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### State almost saw rolling blackouts Tuesday night

AUSTIN (AP) — Operators of the state electric grid were left scrambling to keep the lights on earlier this week after a sudden drop in West Texas wind threatened to cause rolling blackouts, officials said.

Shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday, grid operators ordered power shut off to so-called interruptible customers, which are industrial electric users who have agreed previously to forgo power in times of crisis. The move ensured continued stability of the grid after power dropped unexpectedly.

### NATION

### House calls for grand jury for Bush aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has asked for a grand jury investigation into whether White House chief of staff losh Bolten and former counsel Harriet Miers should be prosecuted for contempt of

Pelosi is demanding that against Miers for refusing to testify to Congress about the 2006 firings of federal prosecutors, and against Bolten for failing to turn over White House documents related to the purge.

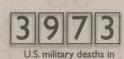
### MORED

### Al-Maliki calls on Iragis to boost political process

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister declared Thursday that national reconciliation was moving forward despite the embarrassing collapse of a deal to hold provincial elections and a warning of possible escalating Shifte feuds over the failure.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is part of the nation's Shiite majority, spoke from one of the sect's holiest sites — the shrine of Imam Hussein, 50 miles south of Baghdad.

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# Bush: country not headed for recession

### **By TERENCE HUNT** ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) country is not recession-bound and, despite expressing concern have a chance to kick in?" about slowing economic growth, bustly," he said.

reporters at a White House news conthink we're headed to recession. But question once the summer driving ference, acknowledging that some no question, we're in a slowdown." lawmakers already are talking about a second stimulus package. "Why don't President Bush said Thursday the we let stimulus package 1, which seemed like a good idea at the time,

Bush's view of the economy was rejected for now any additional decidedly rosier than that of many stimulus efforts. "We acted ro- economists, who say the country is nearing recession territory or may

The centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy is a package Congress passed and rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 declining in value. to millions of people and give tax incentives to businesses.

"We'll see the effects of this already be there. "I'm concerned are indications that paying \$4 for a pro-growth package," Bush told about the economy," he said. "I don't gallon of gasoline is not out of the for a strong dollar."

season arrives. Asked about that, Bush said "That's interesting. I hadn't heard that. ... I know it's high now."

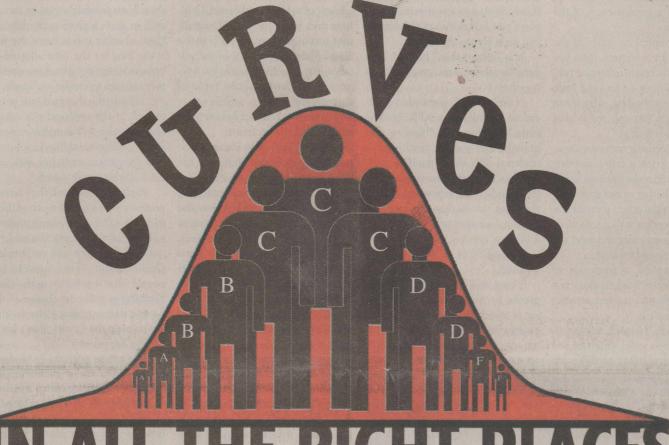
Bush signed last month. It will rush about the U.S. dollar, which has been terrorist attacks.

got the fundamentals in place for us version of a law to make it easier for On one issue particularly worrito ... grow and continue growing, some to American consumers, there more robustly hopefully than we're growing now," he said. "So we're still

Bush also used his news conference to press Congress to give telecommunications companies legal immunity for helping the govern-Bush also telegraphed optimism ment eavesdrop after the Sept. 11

He continued a near-daily effort "I believe that our economy has to prod lawmakers into passing his the government to conduct domestic eavesdropping on suspected terrorists'

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Faculty, administrators discuss complexity of grade assessment

> **By MATT MCGOWAN** STAFF WRITER

Students often wonder about the intricacies of the Cosmos. From the existence of a higher being to the inevitability of Murphy's Law, students wonder, but nothing seems to draw more inquiry than how they got a D on that last test they walked away from smiling.

Though the exact definition of a "curve" varies greatly from one professor to the next, the basic premise remains the same: A grading curve is a method of grading a student's work based on the performance of his or her peers, often qualifying an individual's work through its relationship to the performance of the entire class.

Though Texas Tech has no official standards when it comes to grading policies, it certainly does not recommend that faculty members use the curves, said William Marcy, Tech's provost. A grading curve stems from the concept that, to evaluate the quality of a student's work, one first must contextualize that work with the work of others - many others.

With the Bell Curve as its foundational premise, he said, a grading curve is a mathematical concept that — for it to be fair — must be based on a large sample of students, such as the standards set by college acceptance tests like the SATs and ACTs.

Many students assume a grading curve for a particular course puts them in direct competition with others in their class, Marcy said. However, this is rarely, if ever, the case. Most professors at Tech utilize objective grading systems that do not weigh one student's grade against another's.

Most grading assessments, he said, simply depend on whether a student has

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# Organization urges students to 'declare yourself' and vote



A STUDENT WALKS past the vote here sign sitting outside the north entrance to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

### By KENDALL WHEELER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students have until 8 p.m. today to

cast a limited ballot for the primary election. Dorothy Kennedy, Lubbock County elections administrator, said the limited ballot is for people who are registered to vote in a county other than the one they reside in.

"The limited ballot is usually used by people who have recently relocated," Kennedy said. "College students are a major part of the limited ballot vote."

To receive a limited ballot, Kennedy said a form of identification must be shown for the election office to verify the voter is registered to vote in another county.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's Web site, the limited ballot only allows voters to vote on offices or propositions that require statewide votes. Voting administrators at the Robert H. Ewalt

Student Recreation Center said the majority of early voters participating have been college

One non-profit organization whose main focus is to register 18- to 29-year-olds to vote is on schedule to register at least 1 million young adults to vote by Nov. 2.

Diana Nguyen, associate director of the Declare Yourself campaign, said the campaign

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# Bob Knight to be analyst for ESPN during NCAA Tournaments

**By ADAM COLEMAN** 

The former Texas Tech basketball coach has a new job, but it will not take place on the

Bob Knight reportedly was hired by ESPN to contribute as an analyst during conference tournaments in the NCAA. He also will provide analysis throughout this season's Final Four.

Knight resigned as Tech's head coach Feb. 4, leaving the job to his son Pat Knight. Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said the decision to join ESPN is something Bob Knight is experimenting with.

"He's going to try it out and see how he likes it," Myers said. "They offered him the opportunity to be one of their basketball analysts in the studio. He is just going to try it out and see if this is something he likes to do or not.'

Bob Knight left the Red Raiders before their game against Baylor Feb. 6. Since then, the

Red Raiders are 3-3 under Pat Knight with three games left in the season. Bob Knight was coach of the Red Raiders since 2001. He accomplished some milestones as

basketball coach in Division I, and his 900th win Jan. 16 against Texas A&M.

Myers said he is in full support of Knight's decision, believing it will put the spotlight on

"This is totally on his own," he said. "ESPN contacted him. He considered it and thought about it, decided it was something he'd try. I support him through it. I think it's just more exposure (and) national attention to Texas Tech. If he likes it, enjoys it, he may decide to do it again next year. For right now, it's just for the NCAA Tournament."

The NCAA's conference tournaments start March 12. The Final Four begins April 5 and

Throughout his career, one of the things Bob Knight has been known for is his love-hate relationship with the media.

