petroleum engineering because his hometown used to be a big oil town.

"Most of my friends' dads are petroleum engineers," Sholars said, "and, to me, it is one of the most interesting disciplines of engineering."

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Iraqi hospital chief suspected of giving patient details to al-Qaida

BAGHDAD (AP) — When twin blasts ravaged crowded pet markets earlier this month, Iraqi authorities offered a chilling account: Mentally disabled women carried the hidden explosives perhaps as unwitting bombers for al-Qaida in Iraq.

The U.S. military on Wednesday brought another stunning twist to the plot — that the acting director of a psychiatric hospital could have betrayed his ethics and turned over patient details to insurgents blamed for the attack, which killed nearly 100 people.

The questioning of the hospital administrator fits into a wider campaign to confront insurgents' changing tactics — such as using women as suicide bombers — as they seek to bypass stepped-up security measures and bounce back from losses in recent U.S.-led offensives.

But the joint U.S.-Iraqi raids Sunday on the al-Rashad hospital seek to dig deeper into just one deadly day — the Feb. 1 bombings and whether a physician entrusted to care for the mentally disabled

could have aided al-Qaida.

Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a military spokesman, said the hospital official was detained "in connection with the possible exploitation of mentally impaired women to al-Qaida."

It was not immediately clear what direct contact occurred between the detained hospital administrator and the two women who carried the explosives into the crowded outdoor pet markets with cages of birds and other small animals.

Timorese rebels stormed president's compound firing guns

DILI, East Timor (AP) — The rebels jumped from two cars, firing machine guns as they stormed the compound of President Jose Ramos-Horta. "Traitor! Traitor!" they shouted, hunting for the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

In one of the most detailed accounts yet of Monday's assassination attempt, a guard described how he killed fugitive rebel commander Alfredo Reinado before the president returned from an early morning walk on the beach.

"I shouted Alfredo's name and then opened fire at his head with my machine gun because he was wearing

a bulletproof vest," the guard told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is prohibited from talking to the media about the attack.

"I fired many times, I don't know how many times," said the guard, who was back on duty Tuesday in his uniform.

But gunmen lying in a ditch then shot the president in the chest and stomach.

Along with a separate strike against the prime minister an hour later, the events plunged East Timor into fresh crisis just six years after it voted to break free from decades of

brutal Indonesian rule.

Doctors on Wednesday said Ramos-Horta — who won a Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaign against the 24-year occupation — was stable and recovering well from gunshot wounds, but remained in "extremely serious" condition at an Australian hospital.

Parliament extended a 48-hour state of emergency by 10 days until Feb. 23 due to concerns about more unrest. Funerals for the rebels will be held Thursday and plans were under way to issue arrest warrants for 18 suspects in the shootings.

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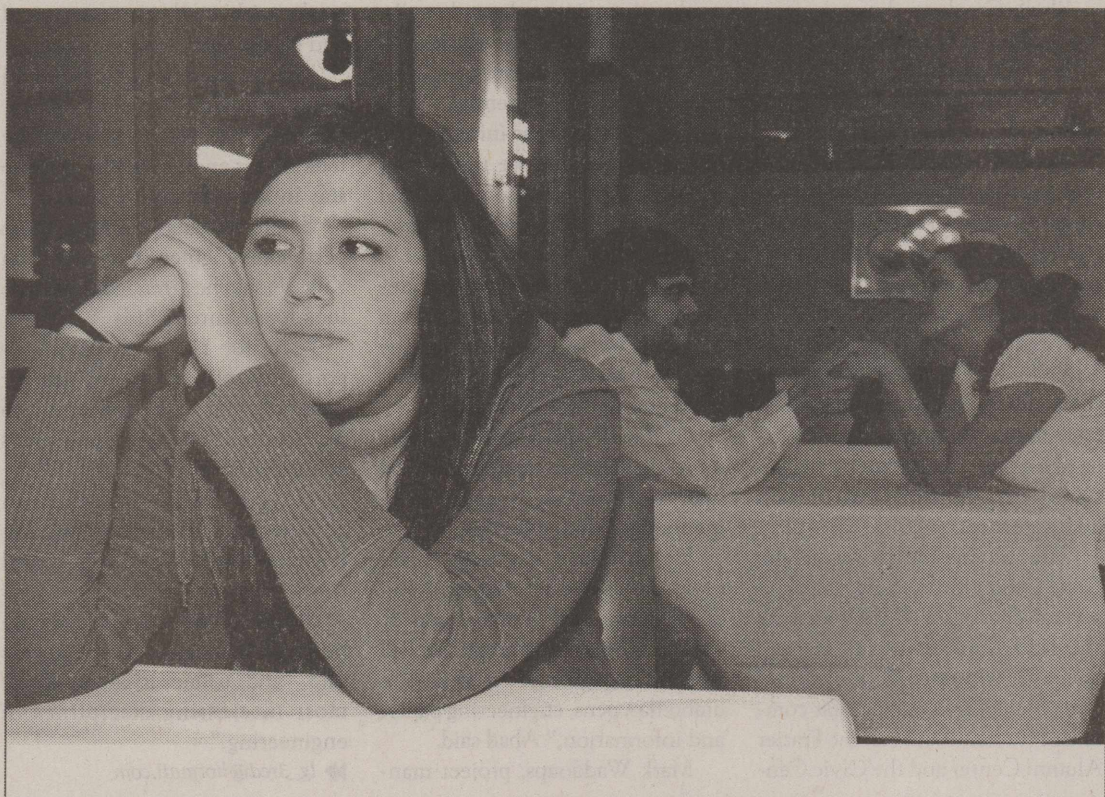


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RATHER THAN SIT alone in a restaurant full of couples on Valentine's Day, people can go out and explore other options available for singles in the Hub City.

