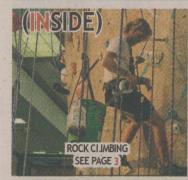


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Dem. leader endorses Obama

AUSTIN (AP) — Two prominent Texas lawmakers endorsed Sen. Barack Obama for president Thursday.

Waco Rep. Jim Dunnam, leader of the House Democratic Caucus, said Obama would help state Democrats improve public schools and bring health insurance coverage to more people.

"In Texas and across the rest of the country, we want a president who will finally put doing what is right above corporate special interests and radical partisan agendas," Dunnam said.

NATION

Bush could delay Africa trip

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a day of political brinkmanship, President Bush pressured the House on Thursday to finish a bill giving the government more leeway to eavesdrop on phone calls and e-mails of suspected terrorists. House Democrats didn't budge and angry Republicans staged a walkout down the Capitol steps.

From the White House, Bush argued that the House has plenty of time to pass a bill before the Fóreign Intelligence Surveillance Act expires at midnight Saturday.

WORLD

Kenyan's political rivals sign agreement

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Political rivals trying to lead Kenya out of weeks of violence that left more than 1,000 people dead signed an agreement Thursday, a U.N. spokesman said. No details were released and the talks were to continue next week.

Former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who is mediating the discussions, will release a text of the agreement Friday afternoon, said the spokesman, Nasser Ega-Musa.

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unman kills 5 at N. Illinois University

By CARYN ROUSSEAU ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — A man dressed in black opened fire with Thursday, killing five students and shotgun," Peters said. injuring 16 others before committing suicide, authorities said.

fied students running for cover, a gun straight ahead.

university President John Peters said. hospital, he said.

Witnesses in the geology class a shotgun and two handguns said "someone dressed in black came her was bleeding, "but he just kept to Kishwaukee Community Hospital from the stage of a lecture hall at out from behind a screen in front of running." Northern Illinois University on the classroom and opened fire with a

Lauren Carr said she was sitting in the third row of the lecture hall The gunman fatally shot four around 3 p.m. when she saw the NIU, but was not currently enrolled women and a man in a "brief, shooter walk through a door on the at the 25,000-student campus about critical condition. At least one male rapid-fire assault" that sent terri-right-hand side of the stage, pointing 65 miles west of Chicago.

and run or I could die here.'

She said a student in front of

he's reloading the gun." Peters said the gunman was a for-

mer graduate student in sociology at

"I personally Army-crawled half- student somewhere else," Univer-Four of the six total dead died at the way up the aisle," said Carr, a 20-year-sity Police Chief Donald Grady said, phy student, who was in Cole Hall scene, and the other two died at a old sophomore. "I said I could get up adding that police had no apparent when the shooting happened, told

> Seventeen victims were brought in DeKalb, according to spokes-"I heard this girl scream, 'Run, woman Theresa Komitas. One died, two were admitted and three were terrifying and chaotic. discharged; five are

died at OSF St. Anthony Medical "It appears he may have been a Center in Rockford, an official said.

George Gaynor, a senior geograthe student newspaper the Northern Star that the shooter was "a skinny white guy with a stocking cap on."

He described the scene immediately following the incident as

"Some girl got hit in the eye, a being evaluated and six others guy got hit in the leg," Gaynor said were transferred to other hospitals in outside just minutes after the shooting occurred. "It was like five minutes

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Court of appeals declares Texas statute restricting sexual toys unconstitutional

By MATT MCGOWAN

o students who found themselves single this Valentine's Day, the federal court system may have just handed over some satisfaction.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared Tuesday that a Texas statute banning the sale

or promotion of sexual devices, otherwise known as sex toys, is unconstitutional.

The court ruled that state statutes restricting such devices violates the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because, according to the ruling: "Whatever one might think or believe about the use of these devices, government interference with their personal and private use violates the Constitution."

The core Policible Consultants Line we Abbert began in 2004 when the plaintiff Reliable Consultants

The case, Reliable Consultants, Inc. v. Abbott, began in 2004 when the plaintiff, Reliable Consultants, Inc., a company that operates four sexual retail shops in Texas, challenged the state's statute, the violation

of which is a felony carrying a punishment of possible fail time.

Another sexual-toy-oriented business, PHE, Inc. — an online retailer without any facilities in Texas — jointed Reliable Consultants, Inc. Greg Abbott, the attorney general of Texas, picked up the case.

After a district court ruled in favor of the state "because there is no constitutionally protected right to

publicly promote obscene devices," according to the appellate court's decision, the plaintiffs appealed.

The federal appellate court's decision also lifts similar bans in Mississippi, Alabama and Virginia. A spokesperson for Abbott's office, Tom Kelley, said the Attorney General's Office has no comment on the case because it has yet to be finalized.

He continued, however, to say that Abbott's office has two weeks to file an appeal, though no decision has been finalized yet. Also, the ruling will not take effect until the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals releases a mandate requiring law enforcement agencies to discontinue enforcement.

The federal ruling comes less than a year after an undercover sting operation led to the arrest of a clerk at a Lubbock lingerie store, Somethin' Sexy, last May, according to an article in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office, however, eventually dismissed the charges against the shop's owner, Gary Evans.

Evans, who refused to comment personally about last year's incident, said he learned of the federal court's decision Thursday morning. He no longer sells sex toys, but "anticipates being able to do so shortly." He was "pleased" by the ruling.

Demand for the toys, he said, probably only will increase with the ruling, although, it is hard to gauge the public's desire for sexual products by looking at other cities as examples.

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Black lawmakers rethink support for Clinton in her race against Obama

By DAVID ESPO ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a fresh sign of trouble for Hillary Rodham Clinton, one of the former first lady's congressional black supporters intends to vote for Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention, and a second, more prominent lawmaker is openly discussing a possible switch.

Rep. David Scott's defection and Rep. John Lewis' remarks highlight one of the challenges confronting Clinton in a campaign that pits a black man against a woman for a nomination that historically has been the exclusive property of white men.

You've got to represent the wishes of your constituency, Scott said in an interview Wednesday in the Capitol. "My proper position would be to vote the wishes of my constituents." The third-term lawmaker represents a district that gave more than 80 percent of its vote to Obama in the Feb. 5 Georgia primary.

Lewis, whose Atlanta-area district voted 3-to-1 for Obama, said he is not ready to abandon his backing for the former first lady. But several associates said the nationally known civil rights figure has become increasingly torn about his early endorsement of Clinton. They spoke on condition of anonymity, citing private conversations.

In an interview, Lewis likened Obama to Robert F. Kennedy in his ability to generate campaign excitement, and left open the possibility he might swing behind the Illinois senator. "It could (happen). There's no question about it. It could happen with a lot of people ... we can count and we see the clock," he said.

Clinton's recent string of eight primary and caucus defeats coincides with an evident shift in momentum in the contest for support from party officials who will attend the convention. The former first lady still holds a sizable lead among the roughly 800 so-called superdelegates, who are chosen outside the primary and caucus system.

But Christine Samuels, until this week a Clinton superdelegate from New Jersey, said during the day she is now supporting Obama.

Red-light cameras get red light from City Council

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

After controversy among the public and the municipal government, Lubbock City Council members voted 4-3 to remove red-light cameras and rescind the ordinance calling for the installation of the cameras.

The first to motion to have the cameras removed was from Councilman John Leonard III of District 5, who was followed by a second from Councilman Todd Klein of District 3. The two councilmen have been opposed of the cameras from the beginning.

"I think for me it is basically a no-brainer," Klein said. "For me it is about constitutionality. We have to find a balance between public safety and due process."

Mayor David Miller and Councilman Jim Gilbreath of District 6, both voted in favor of removing the cameras, though originally both voted in favor of the

"I believe the data points out that these cameras do improve public safety," the mayor said. "That being said, they have been a huge distraction to our city and even divisive.'