Myers said Bob Knight's decision came as no shock to him considering the coach's relationship with the media.

"I don't think it's ironic," he said. "I'm not surprised at all they want him to be an analyst, as good as he is on basketball. I'd be surprised if they didn't ask him to join their staff to be an analyst.'

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# Police consider College of Human Sciences safe after bomb threat

Texas Tech Police searched the College of Human Sciences after a bomb threat was called into the depart-

Gordon Hoffman, the deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said an unknown person called the depart-

ment at 3:52 p.m. Wednesday, threatening that there was a bomb in the college. Tech police responded within two minutes, Hoffman said, and searched the buildings and informed instructors

a threat had been called in.

Hoffman said there was not a forced evacuation of the buildings because the department did not believe the threat to have enough validity.

If the threat was more specific, he said, it would have triggered a different response.

Hoffman said the Tech police searched the building as thoroughly as possible, and they have no concern that

Contrary to an article in Thursday's issue of The Daily Toreador, Barbara Bass, assistant to the dean of the College of Human Sciences, said Tech police searched all of the buildings in the college, not just the Child Research Development Center and the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery.

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## Gates: Turkish leaders got his message that Turkey must quickly end incursion in northern Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he told Turkish leaders Thursday that they should end an offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Yet even as Gates made his appeal, the Turkish military pressed ahead.

Gates told reporters after his talks with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other Turkish leaders that he made no threats to pull U.S. intelligence support.

"I think they got our message,"

Turkish officials did not discuss any deadline for winding up the offensive, Gates said. The Pentagon the longtime NATO ally would end the operation in a week, as he asked.

"I stand by where I've been on this. And that is that they should wrap this thing up as soon as they can," Gates said.

In Washington, President Bush and his top military adviser, Joint Chiefs chairman Adm. Michael Mullen, made similar points, with Mullen speaking more explicitly about possible ramifications.

"It should not be long-lasting," Bush said at a White House news conference. "The Turks need to

chief also said he did not know if move, move quickly, achieve their objective and get out."

Mullen said the Turkish incursion "comes at a very sensitive time with respect to our engagement in Iraq, and we're very worried that it could tip the balance in the wrong direction, in terms of our engagement there, making it much more difficult. So it is a very delicate balance."

Mullen said his Turkish counterpart has assured him "that they will in fact limit" the duration of the military action but have not given the United States a specific date on which they intend to pull

### Curve

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fulfilled criteria expected of a stulevel.

don't," Marcy said. "If you look at a grading curve, it really can't be used on a class-by-class basis. If you wanted for an entire department, or maybe one that spans two or three years."

There is no generally accepted norm for curving grades, said Gene Wilde, president of the Faculty Senate, reiterating that he was no expert on curves. He believes different professors tend to use different methods of assessing their students' grades.

Generally, he said, he does not curve his tests because he has a good example of when a criterion-referidea of what they should or should not know for each test.

here at Tech — I have some sort What is important is that somebody of handle on how much detail you can drive competently and meet the can ask and what kind of a response you're going to get. I have known for example — I had a professor who prided (himself) on no one ever getting a score above a certain amount," he said. "His rationale was that he wanted to challenge the very best students, and there was no way to challenge them unless they could not complete the exam successfully. students' performance."

There are two general categories of grade assessment, said William scale, he said, provides a fair gradpsychology. The first category, norm reference, lends itself to a standard that bases a student's grade on his or her knowledge relative to other with curving.

grading, he said, refers to the method of assessment that is based solely on a student's comprehension of a set, absolute system of necessary knowldent who will move on to the next edge that eliminates any notion of As?" of competition between students performance for each grade level, A on a test or, conversely, a D on sliding scale. and then students either meet the that test, depending on how well standard on an absolute basis or they each student showed they knew the

objective materials. Each system of assessment has its place, depending on the subject to use a curve, you'd want to have one matter, Lan said. Some areas of study utilize a combination of the two systems.

> "For example," he said, "if the of a scale for any given test. test is used for selection, then you have to use a norm reference test, because you have to find out from the test who is the best, who is not so good, then you can reach your cial to just assume a 90/80 grading decision of a selection."

Drivers-licensing tests provide an ence test would make the most sense, Lan said. Whether or not somebody "I've had 15 years' experience drives better than others is irrelevant. criteria established for safety.

Alan Arwine, a professor of artificial." - when I was an undergraduate, political science, said he does not his system as such.

> differently, depending on difficulty, for each particular exam.

"I look at how difficult a test is and, basically, what I do is - stu-Then he curved because, well, that dents tend to group themselves," was his whole philosophy, that he Arwine said, "and the top group gets was going to curve it based on the the A, the next group gets the B and the next group gets the C."

This system of a sliding-grade Lan, a professor of educational ing system without subjecting students to competition between each

"You're always going to get a few people who get very high scores, students' grades — such as is the case and they shouldn't determine what grade everyone else will get on their

SPECIALTY SHOP"

The second category, criteria paper," Arwine said. "I ignore the outliers, and I look at the groups. It is somewhat subjective, because, if you see a very small group, is that your outliers, or is that your group

"Most faculty set standards for because an entire class could get an said, provides the key to using the

In practice, Arwine said, the process usually is "pretty cut-and-dry." The grading scale practically forms itself, with definitive distinctions between the different letter-grade groups, leaving little room for doubt. Rarely does subjective determination play a part in Arwine's establishment

It is "remarkable," he said, how consistently student grades clump

"I feel that it is somewhat artifiscale," Arwine said, "because that assumes that you are teaching the material at a very specific level, that you're testing at a very specific level, and, in the real world, I don't think we can be that accurate that we know we are teaching at exactly

Essays and other written assigncurve, though some students mistake ments, he said, present a different set of standards. Because he knows His system, he said, applies to exactly what he is looking for on writthe letter-grade scale, which he sets ten assignments, grading those on a set numerical scale is much easier.

> "I know what an A paper is; I know what a B paper is," he said. "So, on those, I do use the 90/80/70 scale, because the students are more familiar with that scale."

as English, which relies heavily on individually written assignments Quilliam said, grades tend to grow that could leave a lot of room for in a manner that is inflated and subjectivity during assessment, unrealistic. As grades grow more Marcy said, tend to establish rubrics and more inflated, they tend to Lan said, but if implemented, proper they verify to be equitable.

ment often carefully test the rubrics which then leads to the devaluation by applying them to evaluate a set of college degrees and, more generof student papers, he said. If they all ally, a deterioration of the overall grade those tests accurately, and the educational system. papers receive comparable grades, then the rubric is deemed valid.

DOWN

is just about as reliable as scoring a

multiple-choice exam," Marcy said. to students at Tech, said the key to Evaluation of all the scores, he fairly grading written assignments outline minutely what is expected of students.

> of students being concerned about class' syllabuses improperly addressing different assessment methods.

> If a professor opts to use a curving grade system for their students, Quilliam said, he or she should explain that curving system explicitly in the class syllabus. Once it is in the syllabus, any possible debate that may arise in the future can be resolved through the syllabus, which represents a written contract between the student and the professor.

Curving may help some profesdifficult or lengthy for the time the students can live with." allotted or course requirements, said Kent Pearce, a professor and associate chair of the Department a certain precise level so that 89 of Mathematics and Statistics. is a B and 90 is an A. It is pretty Curving grades, however presents several problems and could distort the reality of what students did or did not accomplish.

"On the other hand, if the exam really was reasonable, in terms of what it asked students to do and the amount of time that was allowed for the exam because of outside complications or competing interests," he said, "then employing a curve could potentially inflate the grades from Professors in departments such what they should have been."