By AMY HUMBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Instead of sitting around bored with nothing to do, single students feeling lonely with no plans for Valentine's Day can get dressed up and make the night fun.

There are several options of things to do in Lubbock today without having to step into crowded restaurants with a two-hour wait.

Ryan Eneix, a manager at Moose Magoo's Bar and Grill, said the restaurant will have a karaoke night on Valentine's Day, hosted by Music Masters.

"There are a lot of people who can sing," Eneix said, with a smile, "and a lot of people who think they can sing, after several beers of course."

Eneix said regular karaoke starts at 9:30 p.m. and the karaoke contest begins at 11 p.m. The first prize winner will receive \$40 in Moose Bucks, the second will receive \$20 in Moose Bucks and the third will receive \$10 in Moose Bucks. The Moose Bucks can be used on T-shirts or toward the dinner bill.

According to the Moose Magoo's Web site, there are several other sources of entertainment other than karaoke. The restaurant also offers five pool tables, a shuffleboard table and multiple wide screen televisions.

If the bar scene is not an option, there is Paradigm, the college Bible study at First Baptist Church of Lubbock at 8 p.m. off Broadway Street and Avenue V.

Bruce Venable, the speaker of Paradigm, said his topic for Valentine's will be "Is this true love or are we just in heat?"

"Basically, we will discuss the challenge of learning to connect the dots with decisions you make now to how it will affect you later," Venable said. "You want someone looking out for your best interest."

Venable said he will attach biblical principles to each point. He will be covering topics including 'if the person is smothering now, the person will be smothering in the future,' and 'if the person is abusive now, the person will be abusive in the future.'

"If a person doesn't know what to

do Thursday," Venable said, "come and get some basics on what to do when they do get into a relationship, if they are not in one already. Get ahead of the game."

Jill Conoley, a freshmen nursing major from Roundrock, said she is going to make her own fun for Valentine's while not getting into a large crowd.

"Jessica, my roommate, and I are going to get really dressed up and see a chick flick," Conoley said. "It will be tissues and chocolates for us."

Conoley said her roommate's boyfriend is out of town for the holiday, which gives them the opportunity to have a girl's night.

However, Megan McGee, a freshmen accounting major from Katy, said she will be going on a date for Valentine's but with someone who she has never met.

"I am calling the mystery guy my blind Valentine," McGee said, while laughing with her friends. "I am planning on being hot and flirty that night."

Whether Valentine's Day consists of blind dates, movies, Paradigm or singing loud in a bar, try to have a fun night and make the best of being single on a romantic day.

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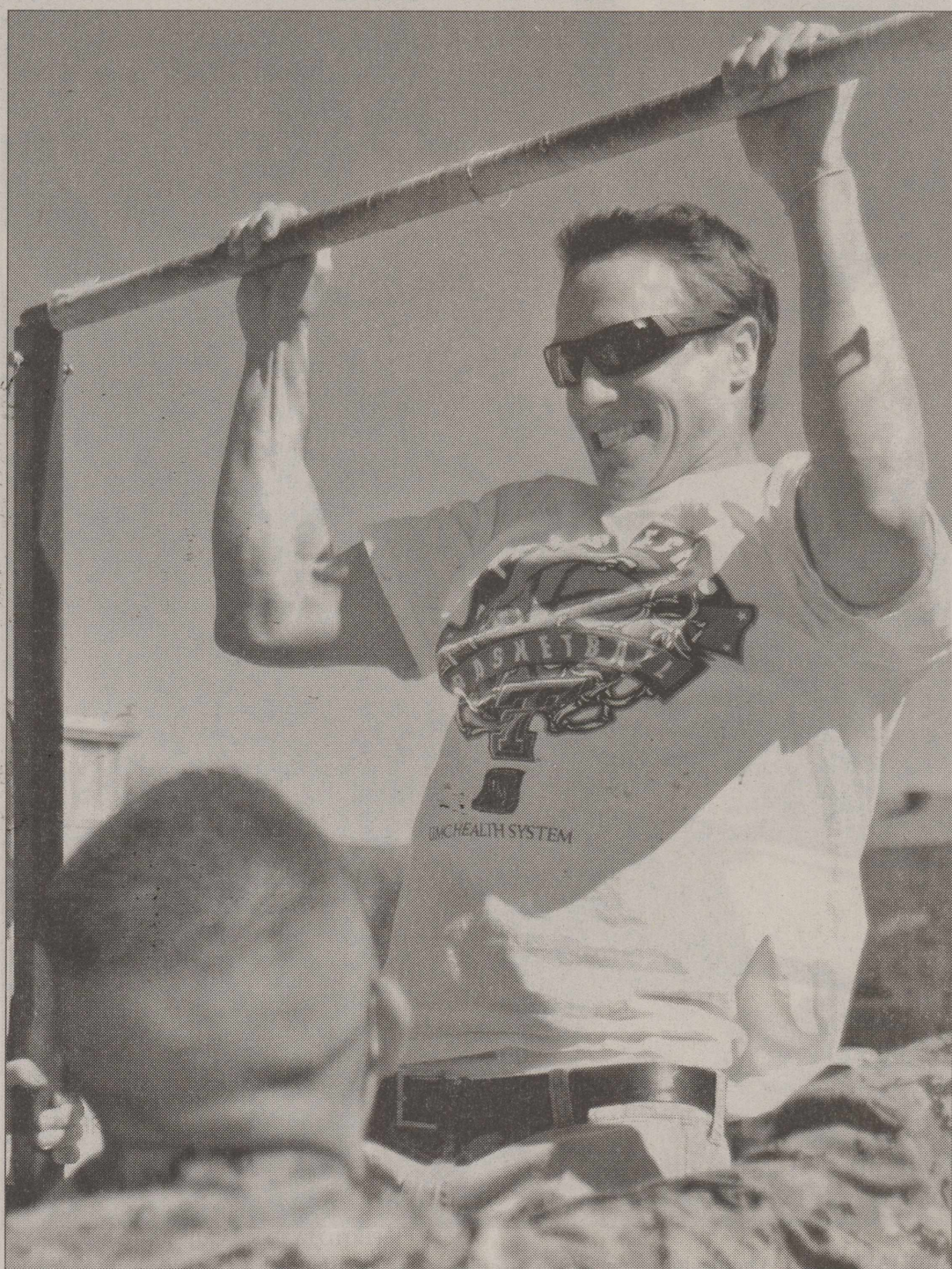


