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Justice Department to watch elections

DALLAS (AP) — The Justice Department said it will monitor primary election voting Tuesday in Brazos, Fort Bend, Galveston and Waller counties to ensure that local officials obey laws banning discrimination at polling places.

Brazos, Fort Bend and Galveston counties are required to provide ballots and other material in Spanish and English.

Under the federal Voting Rights Act, the Justice Department can send observers to monitor polling in 16 states with a history of discrimi-

NATION

Officials: 2 dead in shooting at Wendy's

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man opened fire at a Wendy's restaurant around lunchtime Monday, killing one person before committing suicide, authorities said.

The shooter wounded at least three others. They were in critical condition, said Palm Beach County sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

Two other people had minor injuries, but it was unclear if they had been struck.

Several people were carried away on stretchers to ambulances. No other information was immediately available.

WORLD

UN approves new sanctions against Iran

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -The U.N. Security Council approved a third round of sanctions against Iran on Monday with near unanimous support, sending a strong signal to Tehran that its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment is unacceptable and becoming increasingly costly.

For the first time, the resolution bans trade with Iran in goods which have both civilian and military uses.

DEATH TOLL

Iraq since fighting began

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Venezuela sends troops to Colombian border

By TOBY MUSE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) Venezuela vowed to expel Colombia's ambassador and Ecua-Colombian commandos killed a guerrilla leader and several rebels

Colombia's police chief, meanlaptop computer seized in the raid Colombia.

offered evidence that the governments of Venezuela and Ecuador provided political and financial support to Colombia's largest guerrilla group.

The Colombian commando raid President Rafael Correa and his ally, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. in a cross-border incursion into Chavez has called Colombia's President Alvaro Uribe a "mob boss" and a "liar." Both countries have mobilized while, said documents found on a troops toward their borders with

decided to break off diplomatic rela-Ecuador's foreign ministry said.

ties on Monday, two days after Raul Reyes infuriated Ecuadorian saying it was acting "in defense of the dignity of the Venezuelan people."

It said the government "has

"The government of Ecuador has Colombian Embassy in Caracas."

Colombia said military commantions with the government of Colom- dos first bombed a camp on its side bia starting today," a statement from of the border. It said the troops came under fire from across the border in Later, the Venezuelan foreign Ecuador and encountered Reyes' dor completely broke diplomatic on Saturday that killed rebel leader ministry announced its decision, body when they overran that camp.

sovereignty of the fatherland and the outright lie — "It was a massacre,"

Among the documents found on decided to order the immediate ex- the seized laptop computer are ones pulsion ... of the ambassador of the that suggest Venezuela recently paid Republic of Colombia in Venezuela, \$300 million to FARC and that the and the diplomatic personnel of the rebels had appeared interested in

RAPE continued

buying uranium, Gen. Oscar Naranjo said. Another document suggests that rebels have had financial ties with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez since 1992, when he was jailed for leading a coup attempt.

"When they mention negotia-Correa called that version an tions for 50 kilos of uranium this means that the FARC are taking big steps in the world of terrorism to become a global aggressor. We're not talking of domestic guerrilla but transnational terrorism," said Nara-

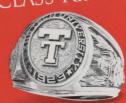
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Local volunteers help victims cope with sexual assault

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

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MERKET ALUMNI CENTER

PHOTO BY SAM The Daily Toreador THE LUBBO Crisis Center and other organizations provide counseling for victims of sexual assault.

Texas voters go to ballot booths for primary today

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

With the Texas state primaries opening at 7 a.m. today and closing at 7 p.m., local officials give advice and insight on voting.

Roxzine Stinson, Lubbock elections office chief deputy, said registered voters need to bring their registration card or driver's license to their precinct to vote. Once there, voters can decide whether to vote Democratic or Republican, a decision that could stick until the 2012 primaries.

Voters who are not registered can go to their home precinct and vote on a provisional ballot, Stinson said.

Students who do not know where their precinct is can call the election office at 775-1868 or visit the Web site www.co.lubbock. tx.us/Elec%20Admin/elections.htm.

In the 2004 presidential primaries, 15,950 people voted in Lubbock, Stinson said. This year, 25,500 people participated in early voting. She said she was not sure why the number of voters had increased so much.

"If you go back and look at the records, it does fluctuate depending on candidates," she said. "It probably has to do with all the candidates visiting town."

Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said although he supports Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., as the Republican presidential nominee, he believes it is important for students to vote regardless of their candidate of choice.

"No matter who they may be backing, it is important," Hance said. "People in politics look at turn out - the more people that you turn out, they realize that these people voted, and it gives you more power."

John Steinmetz, chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said it is not the party's policy to endorse a candidate. He said while he would like to see students vote Republican, he believes they should vote according to what they believe is important or right. "It's important that this time of year we don't

just buy into marketing, but that we vote our values," Steinmetz said. "The most important piece I believe a candidate could have is national security." Students should be paying attention to state

and local elections as well as the national elections, he said.

In addition to voting for presidential candi-

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Hance endorses McCain after candidate's visit to Lubbock cancelled

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., after a and Republicans together," he said. scheduled visit by the candidate was cancelled Monday morning because of airplane de-icing equipment issues.

John Steinmetz, chairman of the Lubbock Republican Party, said he talked to McCain and is confident the senator will be in Lubbock at some point. "I did speak with Sen. McCain earlier, and he was very

complimentary of Lubbock," Steinmetz said. "He did say he and his team would do the best they could do to get back out to Lubbock."

Hance said it is unusual for him to get personally in- dent. volved with political elections, but since he is a close friend of McCain, he decided to make an exception.

"I served in Congress with him," Hance said. "I think he is the most qualified person on national security that is running. A president's first priority, in my opinion, is to keep the country safe."

In addition to a strong national defense policy, Hance

said he believes, as president, McCain would cut back on federal spending and work to dismiss partisan politics.

"Of all the people in the U.S. Senate, he is probably Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance endorsed Republican the most qualified for putting coalitions of Democrats

> Texas State Sen. Robert Duncan said he endorsed McCain in April. "John McCain is a straight shooter, he doesn't tell

> you what you want to hear," Duncan said. "He says what needs to be done, and that's what we need in a president, someone that has the courage to make the right decisions."

> Duncan said he also believes McCain's national defense policies are what the country needs in a presi-

> "I think most of us in this area are strong on national defense, and I don't think they want us to lose the war in Iraq," he said. "It would be a disaster to pull out right now. (Barack) Obama and Hillary (Clinton) both want to pull out of there, and that's irresponsible, and I think it basically abandons those that have given their life." mag8240@hotmail.com



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

JOHN STEINMETZ, THE Lubbock Republican Party Chairman, speaks at a press conference to explain the cancellation of Senator John McCain's scheduled visit Monday in the Merket Alumni Center.

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Rape

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victim," said Beth Maeker, community educator and volunteer coordinator at the center. "We believe in them. We support them. If they interview or talk to the alleged assailant. Our role is to simply be there for him or her."

closely with local law enforcement, although the center's volunteers genshe said, and is the only rape crisis tly encourage them to do so. center in Texas that has the authority to transport evidence during investigations. The center's employees reported to LRCC between Jan. 1, and volunteers are the only ones 2007, and Sept. 15, 2007 in the city allowed to accompany victims when of Lubbock, according to records from of sexual assault are never to blame, they make their first testimony to the Lubbock Police Department, 75 the police.

to call the center after an assault, of total assaults with which the center Maeker said. Calls also come from police, medical professionals or friends and family of the victims.

THE RESPONSE

Approximately 58 percent of calls coming forward. made to the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center between Jan. 1, 2007, and for the assault, she said, or they are didn't keep herself safe or something things do happen." Sept. 15, 2007, came from hospitals, afraid that people will question their like that," she said. "You can do risk according to case statistics from the character if word got out that they reduction, but, in the end, the only center. Law enforcement made the second-highest percentage of the calls, with 28 percent. Calls from victims are the next highest percentage, comprising approximately 4.5 percent of calls.

hot line, Maeker said, a volunteer to forget about it, but it is important fluence of drugs, alcohol or both. The responds usually within 30 minutes that they come in and seek medical and begins consoling the victim and steering him or her toward the proper avenues of action, depending on how long it has been since the assault.

For incidents that occurred within the prior 96 hours, volunteer adby a sexual assault nurse examiner, in law enforcement or medicine. a nurse who specifically has been trained to work with victims of rarely is easy for victims, she said, rape in the aftermath of an assault, Maeker said.