David Miller, chairman of the Citizens Traffic Commission, said members of his commission believed the cameras should be left up 12 months to see successful

"I think if we only look at a six month period, I think some of the numbers we have are going to be somewhat skewed," chairman Miller said.

Councilman Floyd Price of District 2 voted to keep the cameras up. He said he believes drivers need to become more accountable for their actions.

"It's not the fault of these dead objects that we are having all these collisions," Price said. "When are we going to take responsibility for our actions and not blame it on dead objects?"

Before the motion was made and the vote conducted, City Council members heard differing recommendations from both the Lubbock Citizens Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Commission and the Citizens Traffic Commission.

David Spears, chairman of the Lubbock Citizens Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Commission, said he recommended the council remove the

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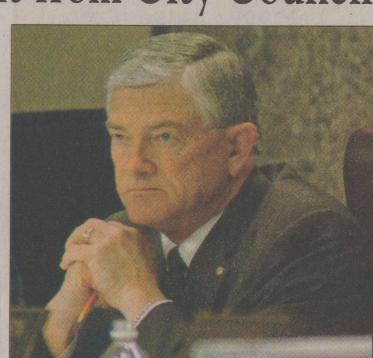


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MAYOR DAVID MILLER voted to rescind the ordinance and take down the red-light cameras.

Organization urges students to Teach For America

By KENDALL WHEELER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students interested in using their skills and education to teach without traveling overseas can consider Teach for America.

Teach For America is a nonto recruit recent college graduates as teachers for a two-year term.

Ryan Smith, recruitment director for Teach For America, said the organization is a good place to start a career because of the experience a person will receive.

schools and medical schools," Smith said. "When someone has finished their Teach For America contract, major from El Paso, said she was acthese schools will recruit them for cepted into the Teach for America

Smith said the organization is year. She will teach in an elementary dren living in poverty, and the organization is year. She will teach in an elementary dren living in poverty, and the organization is

majors who are looking for a chal- her acceptance has not set in yet. lenge

est," he said. "Someone who has know I want to give children what watch students I was teaching be able been a leader on campus but who also was given to me as a minority, lowhas high academic standing."

Teach For America sends teachschools in low-income communities States, Smith said. Two regions are after completing her contract with salary and benefits from the school district they teach at. Teach for made a presentation. America has a partnership with loans and graduate school.

> Denise Sanchez, a senior Spanish program for the upcoming school

looking to recruit students of all school in Jacksonville, Fla., though nization only is looking to grow.

income student."

profit organization that teams with ers to 26 regions across the United medical school to be a pediatrician my age couldn't say that.' located in Texas: Houston and the Teach For America, said she knew involved with the organization over-Rio Grande Valley. For participation, it was something she wanted to do come obstacles each day, and teachteachers receive a starting teacher after attending a conference where ing made him a stronger person. a Teach For America representative

Americorps, which gives members out my Peace Corps application," "We have partnerships with \$4,725 each year they teach to apply she said. "I always knew I wanted corporations, graduate schools, law to educational purposes including to give back to the community, and for the Teach For America organiza-For America speak, I knew it was submit an application.

members have taught 500,000 chil-

"I joined Teach For America be-"I'm still trying to decide what cause I felt a call to public service," he "We want the best and the bright- my goal is," Sanchez said, "but I said. "I was academically rewarded to to learn on an even playing field. I have a huge insight into what's wrong Sanchez, who wants to attend with schools, and most people twice

Smith said the 5,000 teachers

"Teaching is harder than people think it is," he said. "If I can get "I was in the middle of filling seventh-grade students to listen to me, I can do anything." Students interested in applying

when I heard the CEO of Teach tion have until 1:59 a.m. Saturday to

The Teach For America applica-Smith said Teach for America tion can be found at www.teachfora-

Red light

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cameras immediately. He said his decision was made after looking at data from the cameras after six

main reason the cameras should be them down," Spears said.

According to the Public Works second quarter report released to the intersections with cameras increased increased about 50 percent and collisions caused by red-light violations increased about 30 percent.

Another reason Spears said he was in favor of removing was because the cameras were not generating the expected revenue.

can Traffic Solutions, the company >> mag8240@hotmail.com

managing the cameras, billed the city about \$315,000 between the months of June and December 2007. Having collected only about \$296,000 in revenue from violation fees during the same months, the city was left with about a \$19,000 deficit.

"We need to admit that while our "We quickly came to our deci- intentions were good, these cameras are sion," Spears said. "Safety is the afailed experiment and we need to take

> The red-light cameras were installed at 12 intersections in May.

The original plan was to leave the public in January, total collisions at cameras up 12 months before deciding if the cameras were generating sucabout 35 percent when comparing cessful results. But after the six-month July through December 2006 to the report was released, Marsha Reed, same months of 2007. During the director of Public Works, a company same months, rear-end collisions that assists the city in road maintenance, recommended council members consider removing the cameras after being installed for six months.

To rescind the ordinance calling for the installation of the cameras, the ordinance resolution will be placed on second reading at the next City Coun-According to the report, Americal meeting scheduled for Feb. 28.

Appeal

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less, pretty much decide whether When sex toys readily are not they want to enforce the stat- available, people often use ute or not," Evans said. "Dallas other objects. chooses not to. Lubbock, obviously, chooses to enforce it."

Kristi Cook, the owner of another Lubbock lingerie shop, Intimate Expressions, refused to comment until after she had jects, people will be able to use spoken to a lawyer.

The illegality of sex toys comes safety inspection.' as no surprise, said Andreas Schneider, professor of sociology at have used for more than 3,000 Tech who formerly did research years and, initially, were made at the Kinsey Institute and who of stone or wood - Schneider still is a research consultant for said, can be made of almost the institute.

The Christian values in American culture often disparages sexiexample of just how easy it ual behavior, he said, no matter is to make anything sexually how insignificant that behavior stimulating, he said, is a syn-

line with the general culture," ending up at a hospital with his Schneider said. "It's a very negapenis caught in its fan blades. tive attitude they have for sexuality in general. They go after any- Schneider said. "I think that thing that is sexual in nature.

The sex-toy industry in Japan, a sex toy would be able to get where the devices are much more one or to produce one. I mean, common, he said, thrives on a think about a banana."

complex array of toy options.

Legalizing the sale of sex toys will curtail some of the health risks associated with "The cities in Texas, more or sexual toys, Schneider said.

> "I would say that people will use sex toys, but if they are freely promoted and available, they will be safer," he said. "Instead of using household obobjects that have gone through

Sex toys — which people

One particularly amusing drome in which a man looks to "I think it's basically just in his vacuum cleaner for relief,

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China defends policies in Darfur

link the humanitarian crisis to the people since 2003. Beijing Olympics, a day after Steven Spielberg said his conscience would not allow him to continue working Spielberg's statement, in which the as an adviser to the event.

of growing criticism against China, ending the conflict. targeting everything from its food safety to diplomatic policies abroad. Officials have repeatedly argued that the Olympics is a sporting event and should not be "politicized."

that although he was concerned about the slow pace of international action in the Darfur region of Sudan, the Olympics.

He said Spielberg's decision to resign as an artistic adviser to the Olympics was personal.

"That's up to him. I'm going to cannot accept." the Olympics. I view the Olympics as a sporting event," Bush said in an ulterior motives might be. interview with British Broadcasting

relieve the suffering in Darfur."

Meanwhile, a top European States. Union official said athletes should resist raising human rights and other have become a growing issue as the sensitive political issues during the Beijing Olympics. "Sports is too important. It is ceremony.

too important to use it as a political sports minister of Slovenia, which holds the EU presidency.

because it buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil exports while selling it weapons spared the controversy.