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SENIOR ENERGY COMMERCE major Justin Turner from Dallas, challenges marine staff sergeant Edward Montez in pull-ups outside the Student Union Wednesday afternoon.

## Gary Coleman reveals he married 22-year-old in Aug.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gary Coleman is a not-so-newlywed.

The former "Diff'rent Strokes" star married 22-year-old Shannon Price in August on a mountaintop in Nevada, but they have been keeping their vows under wraps, the pair told "Inside Edition."

"Nobody was around but the minister, preacher, the videographers, the photographer, the helicopter pilot and us," Coleman, 40, said on Tuesday's broadcast of the program.

Coleman met Price on the set of the 2006 comedy "Church Ball." Coleman played down their age differences, saying "I don't have issues with age, I have issues with intelligence ... She's more intelligent than I am and that's what matters to me."

Price said it was she who proposed to Coleman, but that he surprised her on her birthday by whisking her to a mountaintop in the Valley of Fire State Park to exchange vows. She said they kept their wedding secret because she wanted to keep being seen as her own person.

*"I just want my own identity as well because I don't want to be known as Gary Coleman's wife."*

— SHANNON PRICE  
GARY COLEMAN'S WIFE

"I just want my own identity as well because I don't want to be known as was 10 feet tall to me because he was sweet and I really liked his personality."

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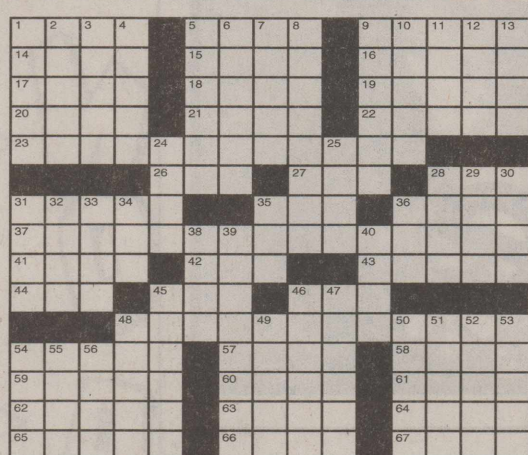
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# Dream factory sputters back to life as Hollywood writers return to work

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Writers have a reputation as master procrastinators, yet they eagerly faced the blank page Wednesday as Hollywood sputtered back to life after a punishing 100-day strike.

One day after the Writers Guild of America voted to end the walkout, writers on idled TV shows were back at the studios, reviewing projects with executives or pestering their agents to set up meetings. Agents were pitching, producers were assessing how to resume interrupted projects, and the little guys who keep the dream-factory engines running were just glad to be back at work.

"It's back to school with all the trepidation of, 'Do you remember how to do your job? And did you forget the characters' name?'" said Eddie Gorodetski, a writer for "Two and a Half Men." "I want to forget all the strike stuff and just make people laugh."

"We, like every other writer in town, have a million calls in to our agents and managers to see what's next," said Brian Sawyer, who with partner Gregg Rossen had sold a sitcom pilot to Fox before the strike began Nov. 5.

Amid the relief, however,

was caution: The Screen Actors Guild could go on strike after its contract expires June 30.

"Heralding that the strike is over is a half-truth because we have the Screen Actors Guild," said producer Peter Guber, former head of Columbia Pictures, current chairman of the Mandalay Entertainment Group and co-host of AMC's "Shootout." "The studios, unless they're going to start production in the next 10 days so they can finish it before June, aren't going to start the pictures."

The strike reduced prime-time TV to reruns and reality shows and forced the late-night comics to write their own material. For shows that went into reruns, producers and writers began meeting to figure out how much of the season they could salvage and how they would meet tight deadlines to write and shoot new episodes.

Dates were announced Wednesday for some series to return to the air. Among them were "How I Met Your Mother," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Big Bang Theory" on March 17; and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" on April 3.

Rainn Wilson, a Writers Guild

member and co-star of "The Office," said he was hearing that everyone on the show will report back on March 10 to shoot six more episodes.

Early on, the strike was a hiatus from the daily grind for some. By Tuesday night's overwhelming vote to end the walkout, it was clear they were eager to get back to work.

"The break has been long enough," Wilson said. "Everyone's ely around December was like, 'Actually, this is kind of cool.' Then it was January, February, you know, so we're ready to get back."

Writers returned after guild leaders and producers came to terms on a key sticking point — compensation for shows and movies distributed over the Internet. Guild members are expected to ratify the contract in voting over the next 10 days.

Along with the 10,500 writers

who walked out, the strike immobilized thousands of technicians, makeup people and other production workers. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. estimates the strike cost the local economy \$3.2 billion in lost wages and revenue.

"Hollywood labor problems can cripple this town. Everything depends on making films here," said Charles Griffin, an NBC sound technician out of work since December.

With a much longer lead time, big-screen movie production generally carried on as usual during the walkout. Knowing writers were likely to strike, studio executives stockpiled scripts they felt were polished enough to put before the cameras without screenwriters there to make on-the-spot touchups.