As a result of grade curving, reflect students' comprehension of Several members of the depart- that subject less and less accurately,

have a mentality that they are pay-

"It's amazing that grading written ing for the course and showed up work using that kind of a technique every day, therefore, they deserve an A," she said. "The long-term thing is that universities start believing that, Kathryn Quilliam, ombudsman and we're really dumbing-down our

Quilliam said she has encountered is explicit rubrics, which should students who believe the grading standards of their professors expect too much of the students as they take Also, she said there are issues a test, which often is the case for new members of the faculty who have little experience with teaching.

These students approached Quilliam, flustered, she said, because there is no possible way they can do well in such a profoundly difficult class, whether it is because the test is too long for the time allotted or because it requires absurd amounts of preparation, retention and study.

"I think that that professor needs to look at the situation as a whole and to make a reasonable concession," Quilliam said, "find a solution sors fairly grade tests that were too that the professor can live with and

Students who think they have a professor who asks too much of them will not achieve anything without voicing their concerns, she said.

"They need to talk to people," Quilliam said. "They need to tell people what is going on in the class. Nothing is going to change if the people that are hiring the faculty, supervising the faculty, don't know what is happening."

The course evaluations students it, and if students didn't prepare for fill out at the end of each semester, contrary to popular belief, she said, weigh heavily on how professors are regarded by their superiors. Not only do they affect salaries in some instances, but the evaluations also affect tenure, status and could even lend credence to previously ignored complaints about that professor.

> Scoring never will be perfect, systems provide better standards and more accurate assessments of students' knowledge.

"We will never have a perfect measurement of a student's learning because learning is such a compli-"There are some students who cated phenomenon," he said.

Students should be cautious when they consider grading systems, Marcy said. Many students fail to grasp the complexity of assessing a student's ability.

"Grading practices are a lot more complicated than most students may realize until they, themselves, have taught a course and had to grade,"

# Cuba signs human rights treaties at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Cuba's government signed two key international human rights treaties Thursday that Fidel Castro long opposed, but said it had reservations about some provisions and accused the United States of impeding the Cuban people's enjoyment of their rights.

Fidel Castro was still president when Cuba announced Dec. 10 that it would sign the accords on civil, political and economic rights and at the time he asked government television to re-air his objections in case Cubans had forgotten his opposition.

The formal signing came four days after Fidel's younger brother, Raul, permanently replaced him in the presidency after filling in during Fidel's illness since mid-

Whether the signing by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque marks a turning point for human rights on the communist island nation remains to be seen.

Asked at a news conference whether Fidel's opposition to parts of the two covenants, including the right to form independent trade unions, had changed now that Raul is president, Perez Roque said no. He reiterated that Cuba would later specify some reservations about treaty provisions.

Cuba has long been criticized by the United States and others for jailing dissidents, who the government generally characterizes as U.S. mercenaries.

A Cuban activist group, the Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation, estimated early this year that 234 prisoners of conscience were held on the island. That was down from 246 last June 30 — continuing a decline since Raul took over from the ailing Fidel.

Elizardo Sanchez, head of the rights group, called Thursday's action by Perez Roque "positive news because the signing of these pacts is an old demand from inside Cuba and from the international community."

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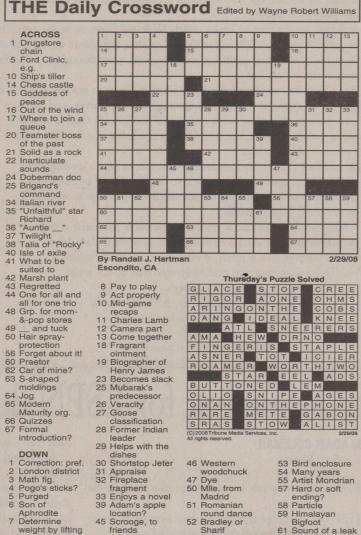
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# Staff member receives large sum of money for tutorial services, several hit-and-run accidents occur in Tech parking lots

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Feb. 21

A staff member received a \$4,700.12 check for tutorial services from an unknown person. The person also contacted the staff member several times about what the staff member should do with the check.

Two officers responded to a traffic accident that occurred on the 1800 block of Flint Avenue.

An officer investigated a theft in which a student's chemistry book of the United Spirit Arena. was taken from the University Library.

A male student tripped and fell through a glass window in the but refused transport by Emergency Medical Services.

from a Coleman Residence Hall alcohol by a minor. washing machine.

report of a domestic disturbance at the Carpenter/Wells Complex. Two students had a verbal disagreement, and the male student later dence Hall. left the area and went back to his residence.

### Feb. 22

A purse was stolen from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and was later found in a men's bathroom in that building. A walreported missing from the purse.

Two officers responded to a re-Athletic Training Center.

Two male students were detained in the Z-5A parking lot. in Murdough Residence Hall after a report of an odor of marijuana coming from the students' room. bock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Two students were detained after a report of a loud party in Sneed sued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

of ceiling tile damage to the port of aggravated assault. second, third and fourth floors of Murdough Residence Hall.

### Feb. 23

An officer responded to a report of an injured visitor on the injured his head and was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

A student fainted and was transported to the UMC emergency room from the band section

An officer investigated the revehicle in the Z-5B parking lot.

Two male students were ar-Chitwood Residence Hall lobby rested and transported to Lubbock County Jail. One of the students was arrested for possession of An officer investigated a theft drug paraphernalia and the other Wall/Gates Residence Hall. The stolen from an unsecured room in in which a pair of shorts was taken was arrested for consumption of vehicle normally is occupied by a Murdough Residence Hall.

A male student was issued a in the lot for the two weeks. Two officers responded to a Lubbock County citation for following a report of an odor of marijuana in the Murdough Resi-

> minor. The student was issued also was damaged. a Lubbock County citation and

An officer investigated a hitand-run accident in which a velet, debit card and cell phone were hicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Z-5C parking lot.

An officer investigated a hitport of several people on top of the and-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle

### Feb. 24

An officer investigated criminal The students were issued a Lub- mischief in the Z-5C parking lot in which a student's vehicle was scratched, and the mirrors were

Residence Hall, and they were is- in Sneed Residence Hall was re- to gain access to a room using a knife), possession of a fictitious ported to have threatened another employee with a knife. An officer An officer investigated a report responded to investigate the re- an instantered Lubbock County

### Feb. 25

An officer investigated an accident on the 1500 block of Tech Parkway. There were no injuries.

A student in the Murdough southeast side of the United Spirit Residence Hall reported being complaint of a loud party in the Arena. The male visitor fell and harassed through Facebook mes-

> An officer investigated a hitand-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the C-13 parking lot.

Two roommates in the Murported to have been involved in issue room of the Student Recported theft of four hubcaps from a a dispute over a damaged laptop reation Center, where \$10 was

> mation about a vehicle that does not belong to a student or staff member parking in front of the white male and has been parking

An officer investigated a hitpossession of drug paraphernalia and-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Z-2D parking lot.

A student's vehicle in the C-1N Two officers detained a male parking lot was broken into, and a

A white male non-student was arrested for public intoxication after being stopped by two officers for suspected suspicious activity on the 2500 block of 15th Street.

### Feb. 26

An officer investigated the reported theft of a wallet in Holden

A license plate was reported stolen from a state-owned trailer in the R-9 parking lot.