BEIJING (AP) - China de- and defending Khartoum in the fended its policies in Darfur on U.N. Security Council. Fighting in Thursday and rejected attempts to Darfur has killed more than 200,000

The Beijing Olympics organizing committee expressed regret over director said he felt China wasn't The director's decision was part doing enough to pressure Sudan into

"Linking the Darfur issue to the Olympic Games will not help to resolve this issue and is not in line with the Olympic Spirit that separates sports from politics," BOCOG President Bush said Thursday said, adding preparations for the opening and closing ceremonies were progressing smoothly.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesit wouldn't stop him from attending man Liu Jianchao said it was understandable if some people did not understand China's policy on Darfur, though, "some people may have ulterior motives, and this we

He did not elaborate on what the

China has made significant changes to its policies in Sudan "On the other hand, I have a within the last year, appointing a little different platform than Steven special envoy to the region and send-Spielberg, so I get to talk to Presi- ing 140 engineers to help prepare dent Hu Jintao," Bush said. "I do for the arrival of a planned hybrid remind him that he can do more to peacekeeping force. The efforts have earned kudos from the United

> Political statements by athletes Beijing Games approach, with less than six months until the opening

Under IOC rules, athletes cannot instrument," said Milan Zver, the discuss political issues within Olympic zones, but should have freedom of speech outside them. The EU's China is believed to have special Zver said that even though he uninfluence with the Islamic regime derstood the importance of human rights, the Beijing Games should be

US: Officials say dead satellite will be shot down

WASHINGTON (AP) — cause of atmospheric disturbances, President Bush has ordered the Cartwright said. Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken directly hit the fuel tank in order U.S. spy satellite — and thereby to minimize the amount of fuel that minimize the risk to humans from returns to Earth. its toxic fuel — by intercepting it sphere, officials said Thursday.

harmed, the officials said.

reporters at the Pentagon, did not say when the attempted

'This is all about trying to reduce the danger to human beings," Jeffrey said.

Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the same briefing that the "window of opportunity" ship, will open in the next three eight days. He did not say whethan exact launch date.

not say exactly what are the odds and other countries. of success.

spacecraft," Cartwright said.

the conclusion that, "we're better its errant satellite. off taking the attempt than not." Cartwright said.

to hit the satellite after that be- to Earth.

A second goal, he said, is to

Software associated with the just before it re-enters the atmo- Standard Missile 3 has been modified to enhance the chances of the The effort — the first of its missile's sensors recognizing that kind — will be undertaken be- the satellite is its target; he noted cause of the potential that people that the missile's designed mission in the area where the satellite is to shoot down ballistic missiles, would otherwise crash could be not satellites. Other officials said the missile's maximum range, Deputy National Security while a classified figure, is not great Adviser James Jeffrey, briefing enough to hit a satellite operating in normal orbits.

"It's a one-time deal," Cartintercept would be conducted, wright said when asked whether the but the satellite is expected to modified Standard Missile 3 should hit Earth during the first week be considered a new U.S. anti-satellite weapon technology.

Cartwright also said that if an initial shootdown attempt fails, a decision will be made whether to take a second shot.

Jeffrey said members of Congress were briefed on the plan earlier Thursday and that diplomatic nofor such a shootdown, presum- tifications to other countries would ably to be launched from a Navy be made before the end of the day.

Shooting down a satellite is or four days and last for seven or particularly sensitive because of the controversy surrounding China's er the Pentagon has decided on anti-satellite test last year, when Beijing shot down one of its de-Cartwright said this will be an funct weather satellites, drawing unprecedented effort; he would immediate criticism from the U.S.

A key concern at that time "This is the first time we've was the debris created by Chinese used a tactical missile to engage a satellite's destruction — and that will also be a focus now, as the U.S. After extensive study and determines exactly when and under analysis, U.S. officials came to what circumstances to shoot down

The military will have to choose a time and a location that will avoid He said a Navy missile known to the greatest degree any damage as Standard Missile 3 would be to other satellites in the sky. Also, fired in an attempt to intercept there is the possibility that large the satellite just prior to it re- pieces could remain, and either entering Earth's atmosphere. It stay in orbit where they can collide would be "next to impossible" with other satellites or possibly fall

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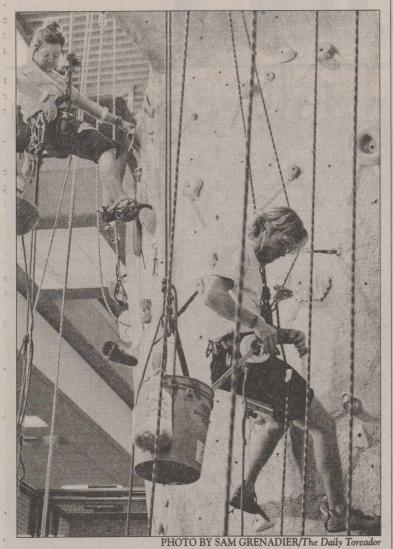
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ROCKIN' OUT



FOREST SAVILLE, A senior geology major from Fulsher, and Nikki Shuping, a senior english major from Lubbock, work on replacing the wall face with new holds before the Vertical Plains Climbing Competition Saturday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation center. The rock face is redone once a year.

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before class ended too."

Witnesses said the young man carried a shotgun and a pistol. Student one part of the lecture hall.

"It was almost like he knew who he the Chicago Tribune. wanted to shoot," Robinson said. "He knew who and where he wanted to be firearms and learning the history of the

Jillian Martinez, a freshman from Carpentersville, told the Chicago Tribune she was in the auditorium when Friday. Students were urged to call their the gunman entered through a door to parents "as soon as possible" and were the right of the lectern and opened fire offered counseling at any residence hall,

at all the kids," she said. "He just started shooting at people, and I ran out of there as fast as I could. I ran all the way to the student center; when I got there I could still hear shooting (from the classroom).

Agents with the U.S. Bureau of Al-Edward Robinson told WLS that the cohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gunman appeared to target students in were assisting local authorities at the scene, spokesman Thomas Ahern told

> 'We will be urgently tracing the weapons," Ahern said.

> All classes were canceled Thursday night and the campus was closed on

Report shows more than 3 million Texas wetland acres in danger

that leave almost no protection for many wetlands and isolated waters, ods and streams or river headwaters that don't always flow.

If the situation isn't changed soon, Texas could see coastal wet-

resources and upward of 75 percent The risk, according to the the of identified wetlands are considered report released Thursday, is posed isolated, the policy change could

"This is a major thing," Bezanson including shallow lakes that often said. "If they (federal officials) don't only have water during rainy peri-restore the previous protections there is going to be a continued and steady loss and degradation of coastal and isolated wetlands."

In the case of the coastal areas,

3 million acres of Texas wetlands no oversight, said Janice Bezanson, protect both ocean waters from plies in Texas and other states will be are in danger of being polluted or of the Texas Conservation Alliance. mainland pollution and the main- in danger in the future, he said. destroyed, according to a report. And in far West Texas, where water land from coastal surges could be so from the National Wildlife Fed- is often among the most valuable degraded that they no longer serve shows that the now unprotected their natural roles.

by a series of federal policy changes mean the loss of vital fresh water that aquifers relied on for fresh drink- drinking water. ing water could dry up sooner than

> Rollin MacRae, a wetland proestimates of endangered wetlands is 'probably an extreme guess."

But if the policy changes limiting

EL PASO (AP) — More than lands dredged and developed with Bezanson said, barrier islands that oversight continue, groundwater sup-

MacRae said "simple science" channels feed water into aquifers For drought-ridden areas of West that can span multiple states and Texas, the loss could ultimately mean should be protected to ensure clean

In neighboring New Mexico, which also struggles with water issues, several closed basins that gram leader for the Texas Parks and serve as freshwater sources are also Wildlife Department, said the report's endangered, according to the report. Closed basins don't connect with larger rivers or the ocean.