That could raise some quality issues down the road for films hitting theaters this fall and into 2009 — or it might result in some improvisational gems from actors

ad-libbing when a scene was not working. Unable to do rewrites themselves or even coach actors on dialogue changes, directors had to adhere to scripts or let performers wing it.

Mousa Kraish, who has written four screenplays and directed two independent films but is not a guild member, worked as an actor on Adam Sandler's upcoming comedy "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" and said the production stuck to the screenplay word for word.

"It was difficult," he said. "We couldn't even improv."

A few high-profile movies such as Ron Howard and Tom Hanks' "Angels & Demons," a follow-up to "The Da Vinci Code," were put on hold during the strike to await script revisions. That work now can resume, and development executives can move ahead with writers on scripts new and old.

"There will be a flurry of activity. Whether it results in a flurry of deals is something else," said Larry Turman, a former producer whose credits include "The Graduate" and "American History X" and who now heads the Peter Stark Producing Program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

"Agents, writers and studios are chomping at the bit. It's no different than if you fast all day today, the next morning you'll be hungry. Everybody's hungry, but it doesn't mean everyone's going to get fed."

Agent Toothis Morin, a partner in the Brant Rose Agency, said studios will have huge backlogs of "spec scripts" — finished screenplays writers shop around on the open market — to choose from.

"In a way, it really benefits the studios. They'll be able to sit back and have the pick of what they want," Morin said.

How long it takes before it's business as usual in Hollywood is anyone's guess. But screenwriter John Ridley, whose credits include "Undercover Brother," expects one constant to quickly resurface: That talent writers have for putting off work.

"Writers, and I include myself, are the whiniest bunch of people on the planet," Ridley said. "I'm sure the first day back, somebody's already saying, 'Where's lunch? Did anybody order lunch?' And the producers are saying, 'Oh, they're whining about lunch again. We're back. It's really over.'"

## Jackson's best-seller still 'Thriller' 25 years later

By NICOLE DORSKIND  
BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Twenty-five years ago, Michael Jackson thrilled the world with his top-selling album Thriller. After selling 27 million copies and having seven of its songs on the top 10 charts for a year, Jackson's famed album took home eight Grammy awards in 1984. This year, Thriller was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Thriller went on to become the best-selling album of all time, and its continued iconic status shows Jackson's songs have stood the test of time.

Now, the songs of Thriller have been pressed into a newly updated compact disc and are available on Thriller 25, the 25th-anniversary edition of the best-selling record. All of the album's original nine tracks are there, including favorites "Thriller," "Beat It," "Billie Jean" and "PYT

(Pretty Young Thing)" to please long-time fans of Jackson's music.

Jackson has also attempted to market this album to new audiences by remixing some of these original tracks with a few top artists of the new millennium. This is a necessary sales technique, considering at least 27 million Americans already own Thriller. Jackson updates "The Girl is Mine" by replacing Paul McCartney with Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am, who also exercises his influence on "PYT." While these remixes are upbeat and bring a modern hip-hop twist to the '80s pop song, they do not compare with their original tracks. "Wanna Be Startin' Something" is also remixed with will.i.am and Akon. This song replaces the up-tempo tone of the track with a slow reggae beat that follows Akon's twangy vocals. It's interesting, but the original is once again preferable to this updated track.

Surprisingly, top artists Kanye and Fergie couldn't pull together a remix as strong as will.i.am's. "Beat It 2008" is remixed with vocals from the "Duchess," but you can hardly hear them. Fergie sings over portions that Michael Jackson originally sang, yet it's almost a challenge to tell the difference between their voices. Additionally, "Billie Jean 2008" starts off strong with a rap introduction by Kanye West, but the excitement fades as the updated version is less upbeat than the original track.

Thriller 25 closes with "For All Time," a track that did not appear on the original album in any form. This track is a down-tempo exploration of the depths of love. "For All Time" is slightly hard to swallow at first because of its '80s tone, but it's still great, and Jackson even hits some of his highest notes on this one.

But, if you really want to be taken back to the '80s, make sure

to view the DVD, which contains music videos of "Thriller," "Beat It" and "Billie Jean" as well as Jackson's Emmy-nominated performance of "Billie Jean" from the NBC special "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever." Michael's entire outfit is dazzling in silver and black sequins — even his socks sparkle. He twists, turns and even does the moonwalk while singing and sporting his classic white glove. This performance is definitely worth watching.

Yes, he has had endless nose jobs, has changed his skin color from black to white, has dangled his child off a balcony and shares his bed with little children, but despite his insanity, Michael Jackson is by far one of the most talented musicians any of us have ever listened to. Even though his remixes on Thriller 25 cannot compare with the original tracks, it is evident that Michael Jackson is still incredible and is still the king of pop.

## Brown U. prof. remembers Oscar-nominated Linney as a student

By ANDREW KIM  
BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Laura Linney '86 once asked her professors if they thought she should pursue a career in acting. They assured her that she seemed very much at home on stage.

Linney took their advice. Now, after starring in the 2007 film "The Savages," she is a third-time Academy Award nominee.

Linney was nominated in the Best Actress category last month for her role in the Tamara Jenkins film. In the movie, Linney plays Wendy Savage, a struggling playwright who learns that her father has been diagnosed with dementia. Wendy and her brother, a college professor played by Philip Seymour Hoffman, share the responsibilities of caring for their father.

Linney transferred to Brown after one year in Northwestern University's theater department.

Professor of Theater, Speech and Dance John Emigh, who taught Linney, said the actress preferred Brown's liberal arts education to Northwestern's more

pre-professional acting program.

"She came here to get a whole education. That's why she left Northwestern," Emigh said. He taught Linney and worked with her in theater productions.