A team of medical professionals, law enforcement personnel and social workers collectively provide the best these cases are reported to law enhelp for victims, said Carrie Edwards, a sexual assault nurse examiner with Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center who began the Sexual Assault Nurse than anything, that usually means

Examiner program in Lubbock in talking to somebody about it." 2004. The group, known as sexual assault response team, usually consists of a Lubbock Rape Crisis Center victim advocate, a sexual assault nurse examiner, police and the district

These four groups, working tosay it happened, it happened. We gether, she said, often gives the vicdon't question their story. We don't tim the best chances for healing and for justice after a sexual assault.

Despite the presence of an advo-

AN UNEASY SILENCE

Of the 182 cases of sexual assault cases were filed with police, which

Because of bogus social stigmas associated with sexual assault, Edwards healing process. said, few victims feel comfortable

were raped.

"Most victims want to just go to bed, throw the covers over their head, forget that it happened," Edwards said. "A lot of them just want to wash their sheets. They just want to wash Once a call is made to the center's their clothes, take a shower and try attention so we can make sure they

Karen Amacker, communications and marketing director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, said the healing process truly cannot vocates will take the victim to the commence for victims until they hospital and remain with them address the assault and look for help alcohol, drugs or both during the time through an examination conducted from professionals, whether they be they were assaulted.

> Speaking openly about the assault but doing so is the first step toward recovery and healing.

"While it is important and helpof themselves," Amacker said. "More THE PERPETRATORS

Perpetrators of sexual assault usually fall into one of two categories, said Susan Lewis, a spokesperson for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Assailants are either strangers, or more commonly, acquaintances of the victim.

Approximately 20 percent of the assaults reported to the LRCC in 2007 were perpetrated by total cate, Maeker said, victims are not strangers of the victim, while the The Rape Crisis Center works required to file charges with police, remainder were perpetrated by somebody known to the victim, including, but not limited to, relatives, friends, co-workers and even caretakers, according to center records.

The most important thing to keep in mind, Lewis said, is that victims regardless of risk factors and the victim's relationship to the perpe-Victims are not the only group represents approximately 41 percent trator, even if alcohol was involved. Once victims recognize they are in no way responsible, they often find it easier to move forward with the

perpetrator.'

Approximately 30 percent of assailants involved with incidents reported to the LRCC during 2007, according to the center's case statistics, were known to be under the inmajority of victims, approximately 72 percent, however, were unable to had used substances.

THE VICTIMS

According to LRCC statistics for 2007, approximately 36 percent of victims were under the influence of

Associating alcohol and drug use with higher risks of being sexually assaulted is difficult, even foolish, Lewis said, because every incident is different.

"Look, there is an association ful to the community to make sure between the risk factor of alcohol and sexual assault, for both perpetration forcement, at the same time, it's also and victimization, but it is in no way important that the victim take care directly a causal link," she said. "It's situational. It's complex factors."

While drinking, there a few pro-

drugs into it.

'Try to pay attention to how much to feel a little woozy or a little tired, it may be time for you to get home and to get home with someone you trust, rather than to just stay out and charges is never easy, Powell said, and perhaps get to the point where you it takes a special breed of prosecutor be effective witnesses during trials, wouldn't be capable of consenting or to work day-in and day-out with rape Bassett said, because they not only not consenting to an encounter."

It is important to listen to insystem prior to a sexual assault. While she encouraged caution, however, she reemphasized the importance responsibility.

dates," she said. "They have a right - are no surprises." to drink. They have a right to go out and have a good time. People even We don't like victim-blaming, or have a right, I believe, to be foolish to look at the victim to eventually be and to make mistakes without being Victims often blame themselves responsible for the rape because she attacked. But, in fact, those sorts of

THE PROSECUTION

According to the Rape, Abuse person responsible for the rape is the and Incest National Network's Web site, www.rainn.org, there is a 50.8 percent chance prosecutors will make an arrest after a sexual assault is reported in the United States.

Matthew Powell, district attorney for Lubbock County, said it is not always easy to convict sexual assault defendants, but DNA evidence - which SANE nurses collect durdetermine whether their assailants ing their examination and LRCC volunteers transport afterward — has helped in recent years to positively identify assailants.

When DNA evidence is unavail- accused rapist.

active measures one can take to try able to prosecutors, Powell said, to reduce the risk of being sexually it becomes much more difficult to assaulted, Amacker said. The first convict during trial. Regardless, he measure is keeping a close eye on said his office has had a 90 to 94 one's drink to make sure nobody puts percent conviction rate of sexual assault cases.

"A lot of times, you don't have you've had to drink and how you're DNA evidence, so it becomes a 'hesaid. "Those are difficult. Those are shame is it took three." the ones that are difficult to try."

Convincing victims to press

and the ugly," he said. "I can count on one hand the number of victims of separating the victim from any is because I communicate well with they testify to what the emotional "They have a right to go on sure they know what to expect. There the actual incident," she said. "Many

against a defendant in a sexual assault case without DNA evidence, said Sunshine Stanek, assistant the incident, so you need that rape district criminal attorney in Lubbock County, is by having a series of witnesses with consistent stories.

necessarily care about the victim's training in preparation for working history," she said. "Prostitutes can as a center volunteer. Compensabe victims of sexual assault just as tion for her services is unnecessary, much as someone without a criminal Arevalo said, because she is rewarded history, but, once again, it goes back to the consistency of their story and -whether or not it all adds up."

Jennifer Bassett, assistant district criminal attorney in Lubbock County, said the most memorable "It's really comforting to know that sexual assault cases are the ones in you were able to help other people which there is plenty of evidence who are in a very vulnerable position but the victim will not go through and when their families probably with legal proceedings against the wouldn't understand."

"Those are just the types of situations where you just know you're going to see that person again, and we do," she said. "I had an individual who I had seen twice on sexual assault reports, and the victims wouldn't continue with the prosecution because they were scared. The feeling," she said. "If you're starting said-she-said' sort of situation," he third time we got a life sentence. The

THE VOLUNTEERS

Workers, volunteers and the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center can help with evidence collection and "What I tell them is I'm going to transportation the day of the crime, stinct, Lewis said, because that is be completely honest with them; I'm but they also are there to witness the often the first and most reliable alert going to tell them the good, the bad emotional state of the victims after the incident.

"They come into court to testify I've had problems with. I think that what the victim said, but more so them. I am honest with them. I make state of the victim was on the date of times when you get to trial, it could The best way to form a case be two years later. That victim is not going to present himself or herself the same way they did the night of

April Arevalo, a volunteer at Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, said she "I should point out we don't spent four hours a day for two weeks in other ways.

"It's really rewarding when you see the victims afterwards and they thank you and they say they couldn't have done it without you," she said.

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Texas' miss of Super Tuesday gives it big primary day

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — counting events by their spouses and over a couple in bed offering coffee, Residents in the home state of the other supporters. current president expected to be little more than a footnote in the nomination of the next.

But as it turned out, the legto miss Super Tuesday has made any other state besides Texas." it the belle of the ball — its dance

In the last two weeks, the four moving on. ost prominent candidates have

Irene Barrientos, a 57-year-old records clerk from Grand Prairie. "Most of the time, all the attention islative inertia that caused Texas is up in New York, Washington or

But as welcome as Republicans Star State. card filled with presidential hope- John McCain and Mike Huckabee

The San A across Texas — and that's not with the four candidates standing last year.

a newspaper and breakfast with a "We count and matter!" said singing wake-up call. The couple's response: "It was fun for a while, but I'm about ready for the primaries to

> They were supposed to be over long before they got to the Lone

Some 24 states rushed to hold fuls eager to answer questions, and Democrats Barack Obama contests on Super Tuesday in early walk door-to-door and pep talk all and Hillary Rodham Clinton have February, and those states had been corners of this sprawling delegate- been, many Texans won't mind expected to crown the nominees. rich state before Tuesday's vote. the quartet and their entourages Texas was left to its traditional March date, a full month later, because a bill to move up the Texas made more than 50 appearances ran an editorial cartoon last week vote died in the state Legislature

Voting

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dates, several other items will be on resentatives, Texas Supreme Court party chair. Justices and county party chairs.

"Obviously the presidential races issuing vehicle registrations, he said, THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

are important," Steinmetz said, and county commissioners oversee need to be registered in Lubbock be- the county. cause this is where we pay taxes."