Romney Endorses McCain, Asks National Convention Delegates to Swing Behind the Likely Nominee

his national convention delegates to election. swing behind the likely nominee.

"Even when the contest was out. close and our disagreements were debated, the caliber of the man was apparent," the former Massachusetts governor said, standing alongside his one-time rival at his now-defunct at a dangerous hour."

"Primaries are tough," said Mc-Cain, referring to their earlier rancor. "We know it was a hard campaign and now we move forward, we move forward together for the good of our party and the nation."

ference. McCain had campaigned the other. in Vermont and Rhode Island but the endorsement.

McCain effectively sealed the nomination last week when Romney withdrew from the race; only former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and libertarian-leaning Texas Rep. Ron Paul remain. But neither has a chance to catch McCain in the convention delegate hunt.

In early primaries and caucuses, Romney collected 280 delegates.

BOSTON (AP) - Republican The number is enough to move Mc- equivocations and reversals on several campaign dropout Mitt Romney en- Cain close to the total of 1,191 needed issues indicated a willingness to change dorsed John McCain for the party's to clinch the nomination a full nine his positions to fit his political goals. presidential nomination and asked months before the November general

"Right now there's a great big 'me, too' crowd coming together (for Mccampaign's headquarters. "This is a not now wanting to be left out." He still did not have a nominee. man capable of leading our country added, "I'm just not willing to be part of the coronation yet."

Romney's nod of support capped a bitter yearlong rivalry between the two men over the party's nomination. Romney criticized McCain in television ads in New Hampshire, and

Over the past year, Romney cast added a flight to Boston to accept McCain as outside of the GOP's conservative mainstream and a Washington insider who contributed to the problems plaguing a broken system. McCain, in turn, argued that Romney's

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The clash effectively ended on Feb. 5, when McCain won a string of big-Huckabee was not ready to bow state primaries from coast to coast.

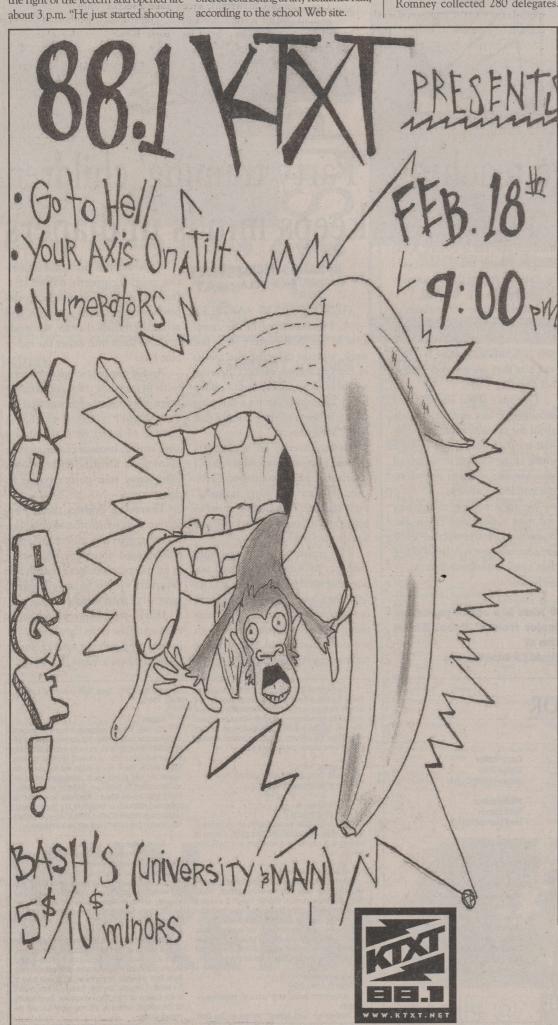
Officials said the former Massachusetts governor made his decision to back McCain earlier in the day, citing a Cain)," Huckabee said in LaCrosse, desire to help the Arizona senator wrap Wis. "There's a lot of folks, sort of, in up the nomination before too much the establishment of the party that is *more time passed and while Democrats

McCain is on a steady march toward amassing the 1,191 delegates he needs, but Huckabee has proven an unexpectedly durable challenger. With a strong appeal to evangelical conservatives, Huckabee defeated McCain in two out of three states both candidates mixed it up almost that chose delegates last weekend, and The two met privately before daily during campaign events and ran a far stronger race than expected appearing together at a news con- debates. Neither is especially fond of before losing the Virginia primary on



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OPINIONS

Rogue professor seeks political persecution

ecently, when I heard about the new online Professor Watch List inaugurated by the TTU chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas to admonish faculty members who aren't politically "fair and balanced" in their discussion of ideas in the classroom, I found myself hopping mad.

The entire project seemed like an soy milk. obvious attempt to thwart the kind of academic freedom that university professors are supposed to enjoy.

tive" have to police political objectivity in the exchange of ideas? Isn't that effectively like the Red Sox Nation policing fairness by making sure that the Yankees don't get too much coverage on ESPN rampant indifference. come baseball season?

decided I didn't want to react too rashly - especially if it meant allowing myself to be baited into the same old liberalversus-conservative divide I've taken to decrying of late. So, I tried to put the Professor Watch List out of my mind. I with a Michael Moore DVD, a Noam Chomsky book, and a little granola and



The idea of the Professor Watch List,

though, continued to nag at me. What right, I asked myself, does a the list. Call it a self-interested confession in Catholic education groomed me well status. group which marks itself as "conserva- perhaps, given the amount of press that the YCT are receiving through their efforts. Or maybe I wanted to court political martyrdom in our frustrating age of, at best, facile political debate, or at worst, absurdity of the site's agenda.

After my initial tantrum, though, I cal reason, I felt that the best way to as- how I've advocated for Affirmative admit I am unable suage my anxiety over the list was to visit Action without giving equal time to to divorce any statethe Professor Watch Web site and volunteer myself for public admonition. Brand me as a rogue professor, I announced. Tar and feather me with your calls of political bias in the otherwise objective space of native Canada's national health care went home to relax in my Birkenstocks, the secular, state university classroom.

On the Professor Watch Web site, I

asking for detailed documentation about purport to enforce.

I may have committed in the past, within nature of my being the context of the junior- and senior-level courses in African-American literature am ideological. That I regularly teach. And trust me, I tried is, I possess a subjechard to be thorough in taking inventory tive worldview befit-,. So I decided to volunteer myself for of my transgressions; a childhood spent ting my non-robot

> But as it came time to share my litany might to provideof self-disclosed crimes with the Watch some kind of un-List, I was overwhelmed again by the tainted third-person

Whatever the ambiguous psychologi- sodes of my "political bias" — like, say, erature and ideas, I a flawed meritocracy that ignores this ment of "the facts" nation's white supremacist legacy; or from the personal, cuff remark, I've spoken favorably of my view the world. system without opining on the converse advantages of keeping taxes down by was confronted with a number of prompts leaving millions of folks uninsured.

transgressions against the "we-speak- criminal nature of my rogue professorial sided propaganda that is designed to close reading skills with which I've been fair-and-balanced-here" ethos the YCT ways by offering merely a blanket concreate a predetermined mindset in the trained, why does the YCT's language fall fession: I have spoken of political ideas student?" So I sat at my computer, trying to in the classroom in a way that may be

a human being — I

And try as I omniscient view of Sure, I could admit individual epi- society, history, lit-

how, in maybe more than one off-the-politicized perspective through which I ince of learning is, of course, a fantastic, suspected.

I paraphrase language from the Professor cinctly put it, "there is no social practice fessor from Windsor, Ontario. Watch List Mission Statement — an outside of ideology." "intellectually dishonest" teacher who.