Five unknown persons were seen in the hallway of the third floor of Wall Residence Hall while An employee of Sam's Place one unidentified male attempted

A non-student was arrested for of alcohol by a minor.

citation and two Lubbock Police Department warrants. The man was arrested following an observed traffic violation at the Main Street and Indiana Avenue

Two officers responded to a Chitwood Residence Hall. A male student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Feb. 27

An officer investigated a theft dough Residence Hall were re- that occurred in the equipment stolen from a backpack. Charges An officer documented infor- were filed against a male student for the theft, and the student was released.

An 80 GB iPod was reported

An officer investigated a theft at, the Grantham Complex in which a vacuum cleaner was taken on an unknown date.

An officer investigated a bomb threat in the Human Sciences

'An officer investigated a hitstudent in the Z-5C parking lot JVC car stereo and two CDs were and run accident in which a vefor consumption of alcohol by a reported stolen. The dashboard -hicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Z-5B parking lot.

> An officer investigated the possible possession of drug-paraphernalia following a report of an odor of marijuana from Murdough Residence Hall.

> Baking flour was thrown on the ground on the third floor of Bledsoe Residence Hall and was investigated by an officer.

> Two male students in Weymouth Residence Hall were arrested. One of the students was arrested for possession of a prohibited weapon (a butterfly knife), marijuana, a fictitious driver's license and drug paraphernalia. The other student was arrested for possession of a prohibited weapon (a hunting driver's license and consumption

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# Obama says economy on verge of recession

contender John McCain.

Obama mocked a more opti-"People are struggling in the midst of an economy that George Bush says is not a recession but is expeground."

For the second day in a row, Obama focused on the likely GOP nominee McCain and all but ignored Hillary Rodham Clinton's Democratic presidential nominain Texas and Ohio.

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic brink of recession because of forces candidate Barack Obama said Thursbeyond our control," Obama told a day the economy is "on the brink of town hall forum in Austin. "This was a recession" and blamed economic not an inevitable part of the business policies espoused by President cycle. It was a failure of leadership in Bush and Republican presidential Washington — a Washington where George Bush hands out billions of tax cuts to the wealthiest few for mistic economic picture painted eight long years, and John McCain by Bush at a White House news promises to make those same tax conference just moments earlier: cuts permanent, embracing the central principle of the Bush economic program."

In remarks Obama aides suggested rienced differently by folks on the were a rebuke to McCain as well as Bush, Obama said more is needed than just "to change faces in the White House," but that the country "needs a change of leadership"

The Illinois senator spoke shortly continuing campaign for the after Bush told a news conference in Washington that the country is tion, although key Democratic not headed into a recession. While primaries come up next Tuesday expressing concern about slowing economic growth, Bush rejected for "We are not standing on the now any additional stimulus efforts.

### Recession

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phone calls and e-mails. He says the country is in more danger now that a temporary surveillance law

The president and Congress are in a showdown over Bush's demand on the immunity issue.

Bush said the companies helped the government after being told "that their assistance was legal and vital to national security." "Allowing these lawsuits to proceed would be unfair," he said.

"the litigation process could lead to the disclosure of information about how we conduct surveillance and it would give al-Qaida and others surveillance.'

legal protection for telecommunica-

U.S. phone and computer lines at the government's request and without court permission. The House version, approved in October, does not include telecom immunity.

Telecom companies face around 40 lawsuits for their alleged role in wiretapping their American customers.

Senate Democrats appeared unwilling to budge.

As Bush began speaking, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., cast the president's position as a "tiresome campaign...to avoid accountability for the unlawful surveillance of Americans.'

"The president once again is misus-More important, Bush added, ing his bully pulpit," Leahy said. "Once again they are showing they are not above fear-mongering if that's what it takes to get their way."

Bush criticized the Democratic a roadmap as to how to avoid the presidential candidates over their attempts to disassociate themselves The Senate passed its version from the North American Free Trade of the surveillance bill earlier this Agreement, a free-trade pact between month, and it provides retroactive the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Bush said the deal is contributing to more tions companies that wiretapped and better-paying jobs for Americans.

# More than 1 in every 100 Americans is behind bars

rank as the world's No. 1 incar- other nation. cerator. It urges states to curtail

Using state-by-state data, the last year, up from less than \$11 report said.

NEW YORK (AP) — For the report says 2,319,258 Americans billion 20 years earlier. The rate first time in U.S. history, more were in jail or prison at the start of increase for prison costs was six than one of every 100 adults is in of 2008 — one out of every 99.1 report documenting America's raw numbers, it's more than any

times greater than for higher edu-

population "is saddling cash-

jail or prison, according to a new adults. Whether per capita or in cation spending, the report said. The steadily growing inmate

The report, released Thursday strapped states with soaring costs corrections spending by placing by the Pew Center on the States, they can ill afford and failing to fewer low-risk offenders behind said the 50 states spent more have a clear impact either on than \$49 billion on corrections recidivism or overall crime," the

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### Vote

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venture by Norman Lear, a television and movie producer who started the campaign in 2003. She said Lear's fascination with the power young adults have as voters helped launch the campaign.

ments such as Facebook and You- to vote years ago," Nguyen said. "I Tube, Nguyen said young adults are also know that shifts in politics make given the power to voice their own a daily impact on my life." opinions about politics.

culture, so why shouldn't people look tion draws closer, Nguyen said. to young people for opinions on the issues we face?"

According to a Declare Yourself fun has only begun." news release, the campaign registered 1.2 million young voters in the 2004 election. That year, youth voter site, www.declareyourself.com. Declare Yourself campaign, said the participation was at its highest in 30 campaign is a national non-partisan years, but it was still the lowest of all eligible demographic groups.

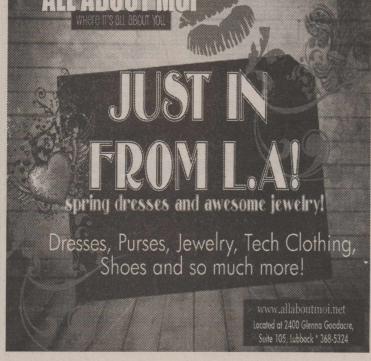
> Nguyen said she believes young adults forget how easy it is for them to vote, compared to generations "I'm a woman of color, and I know