Positions Steinmetz said students tion and the style of the party," he the ballot, including U.S. Senator, may be affected by and should be said, "so whether you're a Republi-U.S. Representative District 19, informed about are tax assessor, can or Democrat, it is important." Railroad Commissioner, state rep- county commissioner and county

"however Texas Tech Red Raiders the infrastructure and functions of "County chair drives the direc-

Those who vote Republican will see a longer ballot than Democrats, Tax assessors are responsible for as some Democrats are not running for certain positions and vice versa. Two initiatives on the Republican

> ballot are not on the Democratic One of the initiatives asks voters their opinions on whether or not voters should show a valid photo ID to vote. The other asks if the voter agrees Texas governmental bodies should limit any annual budget and spending increase depending on the population growth of the city,

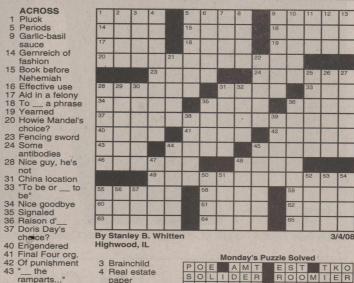
> county or state. Steinmetz said the initiatives on the Republican ballot are questions asked to get a sense of where a majority of Republicans' want the Republican Party platform to go.

> "I encourage students to read both party platforms to see what each candidate stands for," he

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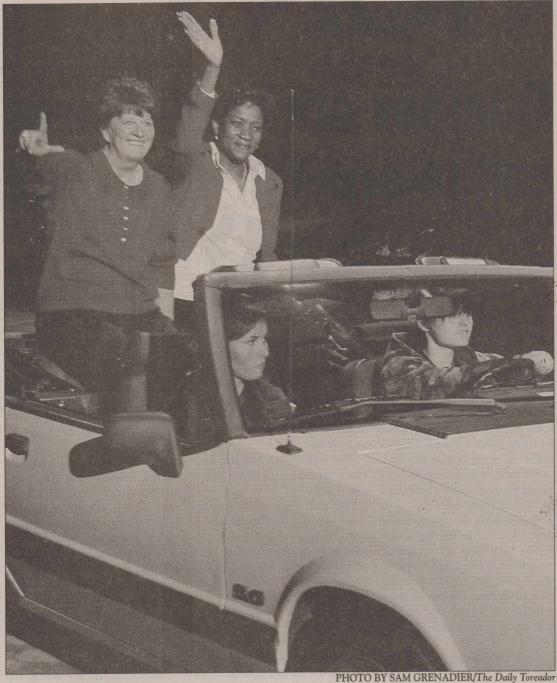
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FORMER LADY RAIDER head coach Marsha Sharp participates in the Lubbock Centennial Kickoff celebration Sunday evening at the City Bank Coliseum.

Ahmadinejad's Iraq visit cements Iran's influence in former enemy

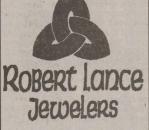
trip — was powerful political theater a critical player in Iraq. seeking to emphasize Iran's growing bonds with its former enemy. U.S. officials had a front row seat.

the military. But Washington and its pressure. Sunni Arab allies were high on his send messages about Shiite Iran's rising influence in the region and its special ties to Iraq's Shiite majority.

For Washington, however, this is not a new lesson.

The toppling of Saddam Hussein's





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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iran's fire- Sunni-heavy regime opened the door brand president wrapped up his land- for Iran's inroads into the nation it bat- top posts and on the streets — will be mark visit to Iraq with a bit of added thed during a horrific 1980-88 war that the most closely watched barometers swagger Monday insisting that U.S. claimed an estimated 1 million lives. for any possible changes following power is crippling the region and por- The United States — despite having the visit. traying himself as the enduring partner no diplomatic ties with Tehran and of Baghdad's Shiite-led government. accusing Iran of aiding Shiite militias Shiite, and President Jalal Talabani, The parting words and postur- — opened groundbreaking dialogue a Kurd, may now have a more direct ing — like nearly every moment of with Iranian officials last year that pipeline to Tehran for dialogue on Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day acknowledged the Islamic Republic as Shiite trouble spots. Among the top

The next step — from the vantage point of Washington and its Iraqi allies Ahmadinejad, the first Iranian visit translates into a clearer Iranian aid from Iran. leader to visit Iraq since Iran's 1979 role in helping stabilize Iraq at a time Islamic Revolution, had no direct when violence is dropping and insurits backing for radical Shiite cleric dealings with American envoys or gents are under increasing military Muqtada al-Sadr, who directs the vast

agenda — taking every opportunity to enemies, and (Ahmadinejad's visit) shows they have turned a page," said Rand Corp. analyst and former U.S. diplomat James Dobbins.

Iraq's Shiite power bases — both in

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a worries: keeping a lid on Shiite factions clashing for control in the oil-rich south and breakaway Shiite groups — is seeing whether Ahmadinejad's that Washington accuses of receiving

Iran already has appeared to cut Mahdi Army militia. Instead, Tehran "Iraq and Iran having been deadly has thrown its weight behind al-Sadr's rival, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the country's most powerful Shiite political insider and supporter of al-Maliki's government.



Car and bike clinic offers peace of mind to students

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech will host a Car and Bike Clinic from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the C-17 parking lot near the School of Law to offer students free preventative maintenance before Spring Break traveling.

With many students preparing to drive the highways during Spring Break, University Parking Services is offering a free car clinic, bike clinic and safety fair, according to a university news release.

Heather Medley, spokeswoman with University Parking Services, said she hopes the event will keep students from having car trouble during the break.

In addition to having preventative maintenance, Medley said she wants Tech students to be aware of other resources they have when it comes to car trouble on the road.

The Tech Parents Association has compiled a list of parents in several counties who are available to help stranded students. Medley encourages students to check out the list before they hit the road.

able at www.depts.ttu.edu/parentrelations.

Along with the car and bike maintenance, free child car seats will be given away in exchange for recalled car seats, according to the

Scott's Complete Car Care experts will be present to check tires, hoses, belts and fluids free of charge to students.

"Everything visible under the hood," said Ruden Palacious, an employee at Scott's. "As far as kids hitting the road, we want to be sure they're safe." Palacious said because some

students neglect the upkeep of their vehicles, the clinic will give them an opportunity to have things checked before they travel. He said he hopes checking vital

elements such as air pressure and fluids will prevent accidents during Spring Break.

As the weather gets warmer, more students are pulling out their bikes as well as cars, and the event also will feature a bike clinic, according to the release. Broadway Bike employees will perform free

The Road-Raider list is avail- check-ups on students' bikes.

"Not keeping up with maintenance can, in some cases, cause accidents," said Clinton Williams, a Broadway Bikes employee. "We want to inform students on what they need to do in order to keep their bikes running properly."

Along with offering students the opportunity to get their bikes checked for adjustments, the clinic will provide students with information on what they need to do to keep their bikes running properly, according to the release.

The event also will allow students to register their bicycles with the Tech Police Department and register their vehicles with the Health and Auto Theft Task Force, according to the release. The task force registration is meant to keep students' vehicles safe from theft.

The clinic also will offer free hot dogs and sodas, along with prize drawings including a drawing for a free parking permit.

Community members who are not Tech students can bring vehicles or bicycles to the clinic

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Colombia

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Naranjo said the \$300 million government. was mentioned in a Feb. 14 mesthe money was intended as pay- government," he said. ment for Chavez brokering the

is a payment," Naranjo said. He election as president in 1998. provided no proof of the payment copies of the documents. Nararelations with the Revolution- Naranjo said.

ary Armed Forces of Colombia as well — a claim Ecuador denied — and that Manuel "Sureshot" Marulanda, the top FARC leader, njo, without giving more details. is closely allied with the Venezuelan

'This implies more than cozying sage in Reyes' laptop. Colombia up, but an armed alliance between

Another document in Reyes' rebels' recent release of hostages, laptop suggests that rebels have had financial ties when Chavez Juan Manuel Santos said Monday "At this moment, the only was in jail in 1992 and plotting the that his government isn't moving thing that can be said is that there comeback that eventually led to his