Instead, I decided to disclose the "saturates his course material with one- List's agenda a little more, using the

The entire project or not they wish to with a C-word? seemed like an include what I say obvious attempt to thwart the kind of academic freedom world. that university professors are List defines as "an supposed to enjoy.

inherently unattainable goal. As the Is that to say that I am — and here cultural theorist Stuart Hall once suc. Borshuk is a Tech English pro-

And if I may trouble the Watch michael.borshuk@ttu.edu.

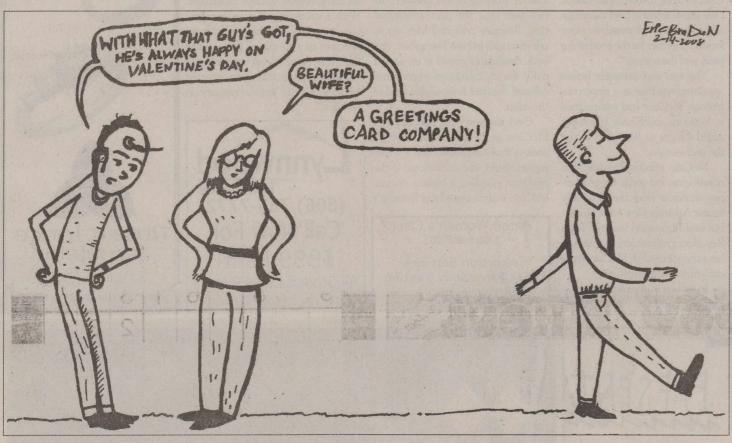
perennially into binary terms when sug-I don't think so. I think, rather, that gesting how educational fairness might enumerate a list of politically biased sins defined as "biased" because — by the very it is to admit that I trust students to be maintained? "Professors are singled exercise their pow- out,"-we're told, "for an unwillingness to ers of critical think- tell both sides of the story." Oh, are there ing in deciding for only two sides to the "story"? Let me guess: themselves whether one gets classified with an L-word and one

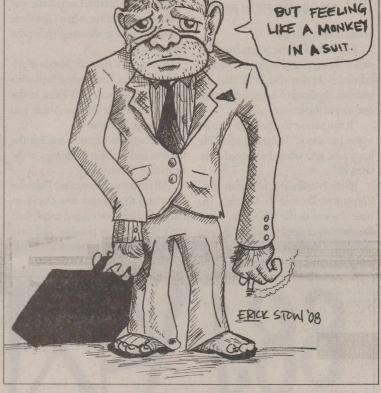
> In this way, the Watch List's colin the classroom as lapse into the usual either-or nonsense part of the equip- that passes for contemporary political ment they'll use to discourse reveals the entire endeavor to find their way in the me as just another distracting spectacle amidst our ongoing inability to speak "Objectivity" about ideas critically, in sophisticated -which the Watch terms.

> Or maybe I'm just grumpy because oftentimes valuable they've yet to take my confession serimethod of educa- ously and put me on the list. Gosh, maybe tion"—in the realm these are harder times to be persecuted of ideas or the prov- for one's political beliefs than I initially

> > E-mail him at

I CAN'T HELP





Discourse a healthy aspect of college teaching

ear Young Conservatives chapter of Texas Tech: Really? REALLY?

I have been trying to come up with scenarios that would best explain how I feel about the current attempt at a faculty watch list to monitor those who have outspoken opinions injected into lectures.

are professors on this campus that and less out of fear. should learn to make a point to keep their opinions to themselves and realize students are not paying the costs of tuition and textbooks to hear about what they heard on 911conspiracys. blogspot/bushdidit.toomuchfreetime.

I'm with you. I'm also in agreement faculty member.

But come on; what good is making a list going to do to produce a proper, for their fraternity's officers. conducive learning environment?



perform a proper service to those who come to a higher learning facility such black races." I will agree with you here: There as Tech and engage their students less

> employment of staff that they not ideas only understand the material, but can present it in a manner that makes one presented in a textbook.

that if there is a mass agreement that a the Civil War, and that's great, you're disagree with. specific faculty member is garnering a reading. You are already ahead of a surplus of negative feedback, measures majority of the students here who only agreeing with some is? You are both someone telling you Adam and Eve should be taken to reprimand said buy books on their parents' credit cards engaged. Both parties can be at their didn't walk with the dinosaurs? semester and buy a round of margaritas you're thinking. It's a good thing.

I can tell you what will happen: who has years of research experience to was just a person is going to do what?

wanted to appease economic expan- call it: unjust censorship. sion in the North more than he cared about freeing the slaves and creating muzzled, this list is in turn doing racial equality.

from 1858: "I will say, then, that I am or livelihood. not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and

Do you disagree with me? Do you and how they are no good Pinkos, think I am taking that quote out of but I won't. To become a professor, one has context? Then talk to me about it. to prove to those who regulate the Let's have a discourse and flesh out servative or any of that. This is

Better yet, talk to a history professor with an opinion on the subject, think analytically about information maybe one who specialized in the Civil War Era. I can tell you this: I bet they you stand for is wrong. You can read a history novel on have some things to say that you will

so they can sell them at the end of the wits end in trying to prove a point, but

But sometimes it takes a professor told you evolution is real and Jesus major from El Paso. E-mail

In the same way you may feel the same thing, except you could Don't believe that? Here's a quote be costing someone their reputation

I could go into comparisons of lists like these that have been created in the past and call you out on your comparisons to these teachers

This isn't about liberal, conabout the promotion of expanding your mind and being able to have strong enough beliefs to withstand someone who tells you everything

We are a college in the second most conservative city in the You know what the beauty of dis- country, and you're worried about

Silencing someone because they Ward is a senior journalism

'Party training' children

keeps minds in diapers By KATIE STRICKLAND

DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

aisle of my local grocery store last week, silently debating the merits of Lucky Charms versus Cheerios. something caught my eye: a plump baby - apparently out for a shopping trip with Mom - wearing a onesie that read, "Weepublican."

growing phenomenon online when I returned home. According to CNN. com, parents are "party training" their children by adorning them in politically affiliated garb before many have begun teething.

and others based on a false Democrat away all of their members - us. or Republican dichotomy - a habit that is ultimately destructive for both running on the issues they believed in our own intellectual development instead of figuring out what's going to and our nation's political future.

Apparently, nuance and American politics currently do not mix. Instead of listening closely to the (U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES positions and beliefs of others and As I was standing in the cereal accepting them as they are, we decide to shove them into either the red or

> And if our politicians don't perfectly fit into their color-coded cubby holes, they must endure our wrath.

It doesn't matter if you had a change of heart or realized you I encountered an apparently were wrong, because changing your opinion or identity on your own takes away your party's power to

There is a drastic, though effective solution to this dichotomy, however. Join me, and many other The trend points to a larger college-aged voters, by registering tendency in American politics: our as an independent. Let's abolish our desperate need to categorize ourselves two-party system by simply taking

Maybe politicians would begin sound the best to super delegates.

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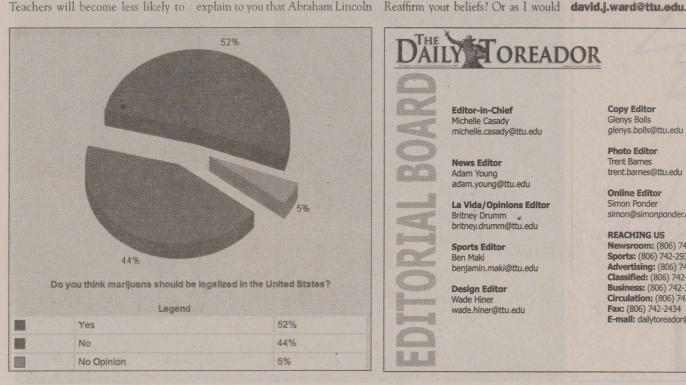
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TELLING STORIES NEEDED TO BE TOLD



MAKING LIFE, LOSS, and liberation an art form is a means of identity for world-renowned poet, writer,

commentator, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni.