Crediting technological advance- how difficult it was for people like me

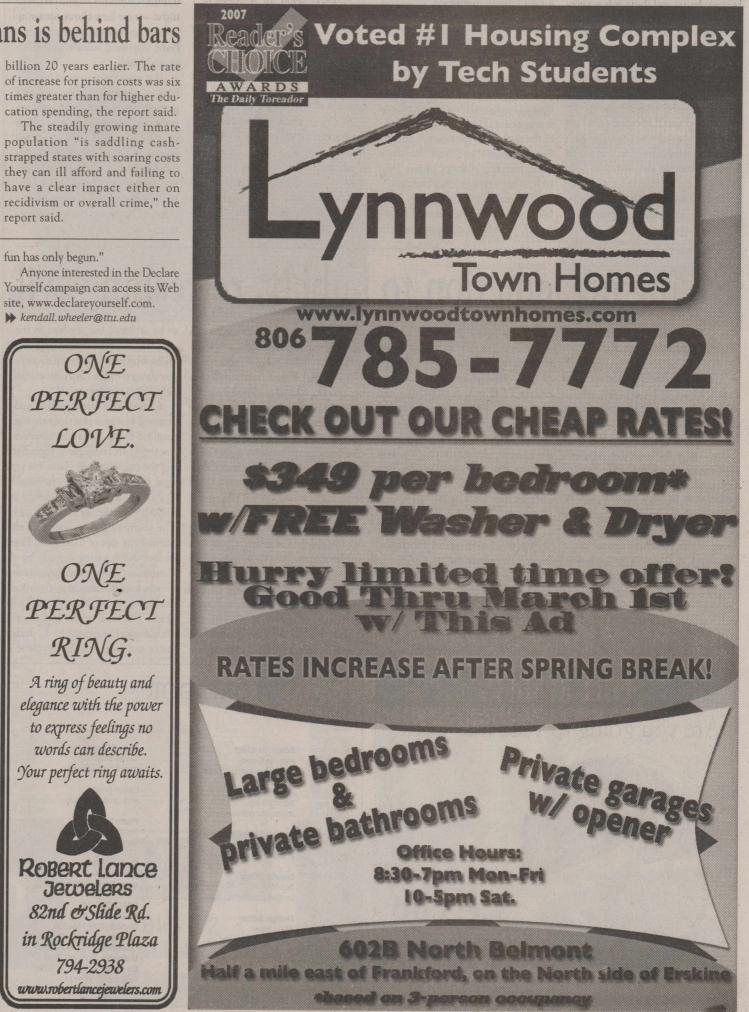
The campaign, which is reaching "Turning out to vote and speaking people through the Web and different up makes a difference in an elec- media outlets, will use projects that tion," Nguyen said. "Things such encourage young adults to speak out as pop culture are led by the young about voting as the November elec-

> "We are trying to reach people more now than ever," she said. "The









# Defy the zeitgeist; be a proud sesquipedalian

Teeks ago, when I first began contributing this column to The DT's Op-Ed page, I received a response from a reader who commended my writing, but suggested I curb my tendency toward "10-cent" words.

Let me say, first off, I was delightpublication — is made better by the realization that someone, anyone, has taken the time to read his stuff.

But I must admit, too, that - ever the prideful sesquipedalian ostensible magniloquence. You say "10-cent" words, but some of those polysyllabic jewels I use should command at least a quarter, no?

I love words. Unabashedly. In language of dreamy poets and the



ed to receive feedback of any sort, ever watched sports with me or since the lonely life of any writer rode shotgun while I'm driving my prevents me from using those roughhewn elements of my vocabulary in these pages.

What is wrong, exactly, with indulging the heights of one's vo-- I was mildly affronted by the cabulary? More importantly, at knock against my vocabulary. Not what point, I wonder, did it become truth, I assure you. to mention by the devaluing of my unfashionable to display the variety of language with which one is it's because I think the word is salesman hoping familiar?

a beef between me and one critical reader. I've been criticized for my all their forms. I love long words vocabulary in multiple instances. and short words. I adore the pretty A friend back in Canada — who, invited!" — but rather, hoping to of contemplation. That is, I'm least I think it's worth noting, is also a encourage them to take interest in eloquent in moments that most muscular eloquence of adept rheto- professor — likes to criticize my language and its possibilities. not infrequent use of the German sometimes, too, as anybody who's contemporary culture.

the times," he complains, lambast- me, keep our loquacity at bay. Elec- straightforward. ing me as a pretentious knob.

friend for his "myopic philistinism," while he rolls his eyes.

Students sometimes register their - however modest his forum of car can attest. Decorum, of course, impatience with my vocabulary on course evaluations. One particularly heartbreaking comment — from my perspective anyway — accused me of using big words with the intention date who crafts his of making undergraduates feel dumb. speeches with too Nothing could be further from the much verbal pol-

If I use a big word in a lecture, than a snake-oil appropriate for what I'm trying to to hoodwink cus-Now, let me be clear, this is not convey. I'm never trying to exclude students who might not be familiar tracting bombast? with certain words — "Hey, this is a

Swear words steal my heart word zeitgeist when talking about of the zeitgeist, I'm not blind to the table, for instance, the language I fact that there's a large contingent use to celebrate the moment tends

tions, for example, turn on how Then I good-naturedly chastise my of eloquence and instead "tell it immediate words. straight."

> Why? Is it because ostentatious uses of language appears inherently deceitful? The candiish is little more command at least a

tomers with dis-

preclude deep thought. When I stub some mornings. "Somebody wants Borshuk is a Tech English pro-In any case, as a shrewd observer my toe on the edge of the coffee to pay me a living wage to write and fessor from Windsor, Ontario.

"But zeitgeist means 'spirit of the candidates use language, with a on the other hand, I tend to widen in my immodest view, eloquent times," I reply. "It's more efficient. general partiality it seems, for politimy vocabulary somewhat and search And the word just sounds cool!" cians who eschew the lofty reaches a little more thoughtfully for less enabled me to secure a replacement

> need to emphasize the enabling You say '10-cent' potential of effective language use. words, but some of For starters, and those polysyllabic hopefully without seeming insensijewels I use should tive, I recognize it was a lifelong love of words and a fondness for literature that enabled me to lead

adult existence But a considered use of language, than many of the children with sesquipedalian party and you're not I would counter, is also often a sign whom I grew up, back in my old working-class neighborhood.

quarter, no?

"What?" I ask, incredulous still teach about words? Well, OK!"

Moreover, an expansive vo- michael.borshuk@ttu.edu.

"Why can't you just say 'spirit of who'd prefer that I, and those like to be the least polysyllabic and most cabulary can be a figurative show of muscle, a self-authorizing tactic in In my more meditative moments, moments of conflict. Angry — but, letters I've written to retailers have pair of running shoes without the I also feel the original bill of sale and a new MP3 player when my old one fell to pieces after its warranty had expired.

> I've also noticed how a wellplaced "10-cent" word can make an otherwise condescending airline employee snap to attention amid a tense exchange about lost baggage.

> Words are potent, and the more of them you know, the more power you wield.

So, defy the unfair caricature of the pleonastic windbag, I say. Grab a dictionary; indulge your inner a less precarious sesquipedalian.

> Stand tall when they accuse us of palaver and fustian, fellow wordlovers! Let us throw those 10-cent words around without remorse.

E-mail him at

# Live from Lubbock: Welcome back Saturday Night Live

et's take a stroll down memory lane, shall we?

Back in 1999-2000, there was a force of late night comedy that enraptured a base that transcended political beliefs, age, creed, sex and brought the country together.

I am speaking of the Darrell Hammond/Will Ferrell trope mock-ups "lock box" or Ferrell's "strategery" of candidates Al Gore and George

During this time I remember quite vividly watching with my parents the ruse put on by these talented Little did I know one would become Hmm... — it was gold. a veritable quotable dictionary for my beside the point.

My parents are what you would are in production. consider Republicans. Voted for the a little pressing.

political abnormality in a family tree to wait on a proper John McCain. bathed red and the parents who ren-

dered him, laughing our asses off.



encapsulating words for their campaigns or looks into the future of each presidency — Gore's was that sketch artists on Saturday nights. a backdrop of the world in flames.

and our beloved programs once again

Saturday Night Live had its first "W" twice and don't regret it. At least chance back on the air last week, and position in that White House. my father doesn't; I bet you could get it was stellar. The cast knocked it out Barack Obama, and Amy Poehler is Rezko? So there we sat, a 16-year-old an outstanding Hillary Clinton. Now

been sitting on their hands for 14 improperly funded, as the Chicago Whether it was Hammond's weeks, unable to comment on any Sun-Times reported, "a government-

Giving up addiction to bubbly, refreshing evil

stabs at "Rock of Love 2," Mitt Rom- Chicago's South Side.' ney dropping out, Britney Spears, nothing. Giving them what I will call "writing blue balls."

week's intro sketch looking at the media circle jerk over Obama's rising polls, domination of Clinton and basically poor journalism.