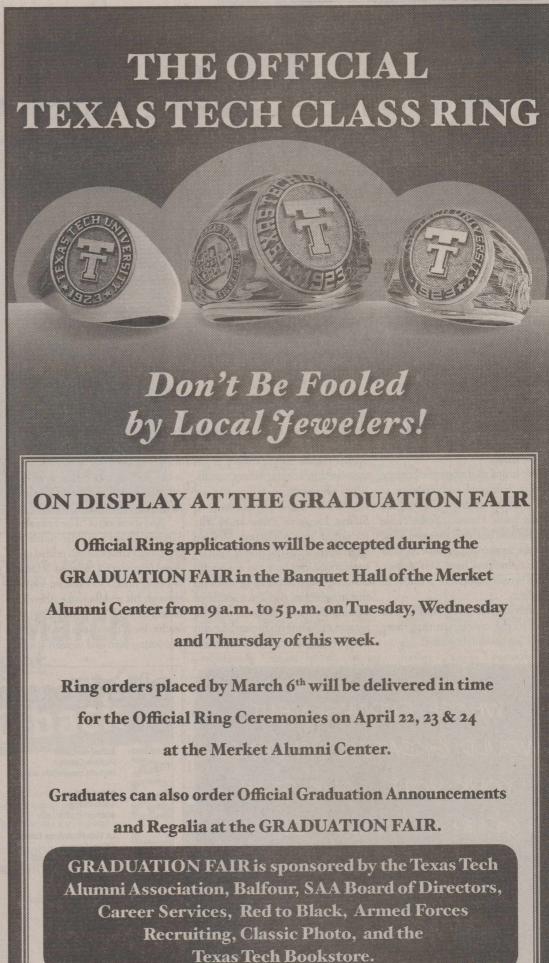
"A note recovered from Raul and journalists were not given Reyes speaks of how grateful Chavez was for the 100 million pesos (about njo said other documents suggest \$150,000 at the time) ... delivered Ecuador's president is deepening to Chavez when he was in prison,"

Correa said Colombia deliberately carried out the strike beyond its borders, flying deep into Ecuador to bomb the rebel camp. He said the rebels were "bombed and massacred as they slept, using precision technology."

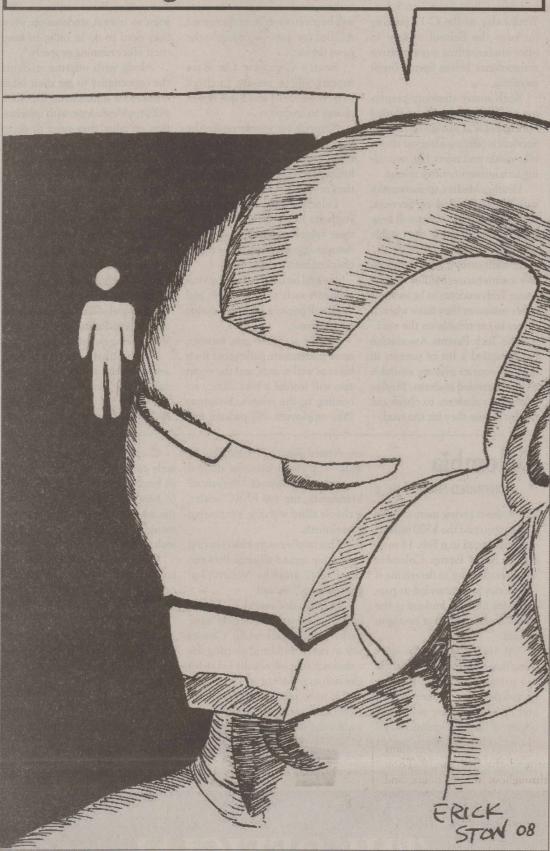
Colombian officials have long was investigating to determine if the FARC and the Venezuelan complained rebels are allowed to take refuge across its borders in both Ecuador and Venezuela.

Colombian Defense Minister any troops and "we have the situation under control."

A U.S. State Department spokesman, Tom Casey, said the United States supports Colombia's right to defend itself against the FARC and called for dialogue between Colombia and Ecuador.



damn. I knew I forgot to install something in this suit.



Bumper sticker inspires call to arms in education

wanted to be?" So said the bumper sticker on the Plymouth Duster that faded away in a heap of

Something tells me that person, somewhere along the line, forgot and is now finding solace in ruining the day of whoever files behind them in traffic. I wanted like someone took our lunch money." to yell at him, "I still remember, and I'm working on it everyday!"

online assignments, understanding how we have chosen to participate in or else the testing process relates to the subject we won't care. matter and trying to figure out which question is so ambiguous, you want to spell to do? Hardly. out "BAD ED" on your scantron.

class on time, attending class in the first place, no cheating, turn-in assignments most important thing we should bring: act accordingly.

came to Lubbock, I didn't shake peoples' lives forever. These people should be leadlast name. Now, in my sixth semester, instead of merely acting as gatekeepers. nounce my presence as Michael Randell with a contract — do the following, and us a 'C' for "chump.' while looking them dead in the eyes.

It's just the way people conduct says you did what you were supposed to. themselves here, something I really like and they should.

representation of the type of person I try classroom? Did our dogs eat it? to be: true, honest and respectful. The second we walk through those classroom doors, all these rules go out the window.

Leach, we get "hit in the mouth and act us, they'll be hammered on student michael.randell@ttu.edu.

Michael



If we don't have unannounced quizzes, we don't show up. Without assigned In the classroom, I've found many reading and periodic tests, we don't read.

Wait a minute. We don't care about

The truth is, we've been indoctrisubject matter. The learning process every classroom we've ever walked into, you can fill in the rest. requires many things, and teachers are and teachers are just as guilty. Do this and quick to point them out: Attending get that. If you make a mistake, I'll "make do? Here's a place to start: Tell us what you wrong" instead of coaching you to be better. I'll decide who deserves to go to choice tests that are so ambiguous you whatever. They always forget the college and who doesn't, and you better might as well bring a Ouija board. Give

Respect works both ways. When I first of the very people who can change our right. I'll relent the only power I have — that

about Texas Tech. Why doesn't this are dependents. We depend on professors translate to the classroom in the same for grades in the short term, but the cold way? Because teachers don't expect it, truth is that we'll be much more vulner-educator? able if we don't realize what we really When I open the door for someone, depend on them for is training. So where I don't do it for them, I do it for me. It's a did all that respect go if it's not in the the world was endless?

We exacerbate the problem by feeling like customers of an education, and in to start. turn, we're treated like children. Such is We become a bunch of kindergarten the epic standoff. Professors are charged Randell is a junior finance and students who need our hands held. In with getting these chapters in our heads economics major from Austin. the words of our great philosopher Mike in one semester, and if they don't impress E-mail him at

to bring something to the classroom as well: faith.

Don't sound the alarm bells yet, this isn't the kind of faith you're used to. Respect requires an act of faith, committing yourself in the face of great uncertainty. You have to expect the other party to have the common understanding and ethics to reciprocate the act, and frankly, professors are afraid.

They're afraid we'll take advantage things make classes challenging. For Finally, and most egregiously, we have to and slip back in our chairs and start instance, remembering when to turn in be rewarded for taking interest in the fields texting. We won't show up, and we won't do the work, and in turn, we'll make them look bad at their jobs.

So bring on the unannounced quizzes circle to bubble when the multiple choice what we are dedicating the rest of our lives over the PowerPoint slides, make sure to remember to turn in that online assignment, sit around a computer screen with Somewhere in the wreckage lies the nated with a sense of entitlement in a group and fill out the rubric — I'm sure

So what are teachers and students to to read and quiz us. Not those multiple us essays to write, and if we get something We've evolved to become distrustful wrong, give us the chance to learn it

If we continuously don't show up, stop hands, and I was just plain Michael — no ing the blind and teaching us how to fish, grading our work. If you don't show up, relinquish your salary. Force us to think I give people firm handshakes and an- On the first day of class they present us critically and to really try. If we don't, give

> Don't treat us like 14th graders. Treat us like soon-to-be economists, marketers, Power is about dependency, and we artists, musicians, historians and the like.

Professors: Remember the person you wanted to be when you became an Students: Remember the person you

wanted to be when you were a child and Let's introduce those two individuals

— the classroom sounds like a good place

When it comes to middle names, who's sane?

By DAN TREADWAY DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Last president. Thursday, Republican National Comformally denounced a Tennessee Republican Party news release that explicitly used Barack Obama's middle mitment to Israel.

In response to the denouncement, Tennessee GOP Communications Freedom of religion? Director Bill Hobbs said, "I saw a talked about how a lot of people there the other major candidates running. are hungry for Obama to win and, in part, because his middle name gives middle name."

Obama, in casual conversation as well as in the media, for having the middle name Hussein. Some claim that, because he shares the same name with the former evil dictator Saddam Hussein, he must have Muslim ties, which would make him a threat as

come to the conclusion that these honors, including his Bronze Star and people are absolutely correct.

the single most important factor in that Sidney is a girl's name. determining their effectiveness as

The fact that our future com- cian? That's preposterous! mittee Chairman Mike Duncan mander-in-chief could have ties to the Muslim faith is simply terrifying. ing middle name in order to run for Never mind that Obama is a member of the United Church of Christ, his name, Hussein, to question his com- middle name is clearly a better indication of his religious beliefs.