Giovanni has, over the past 30 years, brought light to issues of the world concerning the fight for civil rights and equality.

"The heart of her literature is into Black History and Civil Rights," Horn Professor of Biology and the museum Robert Baker said. "She's an incredibly unique person, with the knowledge of poetry, literature and human

Giovanni's program Thursday afternoon in the Allen Theatre was nothing less. Insisting on voicing the truth as she sees it, Giovanni presented her audience, consisting of college, middle school and high school students, with hard-hitting pieces of the struggle for equality, more specifically through the perspectives of her close friend,

"She just does a remarkable job of raising concerns and telling stories that need to be told," Brent Newson, a graduate student in creative writing of DeRidder, Lou., said.

Giovanni even shared a bit of her own life, ranging from the loss of her mother and sister all the way back to her roots in Tennessee and claimed that crying wasn't what helped her through those times, but rather an internal urge she made to herself.

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"I told myself, 'Nikki, you're a writer," she said. "If you're a writer, write."

MySpace leads to gallery space

BY JOHN GUIGAYOMA DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - The tiny crowd at an East-L.A. mini-gallery wanted more, but William Deutsch didn't have much else

Internet recounted the show: devil- thing to sell it. ish dragons in melting pastels, a a stained-glass punk altar.

People would ask to see more, and the UCLA 2006 alumnus would shrug his shoulders -- until of his show at Truxtop Gallery nearly philosophy of its space. two years ago.

blogs on which he dreams of being shirts, mugs or stationary. featured, his MySpace account and of course, his Web site.

about and get in contact with you," he said. "It's like the equivalent of have never had. an answering machine, but for your artwork."

Musicians do it: Any group of guys with a drummer and a dream can create a MySpace account and pray a record label requests a tape. Filmmakers do it: A student can post a short film on YouTube and dream a studio rep will give them a call. And artists are no exception, vying for attention from galleries or companies looking for fresh designs

and illustrations.

world of the Internet gives artists a greater chance of being recognized, it poses a few tricky questions for the art world itself.

Make a chance

Only a few pictures circling the creating art is one thing; it's another the world.

distressed whale with mouth agape, goal for an emerging artist involves first networking tool was Flickr.com, he developed heyitswilliam.com, nections to hook up with the right and it now has a considerable artist

Deutsch is a full-fledged Internet that would be strong images for their art-networker, eager to talk about products. An illustration could end the art forums in which he posts, the up as the art on items such as T-

The process can mean years of without you being there. It's a place stores and artists through keystrokes a computer." where people can see what you are and mouse clicks, giving many the connections they otherwise would

SUNDAY

Michael C. Hsiung's success is But while the boundary-breaking a product of this. The Koreatownbased artist has gone from postgraduation doodling in his sister's L.A. apartment to gallery representation, design deals with shoe and skateboard companies, and appear-As many artists can tell you, ances on blogs and in zines around

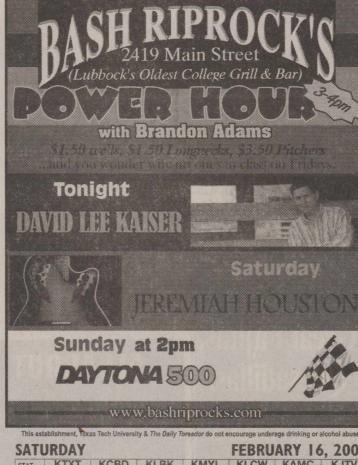
His formal training was one high The traditional money-making school figure-drawing class, but his gallery representation, meaning a a Yahoo-owned photo-sharing Web gallery picks up an artist and acts site. Founded in 2002, "Flickr" is one as both promoter and agent. Artists of the first Internet forums where hope to establish the right con- artists are able to post their work, his own little corner of the Internet, gallery, and galleries hunt down the community. After college, Hsiung complete with portfolio and pictures freshest art that fits the aesthetic found himself back in L.A. without a job and eventually expanded his Companies also search out works artistic presence on the Internet by exploring other sites.

> "I drew a lot of funny people and animals, and we'd all just get a laugh out of it," Hsiung said.

"My friends would say, 'You waiting, but the Internet eliminates should keep drawing. You should "It's a way to represent yourself the footwork. It unites galleries, scan some of these and put them in

One important viewer was Leora Lutz, curator and owner of Gallery Revisited in Silver Lake.





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LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD

Music editor interviews the real Matt Jones

gone. With the passing of each to the next, it is becoming apparent - more now than ever - that Lubbock is changing.

New faces arrive daily, new ideas are inspiring us and new arts now are forcing Lubbock residents to come out of their cozy homes and explore the culture we are so generously afforded. This Saturday night one such opportunity again will test our ability to accept, and more importantly enjoy, the coming changes.

refined setting of La Diosa Cellars, Matt Jones, 26, a two-time nominee of the New Mexico Music Industry Award and resident of Albuquerque, N.M., will celebrate the release of format. his third album "Passerby" — a culmination of two years of hard work and rigorous recordings of pop rock beats backed by classic songwriting

Firstly, it should be noted I am not a fan of the pop-rock genre. I tend to take an elitist attitude tois what makes me who I am.

a phone interview Thursday



Chelsea Roe: So can you explain your sound to the readers a little?

Jones: It's pretty much straight up pop rock. I find this funny, At 8 p.m. Saturday, in the more though, because I'm really an indie artist. But I am absolutely influenced by pop, specifically beats. Though in songwriting, I tend to be more classic and follow the standard song

> Roe: I see that you've got album release parties scheduled all over the Southwest, so what exactly made you come to Lubbock and why la Diosa for your venue?

Jones: Well, right now I'm on the "Smith and Jones" tour with Landon Smith. He is a Tech alumni, who I wards music in general — and that met through another Tech alumni, I am a classic-rock loving blues few gigs here, and the crowds were woman, and pop has never been one always just so big, so Lubbock has beof those areas I chose to indulge in. come a must-stop-through because I make no excuses for my ignorance. of those two guys, really. They are However, I will admit that even both playing with me on Saturday I was quite intrigued by what our night, too. As far as La Diosa goes, featured artist had to say about "The we are doing an acoustic CD release, Real Matt Jones," as we delved into so the setting at La Diosa is kind of ration behind "Passerby"? perfect for an acoustic-based show.

and if so, how was that process?

produced. Actually, it was co- the hardships that come along with produced with Ben Andrews from life, like being able to pay the rent, done this way. It was an incredible revolving around. process because he is sort of a hands-

It's pretty much straight up rock. I find this funny though because I'm really an indieartist \

- MATT JONES TWO TIME NOMINEE OF THE NEW MEXICO MUSIC INDUSTRY AWARD

using that word — making it a really pleasant recording process."

Roe: So what exactly is the inspi-

Jones: I am a positive guy, but this town will decide to leave us behind

Austin who owns Hot Pad Studios, more than about relationships of and this one is the third one we've which there are only a few songs

> Roe: What makes this album any different than the previous two you have recorded, though?

Jones: This one simply had a lot more thought and effort put into it. The first album was sort of like a life raft to see if I could even make it as a solo artist. The second album was just a bridge between that first album and this one I've just released, really, which took 2 years to make.

Roe: I guess we need to let people know where they can find this album then, don't we?

Jones: Other than at the party on Saturday, you can find it on iTunes, Amazon MP3s, at Hastings or on my Web site, which is www.myspace. com/therealmattjones.