Note: I am a supporter of Obama. I have had my share of "Obamagasof a professor quizzing states; Bush's ims," but Ted Turner should stop New York Post material. was him hiding under a desk with taking pandering notes out of Rupert Murdoch's playbook.

Really, there are issues to be dis-Now, let's fast forward to our cur- cussed about both candidates that 20-something male peers, but that's rent time. The writer's strike is over, should be brought up more often than not. Was Clinton really a "copresident" while her husband was in office? If so, she should clarify her

Is Obama really getting a free ride my mother to renounce her vote with of the park. Fred Armisen is a fitting on his involvement with Antoin

> Rezko was an Obama campaign contributor, and they owned land The writers for the show have adjacent to each other. Rezko also

of the happenings in the world—no subsidized apartment building on

Then there are the recent smear attempts that have gone to both sides of the aisle. Be it the Somalian Then they came back with last native garments Obama wore on a visit, or McCain's smear by the New

> McCain's lobbying dealings with Vicki Iseman are of interest to the public, but to twist it as a hearsay sex scandal is National Enquirer or

It's events like these that the writers of SNL - and all late night — now have the opportunity to boil down into satire that can bring opposing sides together to sit and laugh.

It is wonderful to see a broader base of voters coming out and getting ready to decide how we want our country to be seen. With people like Bill Cunningham blatantly defaming an opposing candidate or Jose Ortiz stabbing his brother-in-law during a family debate over Clinton versus Obama, however, things are get-

We have needed these sketches blood pressure over the issues.

left, all we had was the election to to be anybody's game. focus on — unless, of course, you were watching Dr. Drew's Celebrity Rehab, so great — and we got so jor from El Paso. E-mail him at involved that it's come to fisticuffs.

Well, I recommend a glass of a and bits and laughs to bring down the Stewart/Colbert tonic, a Vitamin-Conan and two teaspoons of SNL. It seems like once the writers Call after March 4, because it's going

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Britney Spears' New Court-Supervised Child Visitations

**By QUINCY MILLER** IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

that practices colonial-style oppression and disregard for the foreign countries in which it operates plants. In an attempt to stave off criticisms of my column, let me also say that I am

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Before of anti-union activities including U.S. District Court later ruled that discouraged by the Latin-American I start, I want to lay my cards on the contract killings in Columbia and because the alleged crimes did not oc- Coca-Cola companies. table. I have what is probably an the ongoing water-purity and access cur on U.S. soil, the U.S.-based Cocaunhealthy love of Diet Coke. That controversies in India. These two is- Cola could not be charged, but the criminal business practices are not being said, it pains me to say this: sues depict a company putting profits Latin-American bottlers could be. Coca-Cola is a destructive company ahead of people and the environment Compnay

by the Coca-Cola Company is a long to use the Alien Tort Claims Act to to be arbitrary but resulted in the and storied one. Perhaps the most charge the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola silencing of particularly vocal prowell-known include the accusations with the murders of three workers. A union workers. Unions are strongly

Although this might seem fair, a

Coca-Cola's irresponsible and confined to the Americas, however - activists in India have been fightand are both ongoing debates that quick examination shows that Cocaing the corporation's plants for years deserve attention because of the Cola owns a nearly 40 percent share now. Chief among the criticisms of charges they level at the Coca-Cola of Panamco. Sinaltrainal claims the Coca-Cola in India is the usage and Coca-Cola Company assisted para-pollution of the local water tables. In 2004, a New York-based fact- military organizations in carrying The southern Indian state of Kerala aware of the criticisms against other finding delegation reported there had out the murders of several outspoken banned the sale of Coke (and Pepsi) soft-drink makers, Pepsi included. been 179 human rights violations, union members. Although Coke in late 2006, citing a study by the Although this column is directed at including nine murders, at various claims to have no knowledge of the Center for Science and Environment Coca-Cola, it can be seen as a larger Coca-Cola bottling plants in Colum- murders, the locations of the killings which found hazardous chemicals, criticism of the soft-drink industry as bia. In a lawsuit filed against Panamco, within the plant suggest at least a including pesticides, in the softwell, mainly because I can't stand the a Latin-American based Coca-Cola tacit level of involvement with the drink. The CSE report looked at 25 bottling company, the Columbian crimes. Sinaltrainal also points out manufacturing plants in 12 Indian The list of offenses perpetrated trade union Sinaltrainal attempted the fact these killings do not appear states and found similar levels at all

ous levels of heavy metals, including local water sources. carcinogens such as cadmium in waste water that the company had given where it hurts: right in the profit to local farmers as a fertilizer. A lab margin. And although you might analysis by the University of Exeter ridicule the idea of one man's refusal revealed that not only was the water to drink Coke as having any level of useless as a fertilizer, but the levels effectiveness I have two replies. One, of toxic metals greatly exceeded the in the words of that great Indian peace levels set by the World Health Orga- activist Gandhi, you must first be the nization. In addition to Coca-Cola's change you wish to see in the world. expelling polluted waste water, locals Two, you drastically underestimate from the surrounding villages have the amount of Diet Coke I consume.

repeatedly and routinely complained A 2003 BBC report found danger- of Coca-Cola's overuse and abuse of

In light of this, I am hitting Coke

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# 100 years of culture: Lubbock celebrates in style

fter 100 years, Lubbock still is standing against the rag-Ling West Texas winds, and it is thriving more than ever before. This weekend marks the centennial of our city, and the coming of a whole ROG new era brings with it a celebration of music, fun and festivities galore.

Kicking off the weekend, KFMX radio station celebrates with the 27th to Midland, Hurt, Bury Your Dead, annual Birthday Bash at the Lone Another Black Day, Nonpoint and Star Pavilion. The doors will open to the public at 5:00 p.m. today, and tickets now are available at Select-a-Seat locations for \$32 dollars.

the band Hellyeah, and bands Fair what it's going to be all about.



Cult to Follow will open the show. It's seven bands for 27 years worth of "absolute rock." You can find these bands on the KFMX Web site, www. Headlining this year's event is kfmx.com/main.php, to check out

On the other side of town, you new tunes. can find some of Lubbock's favorites own unique flavors.

At Jake's, the bands New City Horizon and In Fair Verona start at Archers and Thieves and Liars — a celebratory weekend with the always time Leslie and the LY's will give and come join the fun on any or all classic rock heavy metal band visit- funny and entertaining Andy Eppler you a combination of pop, hip-hop of these nights. ing from San Diego. Tickets are \$10

Broadway Street also will host a number of bands Friday night. Check out Chilly Water playing at Bar PM or head across the street to Rocky LaRue's where Outside the

was introduced to "Ed."

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"voice" to make her feel important

spicing up the weekend with their out new bars — that's convenient the trendy bar Melt — Violet Lea for you because there's a brand new and Anthony Garcia will perform often enough. It will be another

McGillicutty's — sometimes and Doug Haines (Dr. Skoob) teaming up to sing into the early morning hours over beer and whiskey.

And that is only Friday.

Saturday will be much the same; if you did not catch any of the acts the night before, don't worry because Loop can be found trying out their there's plenty to do. Icarus Fixed will

Perhaps you are a fan of trying on the opposite spectrum — at a-Seat soon — Don't miss out.

and comedy.