Linney's stage roles at Brown included Ada, the lead in the play "Childe Byron," in her senior year. Romulus Linney, her father, had written the play several years earlier, but Emigh said he did not pick the play with Laura Linney in mind for the role.

"She originally wasn't going to try out," Emigh said. "Then she said, 'Why shouldn't I try out?' She was just absolutely the best person to play the role."

Emigh said Linney's involvement with drama at Brown was not limited to starring roles. When Emigh directed a production of "Spring Awakening," Linney worked as a stage hand, setting up microphones.

"She was happy to do this," Emigh said.

Linney went to the Juilliard School after her graduation and worked with Emigh's former teacher, Michael Kahn. Linney received a master of fine arts degree after four years.

## Ohio U. alumnus helps 'Crank' out hit song

By KATHERINE BERCIK  
THE POST (OHIO U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — When Ohio University alumnus Stuart Pflaum attended the Grammy Awards Sunday evening, many people assumed he was someone's son or had good connections because of his young age.

But Pflaum was there for a good reason. His music publishing company, Element 9 Recordings, helped distribute the song "Crank That (Soulja Boy)," which was nominated for Best Rap Song.

Although the Grammy went to Kanye West for "Good Life," the 26-year-old Ohio University graduate said he was honored to be at the Grammys so early in his career.

"It was flattering when a lot of these people who I spoke [with] found out how vital a role I played in the success of Soulja Boy's record," he wrote in an e-mail after the ceremony.

Element 9 Recordings markets and promotes up-and-coming hip-hop artists, particularly through online campaigns, Pflaum said. While Element 9 did not record the song, the company

got it circulating on the Internet and was the first to get it playing on the radio.

The attention the nomination created has opened the door to many prospects for the young company. "With this exposure, we've seen an increase of clients," Pflaum said, adding that there is a possibility the company will partner with a major distribution label or other record labels.

Element 9 is only two-and-a-half years old, but Pflaum said he thinks it might become a household name within a short period of time.

Looking back on the success of "Crank That," Pflaum said his experiences at OU prepared him for the politics of the music industry.

In high school, Pflaum worked as disc jockey DJ Xplosive. When he arrived on campus in 2002 to pursue a degree in entertainment law and management, he continued to DJ and became a booking agent, manager and promoter for other artists at OU.

He also established a popular event at Casa Cantina called Monday Night Sound Clash, where local hip-hop artists would have freestyle rap battles.

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# Lady Raiders face off against OSU on 'Think Pink' night

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Oklahoma State women's basketball coach Kurt Budke may hold the blueprint for Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry.

Oklahoma State (19-3, 7-2 in Big 12 Conference play) — the only Big 12 team to beat No. 8 Baylor — is one win away from back-to-back 20 win seasons for the first time since 1992-94.

It seems Budke has put the Cowgirls' darkest days behind them. Just two seasons ago, they went 6-22 overall and 0-16 in Big 12 play during his first season as coach.

Like Budke, Curry struggled in her first season at Tech as her team went 15-16 overall and 6-10 in Big 12 play.

Before the 2006-07 season, Budke brought in a recruiting class that included heavily sought after junior college players, similar to Curry's Top 10 recruiting class prior to this season.

Oklahoma State improved to

20-11 overall and 8-8 in conference play the next season.

This season, Budke's junior college recruits, particularly senior guard Danielle Green and senior center Maria Cordero, have made a big difference in the growth of Budke's Oklahoma State team.

Curry said she hopes her junior college transfers have a similar impact in their senior seasons.

"Something that's exciting for me to see," Curry said, "was how Cordero and Green have come from their first (year) to their second year. To see the improvement, to see the light go on, to see how they're playing the game. Certainly they were totally different in their first than they were in their second year. That's a great thing to see as a staff, to know that the room for improvement, even with our juniors, in their first year is huge."

Green is averaging 13.5 points per game and leads the team with 7.8 rebounds per game.

When the Lady Raider basketball team hosts No. 15 Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit

Arena, it will be "Think Pink" night — an effort to team up with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to promote breast cancer awareness.

"It's such a great cause, and we're very happy to help create awareness for breast cancer to help the fight with breast cancer," Curry said.

Curry said she also is aware Tech will play one of the best players in the nation in Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley.

Riley's 22.9 points per game is best in the Big 12 and sixth in the nation.

Her strongest performance of the season came against then-No. 6 OU when she scored 45 points to lead Oklahoma State to an 82-63 victory.

The victory ended Oklahoma State's 17-game losing streak in the Bedlam Series.

"She's quick on quick," Curry said of the 2007 Big 12 Freshman of the Year. "She has to be the best point guard in the country. If I were to vote today, she'd be Big 12 Player of the

Year in my mind. She deserves it, whether or not she gets it in the end, it'll depend. As far as our league right now, there's no question she's Big 12 player of the year."

Curry said keeping Riley off the foul line could mean the difference in the game.

Against OU, Riley was 17-of-21 at the charity stripe.

Tech (14-9, 2-7) returns home with a three-game losing streak in tow.

This comes after the Lady Raiders lost their sixth straight road game, 68-45, to Baylor Sunday in Waco.

Tech has gone 2-8 in its last 10 games, and Tech junior forward Dominic Seals said she wants to see team chemistry reach another level.

"We have good team chemistry, but I don't think it's strong enough," she said. "We (are) getting to the point where we guard we have to have chemistry to play together in order to be

a good team. I think it's more of a vocal thing. I don't think we have a lot of people talking more on the floor."

Facing Oklahoma State has produced nothing but wins in recent years for the Lady Raiders.

Tech has won the last seven games in the series, and the last time Oklahoma State won in Lubbock was a 78-56 win in 1996-97.