So, I ask you Lubbock: is sitting on the couch on a Saturday night Ryan Holly. They set me up with a off producer, which means we got eating your health away as you play to bounce ideas off one another the Halo really worth missing out on entire time. This made it so that the chance to discover what new there was a lot of freedom and cre- horizons lay in front of you? Do you ative energy — or synergy, but I hate really want to miss out on seeing someone perform who has graced the stage with people like Rod Stewart and Paolo Nuntini?

One day, these artists here in

If you ever have had trouble paying the bills, if you ever have had wonder about life in general, then chelsea.roe@ttu.edu.

one is more of a pensive record that and make big names for themselves. Jones, Smith and Holly are just is a lot more life-driven. It's more Will you be regretting not hav- the men you need, and the answer Jones: Yes, the album was self about getting older and discovering ing supported them from the very to the aforementioned question is it definitely is not worth missing

> Roe is a senior english major your heart broken or if you ever just from Midlothian. E-mail her at



BY EMMA DESSAU CAMPUS PRESS (U. COLORADO)

After months of finding other ways mean for the future of the shows to be entertained on a nightly basis, that were stopped in the middle of Americans can finally relax in front the season? of the TV again now that the writing strike has ended.

strike, the Writer's Guild of America heavily awaited returns still have an finally got its long-sought-after con- uphill battle ahead of them. tract on Feb 9.

"It is an agreement that protects a future in which the Internet becomes the primary means of both content creation and delivery," said Patric and dramas." M. Verone, the west president for the Writer Guild of America in a message to members of the WGA.

for their work in terms of the devel- May. opments and issues of new media.

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spot to unscripted reality shows dur-After three months of being on ing the strike while other shows with

> According to Entertainment Weekly, it should take "anywhere from two to four weeks to resume rather than later. production on existing comedies

to produce four or five new episodes top of their list. Now writers will be compensated before the end of the TV season in

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the hectic strike, the outlook is a little grimmer. According to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, "There is less need to restart existing series and the networks might start swinging the ax."

Shows such as ABC's "Lost" Some shows lost their primetime will have to scramble to add more episodes to their long-awaited eight episode arch that began showing a few weeks ago. Another show that will have to make new episodes quickly is "House" on FOX, which many students hope returns sooner

Analisa Maier, a sophomore geology major and Desiree Ramirez, Shows like "Grey's Anatomy" and a sophomore accounting major said "Ugly Betty" on ABC are expected new episodes of "House" were on the

> While some students eagerly wait for new dramas, others are looking forward to comedies returning to the nightly lineup.

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BY CHRIS ELLIOTT THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — Here is a little suggestion. Don't or Yngwie Malmsteen feeling. listen to Scream Aim Fire, Bullet album during rush hour.

So much anger. So many those who listen

Yes, that metal band from Wales, with the uncanny ability intense riffs, to send heads banging, arms flailing and fists flying at anything in a 10-foot radius, finally released its first album since it went on even notice it tour promoting The Poison back until the second in 2005, and it rocks even more or third time than the first one did.

Some noticeable differences album. might take a few hardcore fans

It hits you from the get-go. mon," is worth Bullet For My Valentine chose the \$12 you will the trend of Bullet For My Valen-

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by lead singer Mathew Tuck.

The melodies of his vocals this second go around can, at times, give keeps a steady beat going on a off that late '80s early '90s Metallica four count. Then all hell breaks

This might come off as annoy- the double-kick drum, Tuck and For My Valentine's sophomore ing, for those few metal junkies out Padgett explode on the guitars and there that didn't dig Metallica. But Jason James does his thing on the

> to Bullet For My Valentine for its racing rhythms and sick guitar solos might not listening to the

Track 4 "Waking the De-

"Scream Aim Fire," foreshadows workout or playlist in America.

band surprisingly keeps up the maddening to go far less screamo with album. spend on the CD, and is a must for tempo for about three minutes, only The first track and the first single, every angry, butt-kicking and hyper taking breaks between the bridges.

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the get-go. Bullet

For My Valentine

chose to go far

less screamo with

album.

To top it off Padgett throws in one Tuck and Michael Padgett start of his masterful guitar solos, which tine's new sound — more vocals with guitar riffs that gradually in- is the norm in all of the group's Bullet For My Valentine did try to slow things down on a couple of

crease in concentration for about

21 seconds, while Michael Thomas

loose. Thomas goes crazy with

bass.

This takes

place while

Padgett and

James simulta-

neously let out

blood-curdling

yells that add

to the mood of

one of the most

awesome metal

songs in recent

memory. The

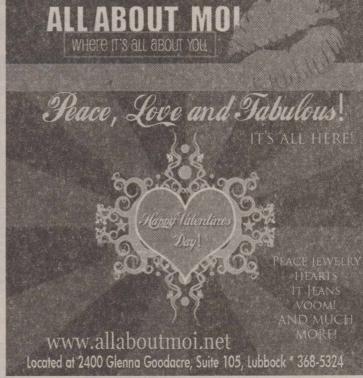
songs on the CD. These tracks were "Say Goodnight" and "Forever and Always." "Say Goodnight" was a little too slow for my taste, though Padgett did show off his skills on the guitar.

"Forever and Always" gave off a pop-rock feeling, with catchy riffs that were wisely used throughout the song and a lot of singing by Tuck. It actually turned out to be among one of the top five or six tracks on the album.

It wasn't the singing or yelling that separated the band from the huge pack of other metal bands the first time around. It was the music — the adrenaline-producing, headbanging and fury-inducing combination of guitars and drums.

Scream Aim Fire leaves very little to be desired in that depart-







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Tech attempts back-to-back wins against conference opponents

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

head coach: a second-straight win.

at the United Spirit Arena.

"I think if we get this win, we'll keep it going." be back to .500," Tech guard John of the pack."

homa (16-8, 4-5), the Red Raiders highest number of the season. took a 63-61 loss to the Sooners. road lost to a conference opponent in 2007-08.

to visit the United Spirit Arena, complish. a place where the Red Raiders are

10, 4-5 in Big 12 Conference) face an the intro, but we didn't know it was what you had to do to win." Oklahoma team with Blake Griffin going to be like that. We're going to back in the lineup at 3 p.m. Saturday come out fired up. We're going to tinued to be consistent, his brother be at home again. Hopefully we can returned to the team after a sprained

Roberson said. "We know how im- Sooners without Blake Griffin in missed one game, as he returned portant that is because everybody in Norman, Okla., but it was his older against Baylor. His return included our league is really close. We're trying brother Taylor Griffin who filled the 17 points and 15 rebounds against 3-of-4 shots from the 3-point line. to separate ourselves from the middle void, scored a career-high 16 points the Bears. and had 12 rebounds against the Red The last time Tech faced Okla- Raiders, which at the time was his utes against Big 12 opponents, Tech made room for other Big 12

Taylor Griffin later scored 20 ence play. Although Tech has trouble on the points against Oklahoma State and road this season, this is the closest grabbed 15 rebounds against Texas. only key players for Oklahoma.

Stepping up his performance This time, the Sooners have never knew Taylor Griffin could ac- are bigger and cause personnel ence opponents this season.

> "We should've won it," he said. "The one Griffin kid just killed us. other problem against the Red 🍑 adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Roberson said with Knight's new He's never been a shooter, so we Raiders. He had 16 points and nine idea for the decorated introduction backed off. He beat us himself. He did rebounds against Tech in Norman. against Kansas State and the recent what he had to do. He hit the open He rejoined the Sooners for their win Pat Knight will go for another play at home, Tech should be excited 15-footer that we gave him. We told against Iowa State Wednesday after goal after his first win as Texas Tech's about its rematch with Oklahoma. him after the game. We congratu- missing the two previous games with "I got pumped up," Roberson lated him. We were like 'You beat us. a broken bone in his right leg. If he is going to earn this win, it said. "We had an idea that we were The game plan was to let you shoot, will come when the Red Raiders (13- going to have something different for and you shot it and made it. You did

> While Taylor Griffin's play con-MCL that was supposed to keep him physical." Tech lost a close game to the out for four weeks. Blake Griffin

The Griffin brothers are not the after the Tech defeat.