Oddly enough, I haven't heard

Hillary Clinton's middle name is Diane. How is it possible that she can him a connection, and that story tote change with a name as common used his middle name, so we're not as that? I know at least 15 people the first people to notice and use his named Diane. And clearly, based on her middle name, Hillary is just I've heard a lot of people criticize interested in keeping things vanilla. What a hypocrite.

John McCain's middle name is Sidney. I suppose I now know why it's not all that publicized. McCain often refers to his impressive military background, but how can a guy with a middle name like that be really all that tough? I'm glad I'm capable of After careful consideration, I've looking past his numerous military Purple Heart, so I can notice what re- the voting men and women (pardon tion — their middle names.

A candidate's middle name is ally matters in his candidacy -- the fact me, I mean only men at that time) had

How could a person with a woman's name possibly be a capable politi-

A person must have an outstandpresident, so these candidates just simply won't do. Is there anyway we name is Walker, as in the thing old can push back the election?

But while we're dealing with A Muslim president. What's next? middle names, let's consider some past Presidents.

Richard Nixon's middle name was wire story out of the Middle East that much mention of the middle names of Milhous. Yes, our one-time commander-in-chief shared a name with the lamest character on "The Simpsons." The Watergate scandal makes much more sense now. It wasn't as a result of Nixon's futile worrying that he would lose the election, it was just a clumsy Milhous-like error. I'm sure Nixon had a big crush on Lisa Simpson while in

such as that, it's fair to assume. And speaking of "The Simpsons," Ulysses Grant's middle name was Simpson. Perhaps he was related to accused murderer OJ Simpson. If Obama is being linked to Saddam Hussein through his middle name, there's no

been informed of Grant's middle name being linked to a future felon, surely history would have been altered. It's a wonder Grant didn't attempt to murder somebody while in office with a middle name such as that.

Our current president's middle people use to get around. How did this escape scrutiny? News networks clearly should have questioned his ability to run the country with a middle name such as Walker. It's a shame that Jeb Bushs' middle name is Ellis rather than "Texas Ranger," because he'd be a shoo-in for office with a middle name like that.

Obama sponsored 113 pieces of legislation in 2007 on topics ranging from military spending to education, but not a single bill dealt with him condemning himself for his blatantly office. After all, with a middle name offensive middle name. When Obama was born in 1961, his parents should have anticipated that an evil dictator in Iraq would share such a name and that giving their son that title would make him inherently bad.

America, I urge you, please look past every amiable trait that each reason to think the former Civil War candidate possesses and focus on what leader doesn't have ties to OJ. If only really matters in this upcoming elec-

Hillary should step down to keep Democrats ahead

By SEAN KELLY NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, III. while you're ahead.

If you stop trying to grope your way to that hot blonde's phone number, you can save yourself the embarrassment of getting a drink splashed in your face.

If you drop English 101 early fraud. enough, you avoid having to explain to your mom how, after 20 years in the U.S., you still don't understand the language.

And, if Hillary Clinton would quit the race, she could avoid getting blamed for dragging Barack Obama down with her.

last week, "Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton must win 57 percent of the remaining primary and caucus delegates to erase Barack Obama's lead." That would take a surprising showing from Clinton, particularly in some Southern states where Obama appears to be a lock.

Taking the margin of error Electoral Spoilers.

into account, Clinton and Obama are virtually neck-and-neck in Ohio and Texas, the large battleground states holding primaries tomorrow. There's a lot to be said for quitting Obama has been trending upward. eating away at a Clinton lead that was bigger weeks ago.

> If she manages to pull off the decisive victories she needs in those states, it will either be through an act of divine intervention or voter

That said, "erasing Barack Obama's lead" is hardly what one would call a mandate from the people. If she squeaks by with a scant victory, she'll arrive at a general election where, if current national polls are to be believed (something that's no longer a guarantee in this business), According to AP reports from she has a distinct disadvantage when compared to Republican frontrunner John McCain.

> At this point, all Clinton would be able to do is win just enough to lose the general election for Democrats, independents and anyone else unhappy with the status quo.

> Then she and Ralph Nader can go unveil their statues in the Hall of

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'Tough stuff, sweet stuff' Kappa Delta see-saws to begins week-long events stop child abuse in U.S.

By LONDON CLARK STAFF WRITER

Healthy Relationships Week kicked off a week-long chain of relationship-enriching events with 'How to talk about the tough stuff and sweet said. stuff in close relationships' Monday in the Escondido Theatre.

Lane Powell, a faculty adviser for Texas Tech Council on Family Relations, and her husband, Bob Powell, for students and couples.

"The same principles apply to good relationships — whether you are in the relationship field. a marriage relationship, committed, dating or long term," she said.

cation workshop that models effective and touch. communication methods between couples, Lane Powell said.

"Communication is the primary is a two-way street.'

Lane Powell said the "sweet stuff," which most often is neglected in he said. relationships, includes affirming state-

disagree and get angry, it can be the relationships. toughest stuff to overcome.

takes five positive interactions to Powell said as an example. counter one negative remark," she

The method of stonewalling — — can lead to further frustration and argument, Lane Powell said.

ship, Lane Powell said. Generally, used for the rest of their lives. people do not get a lot of training in

She said there are five different ents)," Lane Powell said. "love languages": Words of affirma-This event is similar to a communition, acts of service, gifts, quality time teaching relationship enhancement

> "The general philosophy is we say 'I love you' in various ways," she said.

Bob Powell said relationship teachskill that couples need," she said: "It is ings are relevant to the young and more than just developing a skill — it the old, regardless of the type of relationship.

"Relationships are relationships,"

Lane Powell agreed, saying the | london.clark@ttu.edu

ments and actions. When couples tips are not meant only for romantic

"This will work if you are a man-"Researchers have found that it ager working in a restaurant," Lane

The family of origin influences how people interact with their significant others, Bob Powell said. It is the way giving a partner the silent treatment children learn based on how their parents communicate within the household. Whether this interaction The most complicated thing to do is positive or negative, college students dialogically presented relationship tips is to develop and maintain a relation-can gain positive examples that can be

> "(Children) tend to use the same patterns of interaction (as their par-

Lane and Bob Powell have been seminars and presentations for almost 35 years and are members of the Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment, Lane Powell said.

This international, non-profit organization strengthens relationships, increases intimacy, mutual fulfillment and personal growth, according to its Web site, www.bettermarriages.org.

charity events I've ever seen. I hope fundraiser.

STAFF WRITER

When a long wooden plank, a en had raised around \$18,000. Black on see-saws," she said, adding she group of sorority women, a cause said she believed the fundraiser will knew the ideal way to help kids in and just a pinch of gravity are continue to flourish in future years Lubbock: "By being big kids again combined, this may produce a because of people's generosity and ourselves." large crowd of onlookers, mostly the good time that comes out of the » ja.eicher@ttu.edu

Last week marked Kappa Delta's 21st annual See-Saw-A-Thon for Prevent Child Abuse in America.

Every year, Kappa Delta hosts this 48-hour, constant-motion event where donations are collected to raise awareness about child abuse in West Texas.

"This area is the No. 1 division for child abuse," said Jade Black, a junior marketing and management major from Houston and member of Kappa Delta. "It feels good to know we are helping.'

Black said the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains relies on the See-Saw-A-Thon's profits to meet its annual budget.

"Eighty percent of the money is spent here locally, and the other 20 percent goes to the national organization," Black said, noting this is good because the Kappa Delta members directly can see the positive effects of their efforts.

Even those taking part in the event for the first time claimed the event was mood-altering.

"Even the people who just come to donate a dollar or two, just seem so grateful," said Iordan Nass, a freshman psychology major from Houstond. "Every dollar helps, and it's a good cause."

Crowds remained constant around the See-Saw-A-Thon throughout the 48 hours, and Trevor Ziginbeign, of Lubbock, claimed he knew why.