Since that win, Tech has gone 20-2 overall against the Cowgirls.

"That's just the way it goes," Tech guard Tiny Henderson said of the winning streak against OSU. "We just try to play the same way and play hard every time. We just got to play the same way we played the last seven times."

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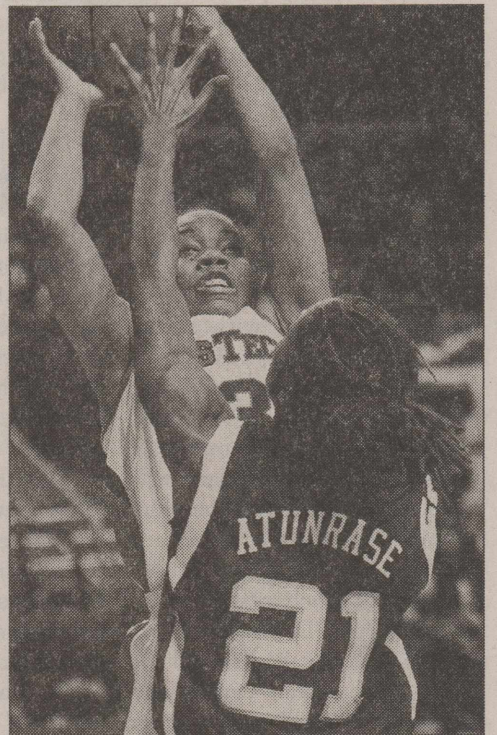


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TEXAS TECH GUARD Tiny Henderson and the Lady Raiders will face off against Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

# 5-time National Champ Sally Kipyego shines for the Red Raiders

By BRAD DUFF  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech distance runner Sally Kipyego has started the 2008 season strong.

Since January, Kipyego has run two NCAA qualifying times, earned Big 12 Athlete of the Week and recently competed in the Reebok Boston Indoor Games Jan. 26, finishing fifth overall.

The annual meet in Massachusetts is by invitation only and features the world's best athletes, including Olympians. Headlining the event was Ethiopian Tirunesh Dibaba, a three-time World Cross-Country Champion and the two-time World Champion in the 5,000M. Dibaba also won the 2007 World Championship in the 10,000M.

Dibaba finished first in the 3,000M with a time of 8 minutes

33.37 seconds. Kipyego ran an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 9:05.45, which guarantees her a spot in the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time in Boston is the fastest collegiate time in the nation this year.

Kipyego said her experience in Boston was one to remember.

"It was very exciting," said Kipyego. "It was challenging psychologically. You have to be very strong and compete without thinking of (Dibaba's) past achievements."

Kipyego was looking forward to competing with her Tech teammates, but a phone call from her coach changed her plans.

"Coach Murray called me and he said, 'Well Sally, get ready because we are leaving the day after tomorrow to go to Boston,'" she said.

Kipyego was the only collegiate athlete, male or female, to be invited.

"It's a great experience," coach Kittley said of the Boston meet. "I think she was disappointed in her time. She had run faster and doesn't like getting beat. I think you always learn something whether you get beat or not. I think that's

the best thing she got out of it."

He said the fact that the meet took place in New England was great for the track program as well as the University.

"She's in a part of the world where we don't get a lot of recruits from," Kittley said. "It puts Texas Tech on the map; she wore her uniform, she's on national TV, I just think it's great publicity for Tech that you can't buy."

Although Kipyego will not compete in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Kittley said she will not rule out 2012.

"It would be hard for her to make an Olympic team this year," he said. "She has a tremendous opportunity in the future to possibly make the next one. She'll be able to turn pro and focus more on running and not just academics."

Kipyego was intent on finishing her nursing degree but the temptation of the Olympic stage may be too much.

"You know, I'm kind of thinking twice," Kipyego said. "It's very tough to make the team, but I think that's one thing I'm considering is going home and try