The Red Raiders have had probproblems.

Longar Longar may present an- ESPN Plus.

"It'll be a little bit different just because Blake's bigger," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "Last time we played, they just had Longar and Taylor in there. It'll be the same as (Wednesday) night; it's going to be

OU's Tony Crocker also had a big game against the Red Raiders last time, earning 15 points and hitting

The Red Raiders are coming off Taylor Griffin earned more min- the upset of No. 18 Kansas State. averaging 27.7 minutes in conferteams to gain an advantage, as Kansas State lost possession of first place

With a win over the Sooners, the Red Raiders will earn their first twoagainst Tech was something Knight lems defending opponents who game winning streak against confer-

The game is scheduled to air on

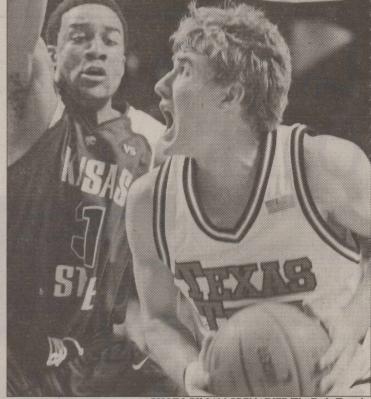


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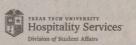
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SPORTS

Lady Raiders fall to Oklahoma St. 58-56

STAFF WRITER

The seventh time was the charm for Kurt Budke and his No. 15 Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

Shaunte' Smith made two free throws with 2.4 seconds left to give Oklahoma State a 58-56 win Thursday at the United Spirit Arena, giving Budke his first win against Texas Tech since he took over at OSU three seasons ago.

Despite going 6-of-18 from the field, Big 12 Conference Player of the Year candidate Andrea Riley scored 19 points in the second half and led OSU (20-3, 8-2 in Big 12) with 21 points to go along with four steals. OSU guard Taylor Hardeman added 15 points and three steals.

The Cowgirls' 58 points and 32 percent shooting were season lows for the team.

Tech forward Stanecia Graham scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and Tech forward Dominic Seals added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Tech (14-10, 2-8) closed out the first half on a 9-0 run to lead Oklahoma State game in the United Spirit Arena. 22-21 at halftime.

time expired, she curled off a screen to hit left to go in the half. her second 3-pointer of the game, giving Tech the lead.

Both teams shot poorly from the field and Riley was held to just two points on possession. 1-of-6 shooting. Hardeman went 4-of-6 from deep to lead the Cowgirls in scoring shortly after to chop the Lady Raiders' with 12 points in the first half.

With 11:32 remaining in the first half, Graham hit a jumper to put Tech ing 17 of Oklahoma State's next 20 points, up 11-10, but the Lady Raiders went cold helping the Cowgirls' to a 48-43 lead.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreade OKLAHOMA STATE CENTER Maria Cordero and Texas Tech forward Stanecia Graham fight for posession of the ball during Thursday's

Jordan Murphree hit a 3-pointer to cut next seven minutes, allowing Oklahoma remaining. Oklahoma State's slim lead to 21-19. As State to jump out to a 21-13 lead with 4:36

> The Lady Raiders opened up the second half on a 9-2 run.

Oklahoma State's Maria Cordero, who in the first half. Tech shot just 25 percent had 10 rebounds in the game, hit a jumper to tie the game at 56-56 with 9.8 secwhile Oklahoma State went 29 percent, to cut Tech's lead to 31-25 on OSU's next onds remaining.

> Hardeman nailed another 3-pointer lead in half.

> Riley heated up in the second half, scor-

Tech battled back to eventually Tech went without a field goal in the make it a 56-54 game with 41.2 seconds

After Riley air-balled a 3-pointer, Henderson brought the ball back down the court, and Riley went for a steal but was called for a reach in.

Henderson made both free throws

On the next possession and with Tech already in the double bonus, Graham was called for a block with 2.4 seconds left, sending Smith to the free-throw line.

Oklahoma State had not won in Lubbock since a 78-56 victory in

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Tech softball heads to Tempe swinging for first win in 2008

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball team did not start the season exactly how coach Teresa Wilson wanted.

No. 5 Arizona State in its first tournament of the season.

The Red Raiders played each game close, though; the loss to Washington was the only game that was decided by more than two runs.

Wilson said she was pleased with her team's outfield performance solidifying our game against Washington and how sophomore pitcher Ashly Jacobs and freshman pitcher Tye Coats performed in

Jacobs allowed two runs against Arizona State, and she finished the weekend with a 1.64 ERA in 11 innings, while Coats put together a 3.60 ERA in 10 innings.

"We had some very bright things," Wilson said. "I think when you look at the Washington game, I was very pleased. We threw a runner out at the plate, so our outfield did a nice mance of our younger pitchers."

With Tech committing seven weekend." errors in the tournament, senior outans on the team still are trying to get Arizona at 8:30 p.m. today. a feel for how each of them play.

ing some key roles," she said. "I think the big thing is us just getting used back national championships. to each other. We've worked on it in need to work on, so we're going to with a record of 50-14-1.

carry it over this weekend."

worked on trying to sustain the suc-By losing its first four games, the cess she saw offensively, and creating less confusion in the outfield.

we did some good things with the zona, they don't rebuild, they reload, Tech (0-4) lost to No. 14 Wash- bat, and we just need to put a few obviously." ington, UNLV, Loyola-Chicago and more of those together," Wilson said.

> We're going to try to focus on and doing a good job of executing the fundamentals...

> > **— TERESSA WILSON** TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL COACH

"We knew we had a young infield, so job. We threw another player out at we had a few communication issues the plate on a suicide squeeze. I was there. It's just about identifying what very pleased with the pitching perfor- we need to work on and making our adjustments, and going back out this

The Red Raiders must turn their fielder Whitney Riley, who is hitting attention to the Kajikawa Tourna-.154 and scored one of Tech's two ment in Tempe, Ariz., where they will RBIs, said the newcomers and veter- meet Memphis at 4 p.m. and No. 1

The tournament will be the first "We have some new people play- set of games in 2008 for No. 1 Arizona as it prepares to defend its back-to-

Tech is 1-10 all time against the practice and we understand what we Wildcats, who finished last season

"Everybody watched Arizona in-Wilson said at practice Tech the national championship last year," Wilson said. "They're going to be solid as usual; they lost Caitlin Lowe, which is a big offensive weapon for "We had some moments where them, but as we all know with Ari-

The second day of the tournament pits Tech against Utah at 6:15 p.m. and California at 8:30 p.m.

Utah (5-0) has opened its season on a definitive note in coach Amy Hogue's first season, and California presents another strong team from the Pac-10 Conference, Wilson

"Cal, prior to last year, had a very long streak of World Series appearances and post season runs," Wilson said. "Cal is a fantastic softball program; they have a national championship under their belt from two years ago."

Riley said the team really has focused on California and Arizona more than the games against Utah, Memphis and Western Kentucky because knocking off a top Pac-10 team would give the team much needed momentum after dropping four games to start the season.

Before returning home, Tech plays Western Kentucky at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Wilson said while she may not know much about Western Kentucky or Memphis, she does know one thing Tech needs to do to get its first win

"We're going to try to focus on solidifying our game and doing a good job of executing the fundamentals that we're working on, and hopefully that will take care of itself," she said.

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