"A bunch of hot girls on seesaws, I think I'm going to head home and grab a tent and a lawn chair, because I'm camping out," he said. "But seriously, I think this is one of the most creative

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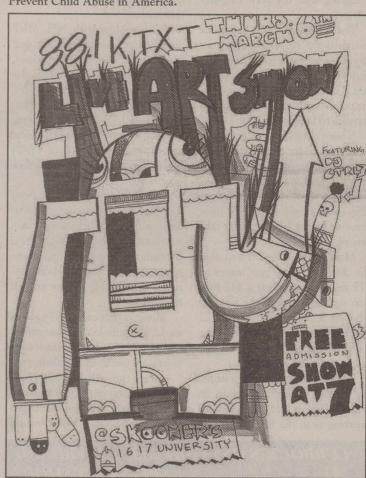
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By the fundraiser's end, the wom- the community, but we get to do it

"Not only do we get to help out

AMY DOVERSPIKE, A freshman history major from Odessa, and Carolyn Cowden, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Nocona, participate in Kappa Delta's annual See-Saw-A-Thon to Prevent Child Abuse in America.



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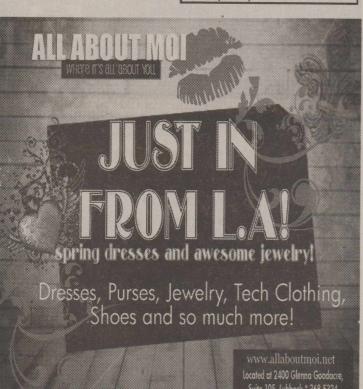
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ELISHA HOOPER, A freshman psychology major from Callisburg practices Kuk Sool Won Sunday afternoon, at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

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Learn how to avoid marrying jerk/jerkette

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

In honor of Healthy Relationships Week, Human Development and Family Studies graduate student Jeremy Boden will present an abbreviated program on "How to avoid marrying a jerk (or jerkette)," developed by Dr. Van Epp, today from noon to 2 p.m. in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

"How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk (or Jerkette)" is being taught in seven countries and 45 states by hundreds of churches, single organizations, educational settings and agencies.

HDFS faculty advisor Lane Powell summarized Van Epp's approach saying, "balance is needed in a relationship," and his theories make the process of picking the right partner "more revealing." Van Epp has a training course for those who want to share his ideas.

"The department paid for Jeremy Boden's training, so that he could speak to Tech students," Powell said. >> bridget.destefano@ttu.edu

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Brewers will win NL Central title, finally

Last week, I gave an American League breakdown, and this week, it is the National League's turn.

Just like last week, each team will be listed by division and in order according to its 2008 predicted finish along with a brief breakdown.

National League East

New York Mets: First in NL East in big name player. Your team has to be able to compete before the trade, the tion of need and the player has to be right direction, for once. an unquestionably elite player. This trade makes the Mets the favorite in

Prediction – 89 wins.

Champ in 2007. The Phillies are the rotation. Additionally, losing Anan incredibly solid team with the druw Jones severely weakens the team exception of their starting rotation. defense and speed. That, combined Last year, it was the Mets who had with a spotty bullpen, makes for the toward closing the gap. the shakier pitching, and the Phillies worst Braves season in a long time. were the ones to come out on top in the division. Unfortunately for the Phillies, they swap spots in '08.

Prediction - 88 wins.

Tallev

2007. The Mets' acquisition of Johan started 13 different pitchers last year Santana follows all three rules about and have just as much uncertainty in when to trade your top prospects for a the rotation this year. But a lineup full of progressing young players with a little speed to go along with their pop big name player has to be at a posi- helps the Nationals take a step in the to compete anyway. Prediction - 78 wins.

in 2007. Bringing Tom Glavine back cannot hurt the Braves, but it sure Philadelphia Phillies: NL East does not provide any guarantees about

Prediction - 76 wins. in NL East in 2007. The Nationals victory, by adding prospects Andrew ing. They took care of the bullpen could bring the Pirates the young

Miller and Cameron Maybin to go by adding closer Francisco Cordero position players they need and set are two years away.

Prediction - 67 wins.

National League Central Milwaukee Brewers: Second in

NL Central in 2007. The Brewers have unbelievable young talent in the lineup, plenty of options out Central in 2007. The Mets followed of the 'pen and a very deep starting rotation. Young pitching talent Yovani Gallardo will miss four to six weeks at the beginning of the year,

Prediction - 87-wins.

enough to keep them from repeating out a Roger Clemens return. as Central champs. However, a Brian Roberts acquisition has been rumored for some time and would go a long way

Prediction - 85 wins.

along with Hanley Ramirez, but they but were limited by a weak starting them up for next year. pitching market. Fortunately, they are only a few developed pitching prospects away from being legitimate Central in 2007. With holes all across contenders.

Prediction - 79 wins.

all the rules about trading their prospects, but the Astros broke them in trading for Miguel Tejada. First, the Astros were not competing before fantastic defensive player at Tejada's pete with the Brewers all season, but a Tejada did serious long-term damage shallower rotation should limit them to Houston. By the way, do not rule

Prediction - 77 wins.

Pittsburgh Pirates: Sixth in NL Central in 2007. Ian Snell, Tom Gorzelanny and Zach Duke comprise a nice, young pitching trio with a very Cincinnati Reds: Fifth in NL solid defense playing behind it. Un-Florida Marlins: Fifth in NL East Central in 2007. The Reds had the fortunately the lineup is inconsistent and Justin Germano give the Padres in the playoffs. in 2007. The Marlins are following advantage of having their lineup and lacks speed, which will prevent their trend of rebuilding, now in their set entering the off-season. Their the Pirates from making the leap to Washington Nationals: Fourth fourth season after a World Series challenge was to improve the pitch- the .500 mark. Shopping Jason Bay

Prediction - 73 wins.

St. Louis Cardinals: Third in NL the roster, the Cards are going to need overachieving performances like the in this division. Houston Astros: Fourth in NL ones they got in the '05 Series from Jeff Weaver and Anthony Reyes to be respectable.

Prediction - 71 wins.

National League West

Colorado Rockies: NL Wild Card but the Brewers' depth allows them they acquired Tejada, they had a in 2007. Many will say the Rockies' incredible run to the playoffs last position and Tejada is more of declin- year was a fluke, and they have no Chicago Cubs: NL Central ing star than he is a superstar in his chance of going back to the playoffs. Atlanta Braves: Third in NL East Champs in 2007. The Cubs will comprime. Giving away top prospects for But when you look carefully at their squad, you find a superb defensive team that can mash and rely on a solid bullpen to protect leads.

Prediction - 92 wins.

San Diego Padres: Third in NL West in 2007. Pitching, pitching and pitching make the Padres a definite playoff team. Jake Peavy, Chris division winners and the Padres as Young, Greg Maddux, Clay Hensley the best rotation in baseball. To boot, they are backed by a phenomenal bullpen including Trevor Hoffman.

Prediction - 89 wins.

Los Angeles Dodgers: Fourth in NI. West in 2007. The Dodgers are proof the NL West is baseball's most competitive division. This is a solid team that would win the NL Central but will be hard pressed to finish third

Prediction - 87 wins.

Arizona Diamondbacks: NL West Champs in 2007. The D'Backs were the real flukes of the West in 2007, as they were outscored by 20 runs on the season. Adding Dan Haren gives the D'Backs an incredible rotation, but unless they improve drastically on a .250 team batting average, they will be toward the bottom of the West.

Prediction - 82 wins.

San Francisco Giants: Fifth in NL West in 2007. Without Barry Bonds chasing records, do not expect to hear much out of the Bay Area this year.

Prediction - 76 wins.

When it is all over, you get the Mets, Brewers and Rockies as the the Wild Card representing the NL

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Patriots bring back Moss for another try at title

is staying with the New England Patriots

The defending AFC champions re-signed the record-breaking receiver on Monday to a three-year deal worth \$27 million, his agent said. The signing was confirmed by the team shortly after Moss posted a message to fans on his Web site.

"I want to take time out to thank all of the fans for their support and for wishing me well in my return to New England," therealrandymoss.com quotes him as saying. "I'm ready to get back. We have care of."

Moss' agent, Tim DiPiero, said the deal included guarantees of \$15 million, including a \$12 million signing bonus to the receiver who set an NFL record with 23 touchdown catches and helped the Patriots reach the Super Bowl in his first season with the team.

"Randy was serious about wanting to stay," DiPiero wrote in an a pay cut to get out of Oakland and e-mail. "Because of Randy's recordbreaking year, the interest in him

than he could have to rejoin his

Pairing Moss with NFL MVP Tom Brady, who broke the league record with 50 touchdown passes, . the Patriots breezed through the regular season with a perfect 16-0 record. They improved to an unprecedented 18-0 before blowing a chance at the league's longest unbeaten season with a 17-14 Super Bowl loss to the New York

"What Randy did for our team last year was outstanding," Patristatement. "He is one of our most consistent, competitive and teamoriented players and it is undoubtedly a relationship we are excited to continue.