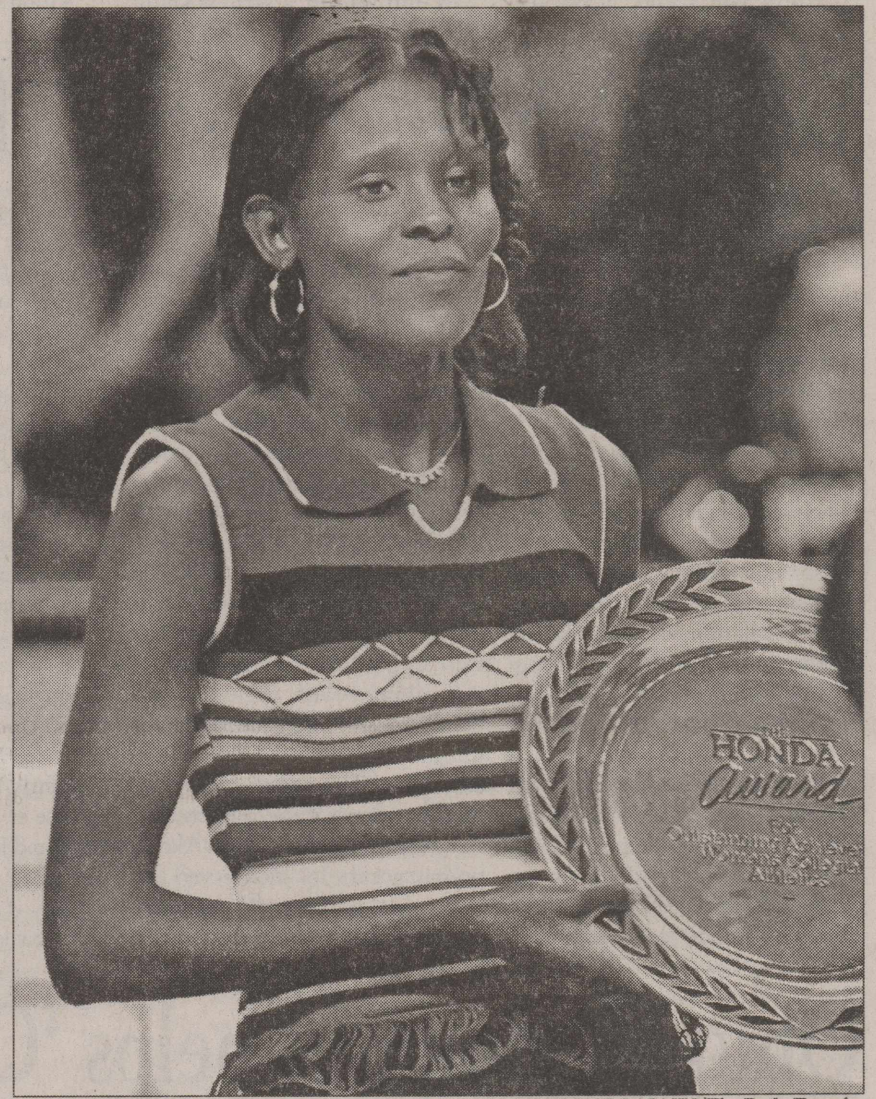


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TEXAS TECH'S SALLY Kipyego, a five-time national champion distance runner, has continued to succeed this Spring during the indoor track season. She finished fifth in the 3,000M race at the Boston Indoor Games Jan. 26 and was the only college athlete invited to the meet.

the Olympic trials and see how that goes." She was held back from the meet at Boise State to prepare for the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. this Friday and Saturday. Coaches want her to get a feel for the track where the NCAA Championships are held. ► john.b.duff@ttu.edu

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# Congressional 'circus' gives baseball black eye

If there is one thing to be taken away from Wednesday's congressional hearing involving Roger Clemens, it is this situation — or circus — now completely devoid of objectivity.

In a subjective matter, you are entitled to your opinion, and at this point that is all that we have left — our own individual opinions.

It seemed obvious all the congressmen and congresswomen had opinions before they stepped into the hearing, despite opening statements from committee members claiming no judgments had been "preformed."

Certain members directly attacked the man who allegedly



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injected Clemens with steroids, Brian McNamee, about his credibility while others used damning evidence from Andy Pettitte's testimony to put Clemens to the test. Both McNamee's credibility and Pettitte's testimony were important issues, but both were used separate from one another to attack Clemens or McNamee specifically.

So the question is this: If the

leaders of our country cannot be objective and unbiased in an official hearing, how are we, average people, supposed to look at this situation in an objective manner?

The answer is that we cannot.

At this point, everyone should look at the facts and decide what they think happened. That is for the people who even care to know the truth one way or another. But if you are someone who wishes we could have a definitive answer as to who is telling the truth, it should be clear: We never will know, really, so believe what you want to believe.

If you think Clemens' unusual testimony in his old age coupled with excitement about HGH from his

buddy Pettitte is reason to believe he lied and cheated, so be it. Or if you believe McNamee is a weasel who lied about Clemens' steroid use to save his own hide, then so be it.

Either way, just form an opinion and get past this whole ordeal. Because whether you are tired of hearing about it, ready for an actual baseball game to make headlines or just aware of what a dark situation this is for baseball, this just needs to go away.

Unfortunately, it could have.

Clemens could have taken the Mark McGwire approach and refused to talk about any of this. As McGwire has, Clemens would have faded from public attention and,

because of his unique and unprecedented greatness, probably avoided the public shame to a greater degree than McGwire. Sadly, he saw that option as an admission of guilt, and it would have been.

Clemens could have manned up and admitted what most people assume he did. He could have followed the lead of his good buddy Pettitte and been honest about his mistake from day one. Few doubt he was raised to do the right thing with conviction and to not take shortcuts. Even fewer dispute Clemens has become a role model for work ethic and a shining example of generosity. But if Clemens did do what he has been accused of, what

more could he have done to destroy the example he set and all the good he has done?

Conversely, if McNamee did lie about Clemens to appease federal prosecutors, what a shame it is that a man's reputation and legacy is tarnished forever. No matter what is said, Clemens' on-field accomplishments and off-field example never will carry the same weight they once did.

The point is, you can choose your side of the story, but the fact that a choice has to be made is sad.

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## Clemens pressed by Congress, denies accusations of steroid, HGH use

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens struggled to find the right words under questioning during a congressional hearing Wednesday and denied new accounts of drug use made against him by former teammate and close friend Andy Pettitte.

Using words like "misremembered" and mispronouncing the last name of his chief accuser, Brian McNamee, Clemens rambled and stumbled during his early remarks on Capitol Hill.

Clemens' reputation and legacy were on the line, and there was the possibility that criminal charges could follow after the seven-time Cy Young Award winner testified.

"I have never taken steroids or HGH," Clemens said under oath, his voice rising. "No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored."

For many, his denials rang hollow.

"It's hard to believe you, sir. I hate to say that," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat. "You're one of my heroes, but it's hard to believe."

McNamee's answers were generally quick and concise. His credibility also came under scrutiny.

"You're here under oath, and yet we have lie after lie after lie after lie," said Rep. Dan Burton, an Indiana Republican.

It seemed clear nearly from the start of the 4½-hour session that the committee would not treat Clemens with kid gloves, despite all the face-to-face sit-downs he did with representatives in recent days — sometimes posing for photos or signing autographs for staff members.

In fact, after Clemens interrupted

committee chairman Henry Waxman at the end, the California Democrat pounded the gavel and said: "Excuse me, but this is not your time to argue with me."