To get to the heart of why Lubthe City Bank Coliseum will host the 100 Years of Culture: centennial opening ceremony at 7:00 around town who each will contrib- critic. E-mail her at ute a few songs to the event. Tickets chelsea.i.roe@ttu.edu.

hit up the bar Whiskey Dix while are \$5 but are limited, so call Select-

Times like this don't come around 100 years before Lubbock begins a If you support the hip-hop move- celebration this way again, so get 6:00 p.m. The show also will feature referred to as "Gutty's" — begins the ment, try Jake's again, where this your tickets to these events early

It will be a story to tell your grandchildren. Come out with us this bock is celebrating in the first place, weekend, Lubbock, and celebrate

p.m. Sunday, featuring artists from Chelsea Roe The DT's music

# Singer, author explains struggles of eating disorder victims

**By TAJI SENIOR** STAFF WRITER

Prior to coming to college, many winner Kelly Clarkson. people are confident about who almost always has a few obstacles let class. along the way.

speaker Jenni Schaefer, who was diagnosed with bulimia/anorexia, dis-Business Administration building.

The lecture is just one of many Feed Your Body and Soul Week. The on the covers of magazines are air-Texas native uses her 20-year battle brushed," Schaefer said. with eating disorders to reach out struggle with the disease.

Schaefer was inspired by psychotherapist and author Thom erormy teachers or my aunts," she said. Rutledge, who suggested Schaefer "I wanted to look like Barbie." view the disease as a relationship. Hence, the name "Ed."

Once she "divorced" "Ed," Schaefer began her quest to find the road Schaefer entered high school in to recovery and decided to share her Flower Mound, her eating disorder experiences with others in a book was in complete control of her life titled "Life Without Ed: How One - although she was not aware she Woman Declared Independence had a disorder. From her Eating Disorder and How You Can Too.'

The book contains everyday exercises to help readers follow that same road. In addition to the book, Schafer also has an inspirational song by the same title and plans to release an accompanying album

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10 PM Bus. Rpt :30 Charlie Rose

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that features other singers who have was a 100." overcome the disease, including Winona Judd and "American Idol"

Schaefer first heard what she calls they are, what they want and more a "voice" when she was 4 years old. they are secure in how they look. she already was comparing herself However, the road to self-discovery to the other little girls in her bal-

Although Schaefer does not like Singer, songwriter, author and to blame the media for eating disorders, she does believe it contributes culture. to the distorted image of beauty. She cussed her battle with "Ed," whose also emphasized the importance of initials stand for eating disorder, in realizing that eating disorders affect medical school in Dallas and moved to and uplifting. a lecture Thursday evening in the everyone, regardless of age, gender Nashville, Tenn., that she began seekor ethnicity.

"These images we constantly see met Rutledge and where she formally events that took place during Tech's are not real. Most of these women

She went on to explain how even to people who share her previous the most innocent toy can be a key she did not have to rely on his from Honolulu. component in distorted images.

"I didn't want to look like my moth-

As she got older, the voices became more vocal and more influential on her daily life. Once

"I had to be perfect," she said. "An A for me wasn't a 98 or 97; it

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She described Ed as most girls This, Schaefer said, is where a describe unhealthy relationships. lot of misconceptions about eating He was abusive and condescenddisorders come from. ing, yet she couldn't get out off Most people think eating disor- the relationship. Ed made her ders only deal with food, she said. feel like she was special, simply importantly, they are convinced She explained how at a young age In reality, eating disorders have because she was the thinnest girl

many contributing factors, including in the room. physical and sexual abuse, underly-After ending a long, abusive ing depression and — the one most relationship with "Ed," Schaefer true for Schaefer — the need to said she fully is recovered and be considered perfect in Western now knows how to deal with her emotions in ways that are It was not until Schaefer decided beneficial to her. Students found to take a year off before attending Schaefer's message inspirational

"She had a lot of good advice ing adequate help, which is where she for people who are struggling with this, and she let people know that there is hope and that you Rutledge explained that by treatcan find triumph in situations like this," said Shynequa Bell, a ing "Ed" as if it were a real person gave Schaefer her own voice, and freshman fashion design major

Inspiration, hope and humor all are parts of Schaefer's methods. "I realized that I am my own She hopes to continue to raise person, with my own ideas," Schae- awareness about eating disorders fer said. "I have my own unique and help people realize when they thoughts. I am not my eating disneed help.

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KEVIN WATSON, an alumni from Fort Worth, lifts dumbbells inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Thursday. Many Texas Tech students are working hard to get in shape before Spring Break.

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# SPORTS

# Tech prepares for No. 5 Texas after worst loss of the season

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's frustrations with Wednesday. its performance against Texas away quickly.

Red Raiders a 98-54 loss, the other was D.J. Augustin. worst of the season, Tech welcomes No. 5 Texas at 3 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit

"It's going to be good coming back home," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "Just being ready to play and having our fans support us, but it's basically going to come down to us. We just gotta come out and play hard and just be ready for them."

The Red Raiders (15-11, 6-7 in Big 12 Conference) were on a two-game winning streak, which helped them gain confidence for the rest of the season.

Texas A&M was on a threegame losing streak and prepared to end it against the Red Raid-

Singletary said the 44-point lost was just a matter of A&M starting, and staying, on the right foot.

That was a big-time loss for us," he said. "We really knew that we could get that game. We really needed that game, but we're just point the Red Raiders have to going to have to move on and try address in defending the Longto get Texas and just play hard." horns. Recently, Texas has been on

in the Big 12 Conference, reel- stop them. Then on the other 'past. That's one game that we ing off 12-straight wins within end, we gotta go after them. You knew we should've had, but we conference play.

Texas will enter the spirit it up. arena already with a win under its belt against Tech, after giving the to compete with the Longhorns

Red Raiders a 73-47 loss Jan. 26. in the first meeting. The Texas loss was Tech's worst

Leading the charge for the which resulted in the loss. A&M Wednesday have to be put Longhorns' success throughout the season and their success last Saturday. After the Aggies handed the time these two teams faced each

> Now you hit a couple of shots, you put the pressure on them.

We never put the pressure on them.

That really hurt us.

- PAT KNIGHT TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL COACH

Tech coach Pat Knight said for Texas." Augustin is really one major

"We gotta do some things, visits the spirit arena. maybe back up," he said. "Help The Longhorns (24-2, 11-2) with the drive and run, zone a coming in," he said. "We just put themselves in the top spot little bit. We just really gotta gotta put (the A&M loss) in the can't back down or try to slow

Knight said Tech had a chance

The Red Raiders could not of the season until A&M's win find the offensive production to keep up with the Longhorns,

Knight said that has to change

"We had a chance to get the lead," he said. "Now you hit a couple of shots, you put the pressure on them. We never put the pressure on them. That really

In the A&M loss, the Red Raiders' frustrations were at a high.

Tech high scorer against the Aggies was guard Alan Voskuil with 11 points.

The Aggies' Dominique Kirk earned 16 points, including five 3-pointers.

Singletary said the team expects to play its best every night, and Wednesday, the Red Raiders were not pleased with them-

"Everybody was a little bit frustrated because we weren't playing our best," he said. "They kinda jumped on us real quick. It's not always a good feeling to lose by that many points. Losing especially like that on the road. We're just going to work

Singletary said the 44-point loss is something the team does not want to remember when one of the top teams in the country

"You got another great team just gotta move on and try to get this next one."