Moss, 31, has caught 774 passes for 12,193 yards in a 10-year career, and his 124 career receiving touchdowns are fourth in NFL history.

A four-time All-Pro, Moss took come to New England last April in exchange for a fourth-round

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BOSTON (AP) — Randy Moss was very high. Randy took less draft pick. In addition to his 23 touchdowns, he caught 98 passes for 1,493 yards and largely avoided the type of turmoil that characterized his previous NFL stops.

During seven years with Minnesota, where he made five Pro Bowls, he was fined \$10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during a Vikings playoff win, and drew criticism for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a loss to Washington.

He also bumped a traffic control officer with his car in 2002, verbally abused corporate sponsors on a team some unfinished business to take ots coach Bill Belichick said in a bus in 2001 and squirted an official with a water bottle in 1999.

In Oakland, he openly campaigned to be traded to a winning team. With the Patriots, he avoided controversy until the playoffs, when a woman sought a restraining order against him, claiming that he committed "battery causing serious injury."

Moss denied the allegation and said the woman was trying to get money from him.

Also Monday, the Patriots signed free agent receiver Sam Aiken.

The 27-year-old has played five seasons with the Buffalo Bills with 19 career receptions for 250 yards and 61 career special teams tackles.

"Competing against Sam many times over the years, we know firsthand what he brings to us," Belichick said.

Routine grounder was significant step for Rangers third baseman Blalock

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)—Hank Blalock initially downplayed the significance of being back in the

"I've played so much third that I just tried to feel like it was another day out there," said Blalock, the Texas Rangers' two-time All-Star third baseman.

Still, even Blalock realizes a routine inning-ending grounder wasn't just another play. It was his first defensive play since he had surgery last May to remove a rib that affected nerves in his throwing shoulder.

"Yeah, it felt good. It was good confidence," Blalock said. "You can only take so many fungos and live drills and all that stuff. You can't practice what happens in the

Blalock got his third straight game off Monday, this time not traveling to Scottsdale with most of the regulars to play San Francisco.

But Blalock and manager Ron the disabled list last September, he Washington said that wasn't reason

"I played the first three games in a row, and I think they're just taking it easy on me in the beginning," said Blalock, who's had only the normal soreness that comes with spring training. "Everything's fine."

him in an intrasquad game or the spring training opener. He finally got a grounder early in the second game against the Los Angeles Angels and flipped to second base for a force. A few innings later, he had on the field in Arizona, it took a to throw across the diamond to first, and did so without any problem.

"It's relaxing to him," Washington said. "It's relaxing to all of us."

Those grounders are Blalock's only defensive plays this spring aside from a foul popup he caught in the next game before his extended break.

When Blalock returned from back into the groove."

was only a designated hitter and hit .313 with five home runs and 17 RBIs in 19 games, including a grand slam in his first game. He continued his rehabilitation and worked on refinements for his defense without throwing to bases.

"I always said I felt that maybe Blalock didn't get a ball hit to he could have played a little bit last year, but he felt it was best he didn't and be ready to come to spring training," Washington said. "And he's ready."

Still, when Blalock first got back couple of innings to get reacclimatized to being at third base with a batter at the plate.

"My timing was a little bit off. On a couple of pitches when the guy fouled it back, I was a little late," Blalock said. "But after I got a couple of plays hit to me, I fell right

Roethlisberger signs 8-year extension with Steelers

about a comeback.

eight-year extension Monday with the Pittsburgh Steelers that is worth \$102 million and makes him one of

the league's top-paid players. be a Steeler," team chairman Dan Rooney said.

ethlisberger re-established himself as one of the NFL's best quarter-

The accident happened a few months after he led the Steelers to a Super Bowl victory.

Roethlisberger's contract guaran-"He's a Steeler and he'll always tees him \$36 million and is easily the seven playoff games. largest in the Steelers' 76-season his-The agreement comes after Ro-Sunday, gets \$25 million immediately as a signing bonus.

anywhere the day I walked in (as a 23-interception season of 2006. rookie in 2004)," Roethlisberger said fans. Got probably the best organizawant to go anywhere."

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Talk backs last season, and nearly two Terry Bradshaw. Roethlisberger, years after his life and career were drafted in 2004 as part of the same Ben Roethlisberger signed an threatened by a motorcycle crash. QB class as the Giants' Eli Manning and the Chargers' Philip Rivers, won all 13 regular-season starts as a rookie, began his career 27-4 and already has appeared in two AFC title games and

> Last season, Roethlisberger threw tory. The quarterback, who turned 26 32 touchdown passes with only 11 interceptions in leading the Steelers to a 10-6 regular-season record and the "I told them I didn't want to go playoffs, a major turnaround from his

> In four seasons, Roethlisberger Monday. "I love Pittsburgh, I love the has steered Pittsburgh to two AFC championship games, one Super tion and fans in all of sport. I don't Bowl and three playoff appearances. No Steelers quarterback, not even Bradshaw, had a better start to his career; Bradshaw didn't win a Super

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"I think they're strong enough The routine and — as far as Laura Ring," Tech coach things like that. Cari Groce said. "I think just having That'll take care seen college tennis before, Kelsey of itself.' Garland's seen a lot of our college tennis, both men's and women's here pleton also is in at Tech. They've watched a lot of col- her first year as lege matches and they know what it's a Red Raider. like. I think that they're each excited Templeton is a and just ready to play."

season's non-conference schedule

ers should be used to a high level of California. competition they will see against conference opponents.

The Texas Tech women's tennis what we've accomplished. For them, Templeton. team had Monday off after splitting they're excited. They want to do well

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Simone Tem-WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH transfer from Or-

Groce said her team believes this egon in the Pacific 10 Conference.

has prepared the Tech women for the conference that has five teams in far during non-conference play.

The conferences may have some en's No. 2 singles player. differences, but Groce, who used

play, it's just another day at the of- competition is as high as it will be No. 3 spot. fice," Groce said. "I feel like that's in the Big 12, which should prepare

"I coached in the Pac-10 for 12

When you get into

conference

play, it's just

another day at the

office.

- CARI GROCE

TEXAS TECH

of course, it's a the roster. very, very tough you playing."

Temple - over those two." ton and

Templeton is coming from a players who have stood out so Tech women wish they had won.

"When you get into conference to coach in the Pac-10, said the cord in singles play, sitting at Tech's

Garland is no stranger to Tech

The Lubbock native saw what its final non-conference matches this in the conference. They want to grab years," she said. "I'm very knowl- conference home matches were like edgeable about last season, as she attended some the Pac-10 and games way before she was a part of

"I came by here last year and conference. Ev- watched a bunch of the home ery match you matches," Garland said. "They all play out of the competed really well. It's tough Pac-10, you're competition, but through the cheerplaying against ing and the crowd, the coaches and a Top 30 oppo- everyone just around you, I think nent. You gotta the atmosphere has a lot to do be prepared to with winning or losing. We have a play everyday, good home advantage in our home The good side matches. We have Oklahoma and of that is, it gets Texas A&M this year at home, so I'm really excited to get victories

Groce said there were games in Garland are two of the young the non-conference schedule the



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S KELSEY Garland from Lubbock, returns the ball in a doubles match against Air Force at the McLeod Tennis Center.

"There are a couple of matches ence. I think, other than that, we and fought hard. They were just challenges to come in Big 12 play. the Top 15 this season in Stanford, Garland earned a 7-3 singles record that we wish we could take back," won all the other matches that we very, very tough." With that said, the younger play- USC, UCLA, Arizona State and against non-conference opponents, she said. "BYU and Arizona are should've won. I thought that TCU while moving up as the Tech wom- tough losses to look back on right was really just quite better than us. until March 14, when they open connow. We know that we could've won They're a really, really tough team. ference play against Nebraska. Templeton posted the same re- those. It was just a one-point differ- I think our players went out there "adam.coleman@ttu.edu

The Tech women do not play again

Track

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Raiders. Harrison "Tank" Benjamin of 3 minutes 46.95 seconds. Bill placed third with his throw of 57 foot Lawhorn, Gil Roberts, Shawon Har-4.75 inches. South Plains transfer ris and Lamont Adams finished third Tyler Menges took eighth overall with a season best time and NCAA with his throw of 55' 2.25"

Patience Knight and D'Andra threw a school record and personal at the meet. best of 56'4.50", taking the lead on best and NCAA provisional mark of a team.' 53' 1.75" to finish fifth overall.