When it was over, Clemens avoided reporters by leaving the hearing room through a back door. Just before exiting, he paused to shake hands with Tom Davis, the ranking Republican on the committee.

Exactly two months after the Mitchell Report was released, Clemens and McNamee

were separated by one seat in the same wood-paneled room where Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro

saw their careers tarnished during a hearing in March 2005. In a reference to McGwire's evasions that day, Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., admonished Wednesday's witnesses by saying: "It's better not to talk about the past than to lie about the past."

Clemens briefly stared at McNamee, his former employee, during his accuser's opening statement and later pointed

several times at his former personal trainer. For the most part, they did not look at each other.

Members of Congress questioned the credibility of both.

Waxman pointed out inconsistencies in Clemens' comments and accused him of possibly attempting to influence statements to the committee by the pitcher's former nanny.

Burton repeatedly read remarks McNamee had made, and each time the former trainer was forced to admit they were untrue.

"This is really disgusting. You're here as a sworn witness. You're here to tell the truth," he said. "I don't know what to believe. I know one thing I don't believe and that's you."

The hearing seemed to split the committee along party lines, with the Democrats reserving their most pointed queries for Clemens, and

the Republicans giving McNamee a rougher time. Chris Shays, a Connecticut Republican, likened the hearing to a "Roman Circus" featuring gladiators.

Cummings set the tone within minutes, repeatedly reminding Clemens he was under oath and admonishing the pitcher to "keep your voice up." McNamee also was asked to pull his microphone closer.

The hearing started about an hour after several teams opened spring training. This was far from the sunny settings of Florida and Arizona.

Debbie Clemens, the pitcher's wife, sat behind her husband and listened as Waxman implicated her in HGH use, citing statements by Pettitte. Later, Clemens read a statement from his wife and said she "has been broken up over this."

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## Pat Knight earns first win as head coach

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

With a decorated introduction for his team, a loud home crowd behind him and a standing ovation as he walked on the court, Pat Knight earned his first win as Texas Tech's coach.

The Red Raiders (13-10, 4-5 in Big 12 Conference) defeated No. 18 Kansas State 84-75 Wednesday, knocking the Wildcats (17-6, 7-2) out of sole possession of first place in the Big 12.

"It feels unbelievable," Knight said. "It feels good for these kids. They're just as relieved as I am just because of the situation we've been in. You know to yourself that you know what you're doing, but you just want to prove to other people that you do."

Texas Tech ended the first half with a 40-28 lead over Kansas State.

Kansas State's key player Michael Beasley had two turnovers to start the game. The Wildcats' Bill Walker did his part to keep Kansas State in the game scoring six points midway through the first half with Beasley on the bench. Walker finished the half with nine points.

Kansas State soon made a comeback behind Beasley and Walker. After the Red Raiders gained a 26-16 lead, the Wildcats cut it down to a 26-23 lead.

The Red Raiders prevented KSU from taking a lead with Alan Voskuil's shooting behind the arch. Voskuil was 5-of-6 from 3-point range, en route to scoring a career-high 30 points. He also led the team with seven

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rebounds.

"It didn't surprise us," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "That's what he does — make open shots. We made sure we gave him as many open shots as you can humanly give him."

The Tech defense kept the Wildcat offense from performing at its best.

Kansas State had 15 turnovers in the game.

Tech fans continued to heckle Beasley every time he was at the free-throw line and every time he touched the ball.

With 1:23 left in the first half, Beasley was called for a technical foul as he knocked down Tech's Michael Prince after the whistle. The call created uproar among Tech fans.

At one point, fans chanted "Beasley sucks" as he was walking to the Kansas State bench after the call.

"(There were) a couple missed calls," Beasley said. "Just gotta man up. (We) can't play like boys. We gotta show our strength."

Similar to Tech's performance against ranked conference opponents this season, they did not lose the lead late in the game after numerous attempts by Kansas State to make a comeback.

The 12-point lead the Red Raiders had at the half was extended to 19.

Voskuil was determined to have a career night against Kansas State continuing to hit the



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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Prince defends Kansas State's Michael Beasley.

3-point shot when he had open looks. It was midway through the second half when Voskuil tied his previous career-high of 28 points, which he scored against Gonzaga earlier this season.

Frustrations showed for the Wildcats with Kansas State's Blake Young getting into an altercation with Tech's Esmir Rizvic. The altercation resulted in a technical on both players at the 12:12 mark in the second half.

With nine minutes left in the game, Kansas State switched its defense to a full-court press, but the move proved ineffective as the Red Raiders found more opportunities to get to the free-throw line.

Tech freshmen John Roberson and Mike Singletary contributed with 11 points each. Tech guard Martin Zeno had 16 points despite coming down with the flu

before the game.

"I just went out there and competed and did the best that I can do," Zeno said. "I didn't try to do too much, I just did what they allowed me to do."

The Wildcats continued to send Tech to the free-throw line in the closing minutes of the game, preventing them from overtaking the Red Raiders. Beasley's 22 points and 15 rebounds was not enough for the Wildcats to gain a lead, keeping Tech's record at the United Spirit Arena unblemished.

It took three tries, but Knight said he enjoys getting the first one over and done with.

"It feels good — believe me — to get the first one, but that's only one," he said. "I'm still only 1-2. If I was 3-0, I would think about retiring. I'm not planning on retiring as a losing coach."

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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Trevor Cook dunks over Kansas State's Michael Beasley. Cook finished the game with eight points in the Red Raiders 84-75 win. Beasley had 22 points and 15 rebounds in the losing effort. The Red Raiders now move to 13-10 on the season. They are undefeated at the United Spirit Arena. The Tech win also knocked Kansas State out of sole possession of first place in the Big 12 Conference.

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