Tech's game against No. 5 Texas is scheduled to air on CBS Saturday. This is the second game that will air on CBS this

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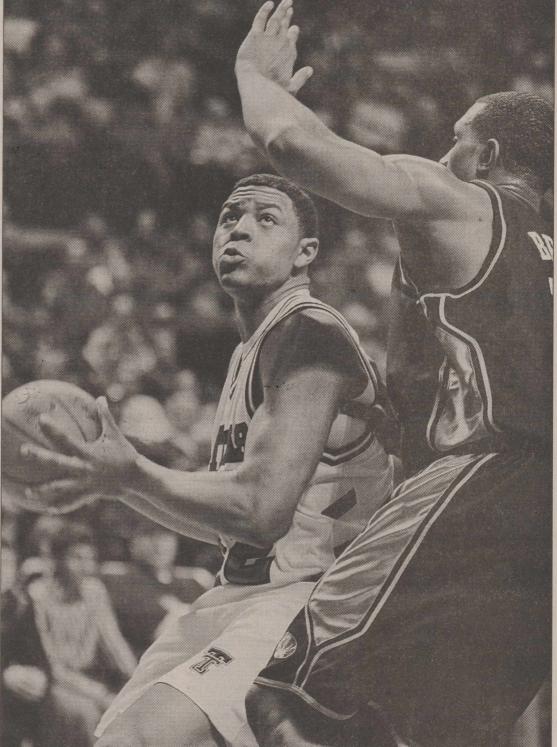


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Cowboys keeping the 'Hotel' open;

Adams re-signs to protect Romo

TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Mike Singletary and the Red Raiders will attempt to bounce back after a 44-point loss to Texas A&M, against No. 5 Texas 3 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

will remain in Flozell Adams.

tackle Thursday afternoon, hours be-

fore he would've hit

the open market in free

agency. Terms were not immediately available,

but the team called it a

career in Dallas.

the four-time Pro Bowl left

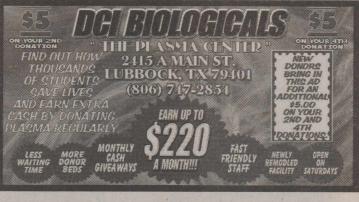
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las, he added, "Nope. Not at all."

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est), defensive end Chris Canty (\$2.017 million) and guard Joe Berger (\$927,000). Running back Tyson

Thompson, who lost his job as a kick returner late in the season, was not tenlong-term agreement that likely dered, freeing him to sign wherever guarantees Adams will finish his he wants.

Barber and Canty can still look around for better deals, but a team Adams told the team's Web site. would have to give Dallas its firstand third-round picks to get Barber and a first-rounder for Canty. Dallas also would first have a week to match any offer.

In another move Thursday, the Cowboys formally announced the signing of linebacker Zach Thomas, whose \$3.3 million, one-year deal was agreed to last week. Fullback Oliver Hoyte, who gave Thomas a concussion when he was with Miami last season, was released.

Adams joined the Cowboys as a second-round pick in 1998. He and linebacker Greg Ellis are the team's longest-tenured players.

The 6-foot-7, 340-pounder has been a stalwart at left tackle his entire career. His ability to fend off blockers has been credited with helping Romo develop into one of the NFL's top passers in only 11/2 seasons, and helped Dallas set all sorts of club records for yards and scoring last year.

Adams, who turns 33 in May, made the Pro Bowl in four of the last five seasons, missing only in 2005 when a knee injury cost him 10 games. Those are the only games he's missed in his 10-year career.

Adams just finished a five-year, \$25 million deal. Had he become a free agent, the Cowboys may have faced competition from the Miami Dolphins, who are coached by former Dallas line coach Tony Sparano, whose arrival sparked Adams' career. Bill Parcells was coaching the Cowboys then, and he's now running Miami's front office.

# Tech heads to Houston for Minute Maid College Classic

By BEN MAKI SPORTS EDITOR

College Classic at Minute Maid with seven strikeouts.

have had early-season success.

road trip to start the season.

"Everybody is still kind of getadjusting. We just need to get some a 4.50 ERA and in his only start face Tennessee (3-1), which has benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

games under our belt."

enters the final stretch of its eight- ally looks to perform better than ERA of 4.26. game road trip today with the he did two years ago in the same beginning of the Minute Maid tournament, when he went 1-for-12 Spencer said his pitching staff will

After losing 7-3 to New Mexico tournament; it's a great experi- second round of starts. Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M., ence," Kieschnick said. "I'm look-Tech (2-3) will head to Houston for ing for a little redemption. My mos is going to be better than he only losses came at the hands of a tournament involving teams who freshman year, my eyes (were) pretty big. Those are some top Tech freshman pitcher Chad teams, definitely some teams that ting 'em out. I think that everybody Bettis said the team's early struggles have proven themselves in the is going to be at least getting rid of confidence," Bettis said. "We can can be attributed to the extended past, so we got to go out there and some of the nerves going into the come out and do the same thing

ting adjusted to traveling this against Houston (3-2), who recent- high-end Division I guys, so expect capable of doing and go out and whole week," he said, "and the ly lost 12-11 to 11th-ranked Rice, those guys to be good week in and give my team a chance.' first week of the season, traveling according to Collegiate Baseball week out." 24-seven everywhere, it's hard to Magazine, and will put A.J. Ramos adjust, but I think we are capable of on the mound. Ramos (0-1) has send out Nathan Karns (0-0) to is required.

this season, he matched a career- been tough to score runs on so far Tech junior outfielder Roger high 10 strikeouts in six innings this season, as it boasts a 2.00 team Kieschnick said this tournament of work. The Cougars have a .315 ERA. Karns earned a no decision in The Texas Tech baseball team will be a challenge, and he person team batting average and a team his first start, going four innings and

about two pitches away from shut- Beach State.

giving up three earned runs and four Tech associate head coach Dan walks, but striking out seven.

In the final game of the tournabe ready to pitch, and he expects ment for the Red Raiders, Bettis "That tournament is a great his pitchers to perform well in their (1-0) will take the hill with a team-leading 1.50 ERA and will "It'll be hard to think that Ra- face off against Rice (3-2), whose was last weekend," he said. "He was perennial contender No. 10 Long

"(The first win) boosts a lot of second weekend. I think all three of over and over again. Hopefully we Tech will start off at 3:30 p.m. those guys, those three starters, are can put up runs, which we are very

Games can be viewed online at In the second game, Tech will www.mlb.com, but a subscription

# Texans agree to deal with free agent KR/WR Andre' Davis

HOUSTON (AP) — The finale against Jacksonville. Houston Texans agreed to a mul-

nounced. Davis is expected to the law wife. sign the contract on Friday.

cluding two in Houston's season England.

Signing Davis was a priority for tiyear contract with free agent Houston with the status of onereceiver and kick returner Andre' time Pro Bowl kick returner and Davis on Thursday, just hours restricted free agent Jerome Mathis before the start of free agency. up in the air. Mathis made the Pro The deal was confirmed to Bowl as a returner in 2005, but The Associated Press by a person spent most of the last two seasons familiar with the negotiations on injured reserve before being who asked not to be identified charged earlier this month with because it had not yet been an assaulting his pregnant common-

A second-round pick in 2002, Davis emerged as one of the 28-year-old Davis revived his Houston's top receivers last sea- career in Houston after finishing son when Andre Johnson missed with just two catches for 13 yards seven games with a knee sprain. for Buffalo in 2006. He had three Davis finished with 33 catches for straight 400-plus-yard receiving 583 yards and three touchdowns. seasons with the Cleveland Browns, He also returned three kickoffs but played mostly special teams in for touchdowns last season, in- 2005 and 2006 in Buffalo and New

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