Both men and women had top ten finishes in the 4X400M relays. The team of Jonisha Boleware, Erica Worthy, Keshima Starks and Erica put were strong events for the Red Worthy finished seventh with a time provisional mark of 3:08.38.

Kittley said he believes the Red Carter exchanged the school record Raiders bonded on the trip to Lincoln for the third straight week. Knight and it showed in their performances

"We saw the team concept a bit her final throw. Knight's throw is and how good it can be and how it fourth best in the nation and guaran- can feed off each other," he said. "I tees her a spot in the NCAA Cham- think we grew up a little bit in this pionships. Carter threw a personal meet. I think we came together as

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Longtime powerhouses scrambling to make NCAA tournament

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In short on victories. many years, Arizona, Kentucky, a strong Final Four.

This year, it might be the NIT Final Four.

down and conference tournaments Kentucky varieties — are in bubble pearances.

ters, they'd have nothing to worry

"We are in desperation mode er said. Arizona has reached the NCAA

tournament 23 straight years, the As the regular season winds nation's longest active streak. Kentucky has played in a re-

If pedigree were all that mat- won national titles in this decade.

They aren't the only big names about on Selection Sunday. But sweating the stretch run. Florida (21-

Ohio State (17-12, 8-8 Big Ten),

Maryland and Syracuse would be now," Arizona forward Chase Buding- which reached the national final last (17-12, 7-9 Pac-10), who have picked but has lost five of its last six.

7-9 Big East) also has work to do.

"We know we've got to win some once-impregnable home. tip off, the Terrapins, Orange cord 48 NCAA tournaments, with games to get in the (NCAA) tourand Wildcats — the Arizona and seven titles and 13 Final Four apnament," Florida freshman forward O'Neill believes his team deserves Maryland and Syracuse have each wants to go to the NIT. It's like the selectors. champion of the losers if you win

while these powerhouses are long 8, 8-6 SEC), the two-time defending tors, but he could have been speaking 64 teams better than us, but we will on tradition, at the moment they're national champion, has lost five of for all the elite teams scrambling to see."

eight and has few notable victories. improve their tourney resumes.

Start with the Arizona Wildcats spring, beat the Gators in December a bad time to hit the skids. They've lost six of their last seven and were Big East bully Villanova (17-12, swept over the weekend by USC and No. 4 UCLA at McKale Center, their

Even so, interim coach Kevin Adam Allen said Monday. "Nobody strong consideration from NCAA

"I just want to play through the rest of the season and see what they Allen was talking about the Ga-say," O'Neill said. "I doubt there are

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Tech baseball makes home debut today against Central Arkansas

SPORTS EDITOR

today at Dan Law Field after starting the season on an eight-game road trip.

losses by one run.

these guys through," Tech coach our fans." Larry Hays said. "I don't want to night, go to class, get back on the hitting .182 against him. bus; go to Albuquerque and have two different trips."

who has mixed results this season, ERA.

for a pair of mid-week games. In two scores of 11-5 and 15-4, both com-The Texas Tech baseball team ing against Missouri State. In the will make its home debut at 6 p.m. other two games against Missouri State, UCA won 15-4 and 7-2.

"It's good to play at home anythree different cities in nine days, all over the country and doing all and they have lost three of their the things that we've had to do, last four games, with two of those it's nice to get home, get rested up, do the thing we need to do and "It's really unreal what we've put get ready to get to play in front of

Hays said the road trip has been Now they will turn their atten- at home. Tech will counter with tion to Central Arkansas (5-3), Cory Large, who is 1-0 with a 4.50 are hitting better than .350.

of the Bears' defeats, they lost by ted several errors, including four nis is hitting .212 and Chris Richdefensively can be attributed to against Tennessee Saturday and players playing through injuries.

"We've got to get healthy," he ting .188 time, but after being on the bus said. "We've got two, three position The Red Raiders (3-5) played in like we have," Hays said, "running guys that are playing hurt. That's causing us to do some things that The Bears will send out Matt team could do, and we think we years and bounce back." do all that again — long bus rides, Whitacker (1-0, 2.08 ERA) who could do a lot better, but we've got get up at 6:45 in the morning, play has struck out 12 batters in 13 to get it done. We're showing signs new section today, available only two games in a row, get in late at innings pitched, and batters are to be pretty good, but we need to to students. The Red Raiders had a get there, and we're not there."

Some key hitters for the Bears tough, and it will be good to play are Graham Martin, Jonathan located in left field, will be avail-

Two of Tech's key hitters are benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

This season, Tech has commit-struggling at the plate. Doug Thenagainst Rice Sunday in Houston. burg, who was moved from hitting Hays said some of the struggles in the five-hole to the eight slot did not start against Rice, is hit-

'To win three games here without Thennis and Richburg being Thennis and Richburg is a pretty we don't need to do. Another thing 'good sign," Hays said. "We really is we need to be consistent. We're didn't get anything out of those concerned with what we've done guys like what we've gotta have. (defensively), but we're optimistic They're two of our better hitters, from the standpoint of what this and I expect them to have good

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Tech track teams set 3 school records at Big 12 Indoor Championships

By BRAD DUFF STAFF WRITER

his team anything this year, it has got awfully close.' been one thing: Learn to scrap.

better," Kittley said. "But I knew first place. our men had an opportunity to fight, too."

third while the women finished fifth in the Big 12 Conference Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

Although the men's 93 points was a program best, it was not enough to beat the first and second place teams of Texas and Nebraska respectively.

points, real pleased that we were in a personal best and a school record. the fight with Texas and Nebraska for She also set three personal bests with If coach Wes Kittley has taught the championship," Kittley said. "We 8.65 seconds in the 60M hurdles, 5-

With 70.5 points, the women "On paper, I thought our placed fifth behind Texas A&M

Tech finished the weekend with in Lincoln. three school records, 38 All-Confer-The Texas Tech men finished ence honors and a program-tying six been up here and got a Big 12 Cham-carry over to the outdoor season. Big 12 titles.

Sally Kipyego had first place finishes in both the mile and 3,000M for the second year in a row. She tied with Kansas' Crystal Manning for the women's high point award as both collected 21.50 points.

"Real pleased that we scored 93 the first day of competition, setting seconds. feet 10-inches in the high jump and visional time of 6.63 seconds. 42'0.75" in the shot put.

women would possibility do a bit who scored 119.25 points and a took because of injury, Tech hurdler Shaseason for Coffeyville Community won Harris was relieved to be back College in Coffeyville, Kan.

pionship," Harris said.

to win the Big 12 title in the 60M hurdles in as many years, running an Harris said. "We scored the most NCAA provisional time of 7.77 seconds. Marlon Odom won the event thing. Hopefully, we can carry that in 2007. Teammate Jansen Hyde to the outdoor season." Also, defending her title from last clocked 7.93 seconds in the event, who scored 106 and 104 points, season was pentathlete Julianne Ken-placing fifth. Omo Osaghae finished nedy, who collected 4,085 points on in seventh place with a time of 8.00

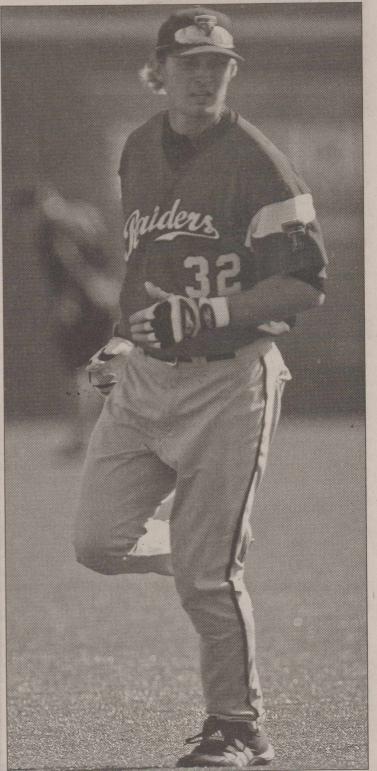
Julius Walker took first place for the Red Raiders in the 60M dash, clocking an NCAA pro-Walker was a National Junior After red-shirting last season College Champion in the 55M last

Harris said he hopes the success "It's been a long time since I've at the Big 12 Championship will

"I told the fellas we had a good He is the second Tech hurdler chance of winning just as long as we do what we did, do our part," points, and that's the positive

Both men's and women's shot

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TEXAS TECH'S CHRIS Richburg has struggled at the plate this season.



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